



*The Word of God:*

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the foundation of the faith and practice of Serving Christ Ministries, Inc. (II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32)

*The Trinity:*

Serving Christ Ministries, Inc. believes that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption. (Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6)

*God's sovereignty:*

God is described in the Bible as all-powerful and all knowing, outside of time, and responsible for the creation of everything. These divine traits set the minimum boundary for God's sovereign control in the universe, which is to say that nothing in the universe occurs without God's permission. (Psalms 147:5, Exodus 3:14, Psalms 90:2, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1)

*Christ*

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16)

*The Holy Spirit:*

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He regenerates, indwells, baptizes, and seals all believers in Christ and empowers those yielded to God. (John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26)

*The End Times*

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal blessing of believers and the eternal punishment of the unredeemed. (Matt 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; I Thessalonians 4:15; II Tim 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Cor 4:5,15; II Thess1:7-10; Rev 20:4-6,11-15)



*The Church:*

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world and to glorify the Lord through an aggressive effort to disciple believers and to faithfully exercise their spiritual gifts. (Ephesians 2:19-22; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:19-21; Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25)

*God the Father:*

We believe in God the Father. He is infinite, personal, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men and that He hears and answers prayer. He saves from sin and death and calls sons and daughters all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6) We believe God is the creator. That He made the world and everything in it in six literal days. (Genesis Chapter 1 and Chapter 2)

*The Ordinances;*

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

*Christian Conduct;*

We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow men; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions; and that he should seek to realize for himself and others the full stature of maturity in Christ. I Corinthians 10:31; Romans 12:1-3; Hebrews 12:1-2; John 14:15,23-24; I John 2:3-6; II Corinthians 9:6-9; I Corinthians 4:2; Col. 1:9-10;



### *Salvation;*

We believe that man was created by God in His own image and likeness; that he sinned and thereby incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God; that as a consequence, all human beings are born with a sinful fallen nature and are sinners by choice and therefore under condemnation. We believe that those who repent and forsake sin and trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become new creatures, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life. (Gen 1:26; 5:2; 3; 2:17; 3:19; Eccl. 2:11; John 3:14-16; 5:24;1:13; 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; II Thess 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10;14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jer 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; 8:1;9:22; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; II Cor 5:17)

### *Man*

Man is created in the image and likeness of God. In Adam, all mankind fell into sin with the result that all men are sinners. Man is justly condemned to eternal judgment unless they repent from their sins and be saved to eternal life in the presence of God. Man can do nothing to merit salvation. (Rom. 2:2,3,5; Eph. 2:8,9; Gen. 1:27, 9:6; Rom. 5:12; 3:23; Eph. 2:1) We believe in a literal and eternal heaven, where the community of the redeemed will live together with their God. We believe heaven is a place of no pain, no sorrow, no sin and no death.

### *Marriage*

Every mention of marriage in the Bible refers to the union of a male and a female. The first mention of marriage, Genesis 2:24, describes it as a man leaving his parents and being united to his wife. In passages that contain instructions regarding marriage, such as 1 Corinthians 7:2–16 and Ephesians 5:23–33, the Bible clearly identifies marriage as being between a man and a woman. Biblically speaking, marriage is the lifetime union of a man and a woman, primarily for the purpose of building a family and providing a stable environment for that family. We believe any alteration to this is an attack on God's design for family, including the aborting of any baby from the time of conception.

### *Sin*

Sin is missing the mark and is described in the Bible as transgression of the law of God (1 John 3:4 / 5:18) and rebellion against God (Deuteronomy 9:7; Joshua 1:18) We believe our first parent Adam passed on that sinful nature to all who would follow and that all are born in a guilty state before God and are objects of His wrath... "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". (Romans 3:23/ 6:23) The "Good News", through faith in Jesus Christ **ALL** sins can be forgiven. (John 3:16; Romans 3:24 / 6:23; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14)