

# **COVENANT KEYPERS BELIEVES**

A Ministry for Churches, Christian Organizations & the Multicultural Community Gary and Rosalyn Hickman, Founders

## **Doctrine of God**

There is only one true God. He exists eternally as three persons — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit — each fully God yet each personally distinct from the other. God is the creator of everything.

## **Doctrine of Christ**

Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary — he was God in human flesh. He lived a sinless human life, yet willingly took upon himself our sins by dying in our place and on our behalf. He rose bodily, victorious over death. He ascended to Heaven and is at the right hand of God the Father as the believer's advocate and mediator.

## **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Ghost)**

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment and gives new life to those who trust in Jesus. He indwells all believers and empowers them to lead Christ-like lives providing all they need that pertains to life and godliness . The Spirit gives all believers at least one spiritual gift with which to serve fellow believers and reach out to a lost and needy world.

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## **Doctrine of Sin**

Everyone, regardless of race, gender, social class, or intellectual ability, is created in God's image and for communion with God. But because of Adam's sin, that communion was broken and all of humanity was separated from God, the source of all life. Because of the fall, everyone is born a sinner and is already condemned by God's judgment.

## **Doctrine of Scripture**

The Bible is God's unique revelation to mankind, the inspired, infallible Word of God. As such, it is the supreme and final authority and without error in what it teaches and affirms. Was God-breathed. No other writings are vested with such divine authority.

## **Doctrine of Salvation**

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and God gives salvation and eternal life to those who trust in him. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that is received by repentance and faith in Christ and his death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. All that the Father gives the Son, will come to him and he is not willing that any should perish.

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## **Doctrine of Judgment**

All who die without Christ will spend eternity in hell because they have not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God full of Grace and Truth. It is appointed to man once to die and after death the judgement. All who die in the Lord will spend eternity with the Lord because they have believed on him according to John 3:16.

## **Doctrine of the Church**

Christ builds his church and adds to it all that should be saved. All believers are one body in Christ and make up the church universal. All those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, was sent by God the Father, that Jesus was crucified, buried and rose again on the third day according to the scripture are called the Church. A designated local church building set aside for believers to worship is the primary gathering place for believers to be equipped to do the work of the ministry, fellowship and prayer. The Church's primary mandate is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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