

THE VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

“What Do We Believe?”

To live right and act right, one must believe right. Our values for Christian living must come directly and unequivocally from the Word of God.

I. WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

A. Statement of Faith

We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe; that He only is God, creative and administrative, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose; that He, as God, is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

B. Scriptural Support

Genesis 1
Leviticus 19:2
Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Isaiah 5:16; 6:1-7; 40:18-31
Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20

John 14:6-27
I Corinthians 8:6
II Corinthians 13:14
Galatians 4:4-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
(*Manual, 26*)

C. Explanation

1. H₂O (water) + 212 degrees or more = Steam
- H₂O (water) + 33 – 211 degrees = Liquid
- H₂O (water) + 32 degrees or less = Solid

The basic element does not change, though it is expressed in 3 different forms.

2. A Man = Grandson of His Grandfather
- A Man = Son of His Father
- A Man = Father of His Own Son

He is the same man, though He is different in role and relationship in each instance.

3. A Diagram of the Trinity



“Notice that the name **GOD** is all-inclusive and when you start from the center of the circle, the fact that they are all one becomes evident: God is the Father, God is the Son, God is the Spirit. But go around the outer edge of the circle, and you find the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father. There is one essence shown at the center, and the three personalities are shown at the circumference” (Rinker, 33).

II. WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

A. Statement of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Triune Godhead; that He was eternally one with the Father; that He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say the Godhead and manhood, are thus united in one Person very God and very man, the God-man.

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and that He truly arose from the dead and took again His body, together with all things appertaining to the perfection of man’s nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven and is there engaged in intercession for us.

B. Scriptural Support

Matthew 1:20-25; 16:15-16
 Luke 1:26-35
 John 1:1-18
 Acts 2:22-36
 Galatians 4:4-5
 I John 1:1-3; 4:2-3, 15

Philippians 2:5-11
 Colossians 1:12-22
 I Timothy 6:14-16
 Hebrews 1:1-5; 7:22-28; 9:24-28
 Romans 8:3; 32-34

(Manual, 26-7)