

Greater Phoenix Church of Godbeliefs

What We Believe

The Holy Scriptures – We believe the whole Bible is the final authority in the matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2nd Peter 1:20-21)

God the Father – Almighty God, Creator with the Word (Jesus) of all things. (Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-3, John 17:1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6)

Jesus Christ – He is the only begotten son of God, was God and with God in the creation of all things and became a human being who lived a sinless life. He became our Savior by dying in our place on a cross and then resurrected from the dead after 3 days and 3 nights in the tomb. (John 1:1-14, Acts 4:10-12, Hebrews 4:14-15, Philippians 2:8-11)

The Holy Spirit – The comforting Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit promised to believers who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior the Son of God who died for them. The Spirit is the essence, power, comforter, teacher, advocate, testifies of and glorifies Jesus, tells of future things to come, and serves as a deposit or guarantee of eternal life. (John 14:16-18, Acts 2:38, Galatians 5:22-23, John 16:13-16)

Salvation – The gift of God, the means by which God, through Christ's sacrifice, saves man from the penalty of sin and gives him eternal life. This process includes one's calling, repentance, baptism, justification, receiving of the Holy Spirit, living a life of faith and obedience, and final birth into God's Kingdom as a spirit being. Salvation is a freely given gift from God through grace. (Ephesians 2:8-10, John 3:17, Acts 4:12, Romans 5:9-10)

Man is made in God's Image – (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 5:1, Psalms 17:15)

Repentance – The first step in reconciliation with God. Acknowledging that sin is opposite of God's ways. It is turning to God from the ways of this world; humbling yourself and a willingness to obey God, submit to God, follow Him. (Acts 2:38, 2 Peter 3:9, Mark 1:15, Luke 3:3)

Sin – It's the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4, Romans 7:7-12)

Baptism – The ceremony of water baptism is performed by immersion in water, it symbolizes the burial of the old (sinner), man\woman in a watery grave, the washing away of our sins and the emergence up out of the water as a new, Spirit-led person (Jesus said born again) spiritually living with Christ's mind and following in His footsteps. (Romans 6:3-6, Acts 8:36-39)

The Laying on of Hands – It's an act performed on special occasions, such as for the receiving of God's Holy Spirit after baptism, at ordination, commending to evangelize and anointing of the sick. (Acts 8:14-17, 1 Timothy 4:14, Acts 13:2-3, Mark 16:17)

Seventh Day Sabbath – We observe the 7th day from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset as established at creation and observed throughout scripture. (Genesis 2:1-3, Luke 4:16, Mark 2:28, Hebrews 4:9-11)

Faith – It's the sure knowledge that God exists, and that He will accomplish those things He has promised. Faith is necessary for salvation. The basic elements of faith are hope, courage, action, and risk. (Romans 1:17, 5:1, and 10:17)

Passover Service – We observe this holy time which is often called the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us. (John 19:14-16, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

The Church – It's composed of all the saints, those born again in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. It is the body of believers, the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 5:23, Colossians 1:18)

The Law – The commandments of God found in the scriptures, including new commandments that Jesus gave. Love one another, forgive and you will be forgiven, love your enemies, judge not, etc. (Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 5:17-19, Matthew 5:43-45, Romans 2:12-16)

Resurrection -- The hope of all mankind and the promise to all who love Him. Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and the pioneer of our salvation. Believers are promised the "first resurrection" – at the coming of Christ Jesus with the angels when the true believers shall become spirit-composed members of God's family. There is a second resurrection of those who missed the first resurrection. (John 5:28-29, 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 21 and 22)