

SECTION 5: SALVATION

Paragraph A: The Savior

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death and shed blood, made a full and vicarious payment for sin; it was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the just for the unjust; Christ, the Lord bearing our sin in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven, and is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

Isaiah 53:4-6; 53:10-12; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24-25; 5:8; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:7; 2:4-10; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 2:14; 4:11-15; 7:25; 12:2; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10

Paragraph B: The Saved

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition; of salvation, that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the New Birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process, that in the New Birth, the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth; that at the moment of salvation we are justified before Almighty God, that justification is not bestowed upon us in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness then being imputed to us from the foundation of the Earth.

John 1:12-13; 3:3-8; 3:15-16, 36; 5:24; Acts 4:12; 16:30-33; Romans 3:24-25; 5:1; 6:23; 8:29-30; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4; 1:7; 2:1; 2:8-10; 2:13; Hebrews 9:12-15; Hebrews 9:12-15; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 5:21; 1 John 5:11-12;