

LifeSpring Church

What We Believe



About God:

We believe that God has eternally existed as the sovereign creator of the universe. God shows us his desire for relationship by being relational in himself. He has continually revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each part of what we know as the Trinity has distinct personal attributes, but these do not divide the nature or essence of God's being. Being created in God's image means that God is in himself relational and that He created man to be in relationship with Himself.

About Man:

Man and woman were created in the image of God with equal value and purpose. In the very beginning, however, man and woman sinned against God and fell under "the curse." We have all inherited a fallen, sinful, dead nature and will face judgment unless we receive a new nature through Jesus Christ.

About Jesus:

We believe that Jesus has eternally existed as the Son of God. As a part of the narrative story of God's redemption, Jesus became human. In other words, God became one of us. The church describes this as the Incarnation. The redemption narrative, which we call the Bible, continues as Jesus not only becomes human, but is born to a virgin and lives a sinless, perfect life on earth, allowing him to make right everything that had been done wrong in Adam. Jesus chose to die on a cross as a sacrifice for the penalty that should have been ours, and his resurrection three days later made new life possible for us in this life and the next.

How do I begin a relationship with Jesus and receive this new life?:

By turning away from your sin and placing all of your trust in Jesus to provide forgiveness, eternal life, and abundant life now, you can begin a personal relationship with Jesus. When you respond to God's prompting to surrender your life to Jesus, his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, enters your soul. He becomes your Counselor and Teacher--the one who provides the strength for obeying God.

Important Symbols:

In our worship gatherings there are two recurring symbols: baptism and the Lord's Supper (also known as Communion or the Eucharist). In Scripture, baptism followed the decision of a person to surrender one's self to Jesus Christ for

salvation. Through baptism, we announce our death to our old life, our desire to follow Jesus, and our commitment to the church. LifeSpring does not practice infant baptism but believes that individuals who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation are eligible to be baptized. We practice the biblical method of believer's baptism by immersion. Instead of baptizing babies, we have a parent/baby dedication twice a year.

In the Lord's Supper, we celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross, through which we have the forgiveness of our sins. We believe that the bread and the cup are symbols of Christ's body and blood, given for us. We do not subscribe to the idea that Christ is literally present in the elements themselves, but we do believe in the presence of Christ with and in His church as they share in this memorial. Both the Lord's Supper and baptism are important symbols that lead us to refocus on Jesus.

About Creation:

We believe that God created man in the image of God. Because of this, each and every human being possesses great dignity and is worthy of our respect and love. God confirms his love for each and every person when He sent His own son to die on the cross so that we might be able to be in relationship with Him. In Genesis, God created man to rule over the earth; therefore we are stewards of the earth and the resources it contains. We believe that we will be held accountable for that stewardship, along with the stewardship of our gifts, talents, and money.

About the Church:

The church has never been, nor will ever be perfect on earth. However, it is "The Bride of Christ," and God's primary instrument for extending his kingdom on earth. We know that we were designed for community with other people, and the place of greatest community in the world should be the church. The church is not a corporation or a massive company. It is a new humanity created by the resurrection of Jesus Christ that expresses itself as a community of faith in Christ. The Scriptures describes it as a body or a family. Our church takes seriously our role to serve our community and exist as a place that offers people hope and purpose.