

YouVersion Core Beliefs

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three distinct personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus lived a sinless human life, ultimately offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice by dying on a cross for the sins of all people. He rose from the dead to demonstrate His power over sin and death, ascended to heaven, and will someday return to earth to reign as King. (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:14-15)

People are the supreme object of God's creation, but all have sinned. God created people in the spiritual image of Himself, to be like Him in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, we are all impacted by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin," separating us from God. (Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 139:13-16; Colossians 2:13-15)

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life in Christ begins the moment someone receives Jesus into their life by faith. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Romans 5:1, 8, 10:9-10)

The Holy Spirit lives in Christians. The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus. He lives in Christians and provides us with power for living as we daily seek to live under His control. The Holy Spirit helps us understand spiritual truth, equips us with spiritual gifts, and guides us in doing what is right. (Acts 1:8; John 14:16-17, 16:7-13; Galatians 5:25; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)

The Bible is God's Word to us. The Bible is faithful in its representation of God and His will for His people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it is God-breathed and trustworthy. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 55:11)

People will exist eternally with or without God. People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally in God's presence through forgiveness and salvation. (John 3:16, 14:17; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 25:31-34, 25:41)

Modeling Christ

I will prioritize seeing others seek intimacy with God, find healing in Him, and become more fully reliant on and devoted to Him. I will focus on pointing people to Christ—not on convincing them of my beliefs and opinions about other matters. (Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 2:2, Philippians 3:8)

I agree to stay away from excessive alcohol and drug use. (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:19-21)

I will strive for sexual purity in my thoughts and actions. (Matthew 5:28, Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10,18)

I will use my speech, including my own online communication, such as social media, to uplift and edify those around me. (Matthew 15:11, Ephesians 4:29, Titus 2:7-8)