

# Salvation Essentials

## Harvest Community Fellowship

Doctrine is more important today than ever before because the ideas of **relativity** (*the absence of standards of absolute and universal application*) and **subjectivism** (*a theory that limits knowledge to a particular individual's experience*) have influenced so many Christians. If everything is relative and what I believe may not be necessary for you to believe then there is no such thing as solid objective Truth.

We all come from different backgrounds. We all have a slightly different view of the world around us, but these truths should unite us. These beliefs are what make us uniquely Christian, and they are essential.

- 1. The Scripture:** It is God-breathed, entirely inerrant, and sufficient for all Christian life.
- 2. The Trinity:** There is only one living and true God existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3. The Person of Jesus Christ:** Jesus is 100% God and 100% man for all eternity.
- 4. Salvation:** It is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 5. The Second Coming:** Jesus Christ is coming bodily to earth to rule and judge.

## 1. THE SCRIPTURES

**It is God-breathed, entirely inerrant, and sufficient for all Christian life.**

The Bible is the written revelation of God, being fully inspired, absolutely inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed. It is the only authority for all faith and practice.

**2 Peter 1:19-21** And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**1 Corinthians 4:6** I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

**Revelation 22:18-19** I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

## 2. THE TRINITY

**There is only one living and true God existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

There is only one true and living God who is perfect, personal, infinite, and He exists eternally in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—each equally deserving worship and obedience.

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Isaiah 45:5-7** I am the Lord, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
  
that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
  
I form light and create darkness;  
I make well-being and create calamity;  
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

**John 17:1-5** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “**Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.**”

**1 Corinthians 8:4** Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”

**Matthew 28:19** **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Matthew 3:16-17** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Proverbs 30:4** Who has ascended to heaven and come down?  
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?  
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?  
Who has established all the ends of the earth?  
What is his name, and what is his son's name?  
Surely you know!

### 3. THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

**Jesus is 100% God and 100% man for all eternity.**

Jesus is God, second person of the Trinity. At the incarnation He added to His divine nature the nature of man. He is God in human flesh. Being born of a virgin, He is fully God and fully man. Jesus accomplished the plan of redemption through His sinless life, sin-bearing death, and his sin-conquering resurrection. He ascended to the Father and lives to mediate between God and man.

**Matthew 1:20-23** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

**Colossians 2:9** For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

**Hebrews 7:25-26** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

**1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Luke 24:45-53** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**The following helps to show the two natures of Jesus:**

#### **GOD**

He is worshipped (Matt. 2:2,11; 14:33; 28:9)  
He is prayed to (Acts 7:59; 1 Cor. 1:1-2)  
He was called God (John 20:28; Heb. 1:8)  
He was called Son of God (Mark 1:1)  
He is sinless (1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15)  
He knew all things (John 21:17)  
He gives eternal life (John 10:28)  
The fullness of deity dwells in Him (Col. 2:9)

#### **MAN**

He worshipped the Father (John 17)  
He prayed to the Father (John 17:1)  
He was called man (Mark 15:39; John 19:5)  
He was called Son of Man (John 9:35-37)  
He was tempted (Matt. 4:1)  
He grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52)  
He died (Rom. 5:8)  
He has a body of flesh and bones (Luke 24:39)

## 4. SALVATION

**Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**By Grace alone...**

**Titus 3:5-7** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Romans 11:6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

**Through Faith alone...**

**Romans 3:28** For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**Romans 4:4-5** Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

**In Christ alone...**

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**Jesus Christ did all the work to save us from our sins.**

**Romans 3:10** as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 10:9** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 10:13** For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## 5. THE SECOND COMING

### Jesus Christ is coming bodily to earth to rule and judge.

Jesus is coming back bodily to rule and reign. Our Lord promised it, the apostles confirmed it, and the entire book of Revelation celebrates it.

The return of Christ will be visible. He will not come in secret; He will not come "mystically," or only to those with eyes to see Him. All humanity will witness His coming.

**John 14:1-3** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

**Matthew 26:64** Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

**Luke 21:27** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**Acts 1:9-11** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Matthew 24:29-30** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Revelation 1:7** Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.