

Bridges Of Light Ministries

Statement of Beliefs

God and The Trinity

We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect, holy, and eternally co-existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who are omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. We believe that the Trinity indwells those that believe in and accept Jesus Christ as their LORD an Savior.

The Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God. We believe that the Word of God does not change. It is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, forever. We believe that the original manuscripts are the inspired, inerrant, and trustworthy Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of mankind, and the final authority for all matters about which it speaks. We do not believe that any other manuscripts or books represent God's Word, without error or are inspired by God. These would include, but not be limited to the Apocrypha, the Book of Enoch, or the Agnostic Books. We believe that the Holy Bible is complete and can not be added to or taken away from.

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, who is an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He mercifully concerns Himself in the affairs of mankind; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

God the Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is God and that He is God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Word of the LORD, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life as a man, performed miracles, infallibly taught, and is the manifested Word of God from the beginning. He pre-existed with God in the form of God. We believe Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and mankind.

God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and that He is Holy and Perfect, performing today the same miracles that He performed through Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit is our counselor and teacher. We believe the Holy Spirit is God. He came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit is the agent of regeneration and sanctification for believers in Jesus Christ. He teaches, comforts, guides, convicts, and enables believers to live in ways that honor God. We believe in the present and interactive ministry of the Holy Spirit and in all the biblical gifts which He continues to give today.

The Atonement

We believe the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for the atonement of our sins and His bodily resurrection provides the only ground for justification, forgiveness, and salvation for all who believe that He is the Son of God. Through the atonement, Jesus came to bring restoration of the relationship between God the Father and man.

Salvation

We believe that there is only one way to God; that is through Jesus Christ. We believe that accepting and publically confessing Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God and asking Him to forgive our sins results in a re-conception and regeneration of our lives, as the seed of God's life enters our spirit (Galatians 3:19; 1 John 3:9). This results in new birth as we become new creations in Him. This new birth or being "born again" does not make our decisions and actions immediately perfect; it is the beginning of a new way of life that allows God, in His faithfulness, to conform us to His nature (Romans 5:10; Philippians 1:6).

Resurrection

We believe Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father, forever making intercession for His people. Just as He was resurrected from the dead, His resurrection is the first-fruits promise of the resurrection into eternity for all who believe in Him. We believe that just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, so shall we be at the appointed time. We believe that when Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, He gave five ministry gifts to mankind: the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. These ministry gifts are to mature and unify His people, help His people grow in intimacy with the Father, and advance His Kingdom. (1 Cor. 15)

Original Sin

We believe that human nature derives from two historic persons, male and female, who were created in God's image from the dust of the earth, without the knowledge of good and evil. They were created perfect, but they sinned, thus plunging themselves and all humanity into sin, guilt, suffering, and death. Therefore all human beings are sinners by nature and by choice. We believe that God, through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit, regenerates those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

Holy Communion, the LORD's Supper

We believe and acknowledge the ordinance of Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus Christ and His crucifixion for the atonement for our sins. We believe the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance and that it testifies of our union with Him and of the remission of our sins through His sacrifice on the Cross. We believe that the only requirement mandated for participating in Holy Communion, the LORD's Supper, is personal salvation as defined in Article 8 paragraph 7.

Water Baptism

We believe that water baptism should be by immersion and consummated immediately after committing to the Lordship of Jesus and His atoning sacrifice for our sin. This ordinance is a personal and public statement of our faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf. It is also a commitment to follow His example and lay down our lives for the sake of His Kingdom. We believe in the requirement of Water Baptism coupled with Salvation for every believer in Christ Jesus.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an additional impartation that empowers, strengthens, comforts, and is accompanied by the manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life. We believe that these gifts are available to all who believe. Baptism in the Holy Spirit endues and transforms the believer to increasingly take on more of the nature of Christ. We accept, acknowledge, encourage, and seek all gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit. They are present, active, and vital in aiding the Church and the advancement of the glorious Kingdom of God.

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Working of Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of spirits, Speaking in Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues) are available today to any believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit and fully submitted to Jesus Christ. We believe that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is a part of the Work of the Cross as defined in Isaiah 53 and are available today for all who believe, just as Salvation is available today.

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, as defined in Galatians 5:22, are received with Salvation but are increasingly manifested in our lives as we grow in understanding of the Word of God, of who we are in Christ, and of the Character and Ways of God.

The Second Coming

We believe in the literal, physical, personal, and visible return of Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, and the eternal blessing of the righteous, as well as endless suffering for the wicked. Only those who have made Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior and are born again of the Holy Spirit are members of the Body of Christ and will spend eternity with Christ.

The Rapture

We believe that Jesus Christ will come and retrieve all those who believe in Him, having accepted Him as their LORD and SAVIOR. This includes those who are believers but have already died. We believe that the Second Coming and the Rapture are two separate events.