

A close-up, low-angle shot of a young boy's face, looking down at a small, dark blue Bible he is holding in his hands. The Bible has "HOLY BIBLE" printed on it in gold lettering. The background is filled with warm, out-of-focus Christmas lights in shades of yellow, orange, and red, creating a bokeh effect. The boy's hair is dark and slightly messy. The overall mood is warm and contemplative.

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GOD

## Who made you?

God made me. Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7 | Ecclesiastes 12:1 | Acts 17:24-29

## What else did God make?

God made all things. Genesis 1, esp. vv. 1, 31 | Acts 14:15 | Romans 11:36  
Colossians 1:16

## Why did God make you and all things?

For His own glory. Revelation 4:11 | Psalm 19:1 | Jeremiah 9:23, 24

## How can you glorify God?

By loving Him and doing what He commands.

John 15:8-10 | Ecclesiastes 12:13 | Mark 12:29-31 | 1 Corinthians 10:31

## Are there more gods than one?

There is only one God. Deuteronomy 6:4 | Jeremiah 10:10 | Mark 12:29  
Acts 17:22-31

## In how many persons does this one God exist?

In three persons. Matthew 3:16, 17 | John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9, 10; 15:26; 16:13-15  
1 John 5:20 | 2 John 9 | Revelation 1:4, 5

## Who are they?

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19  
2 Corinthians 13:14 | 1 Peter 1:2 | Jude 20, 21

## Where is God?

God is everywhere. Psalm 139:7-12 | Jeremiah 23:23, 24 | Acts 17:27, 28

## Can you see God?

No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.

John 1:18 | Exodus 33:20 | 1 Timothy 6:16 | Psalm 139, esp. vv. 1-5 | Proverbs 5:21  
Hebrews 4:12, 13

## Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God. 1 Chronicles 28:9

Luke 12:6, 7 | Romans 2:16

## Can God do all things?

Yes. God can do all His holy will. Jeremiah 32:17 | Psalm 147:5

Daniel 4:34, 35 | Ephesians 1:11

## Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

In the Bible alone. Psalm 119:104 | Job 11:7 | Isaiah 8:20 | Matthew 22:29

2 Timothy 3:15-17

## Who wrote the Bible?

Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20, 21 | Acts 1:16 | 2 Timothy 3:16 | 1 Peter 1:10,11







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MANKIND



## Who were our first parents?

Adam and Eve. Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1, 2

## Of what were our first parents made?

God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Genesis 2:7; 21-23; 3:19 | Psalm 103:14

## What was life like for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

They were holy and happy. Genesis 1:28-31

## Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?

No. They sinned against God. Genesis 3:1-7

## Do you have a soul as well as a body?

Yes. I have a soul that can never die. Matthew 10:28



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SIN



## What is sin?

Sin is disobeying the law of God.

1 John 3:4 | Romans 3:20 | James 2:9-11

## What was the sin of our first parents?

Eating the forbidden fruit. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6

## Why did Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit?

Because they did not believe what God had said.

Genesis 3:1-6 | Hebrews 11:6

## Who tempted them to do this sin?

The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.

Genesis 3:1-13 | 2 Corinthians 11:3 | 1 Timothy 2:13, 14 | Revelation 12:9

## What happened to our first parents when they had sinned?

They were cursed. Genesis 3:14-24; 4:1-24 | James 1:14, 15

## What effect did the sin of Adam have on all mankind?

All mankind is born in a state of sin with a sin nature.

Romans 5:12, 18, 19 | Psalm 51:5 | 1 Corinthians 15:21, 22 | 1 John 5:19

## What does every sin deserve?

Every sin deserves eternal death. Romans 6:23 | Deuteronomy 27:26

Romans 1:18; 2:2 | Galatians 3:10 | Ephesians 5:6



A photograph of a weathered wooden cross standing on a rocky mountain peak. The cross is made of two rough-hewn wooden beams. In the background, a deep valley is visible, filled with dense green forests and a winding river. A small town or village is nestled in the valley. The sky is blue with some light clouds. A large white circle with the number '4' inside is superimposed over the upper right part of the cross.

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SALVATION



## Can anyone be saved by his own goodness?

No. No one is good enough for God. Ecclesiastes 7:20 | Proverbs 20:9  
Romans 3:10-23 | Titus 3:5-6

## Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven. Ezekiel 36:25-27 | Jeremiah 31:33, 34 | John 1:12, 13; 3:1-10

## What is a change of heart called?

New birth or rebirth. John 3:1-7

## Who can change a sinner's heart?

The Holy Spirit alone. Titus 3:5-6 | John 3:3 | Romans 8:6-11  
1 Corinthians 2:9-14 | 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14

## Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever sin?

No. He was holy, blameless and perfect.  
Hebrews 4:15 | Luke 23:47 | 1 Peter 2:22 | 1 John 3:5

## What kind of death did Christ die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21  
Psalm 22 | Isaiah 53 | Matthew 27:27-56 | Mark 15 | Luke 23:26-49 | John 19:17-37

## Who will be saved?

Only those who repent of sin and believe in Christ.  
Acts 20:21

## Is there more than one way to be saved?

No Jesus only. John 19:8-10 | Romans 6:1-2 | 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

**Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?**

No. I can do nothing good without God's Holy Spirit.

John 3:5-6; 6:44 | Romans 8:2, 5, 8-11 | 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 | Galatians 5:17-18 |  
Ephesians 2:4-6

**How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation?**

He uses the Gospel, which is the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6; 2:13 | 2 Timothy 3:15, 16 | James 1:18 | 1 Peter 1:22-23

**What is justification?**

It is God regarding sinners as if they had never sinned and granting them righteousness.

Romans 3:24-26; 4:5; 8:33 | Zechariah 3:1-5 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | Hebrews 8:12

**What is sanctification?**

It is God making sinners holy in heart and conduct.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 | John 17:17 | Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24 | Philippians 2:12-13

**What is glorification?**

Glorification is God completing our salvation when we see Jesus face to face. 1 John 3:2 | Romans 8:30

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**Justification:** I have been saved from the penalty of sin







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CHURCH





## What is a church?

An assembly of baptized believers meeting together under the preaching of the Word of God.

1 Peter 2:4-5 | Acts 2:41-42

## What two ordinances did Christ give to His Church?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Matthew 28:19 | 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

## What is baptism?

Baptism is a believer's public confession of having been saved by being immersed in water. Matthew 3:13-16

## How does baptism symbolize salvation?

Baptism is a symbol of death to the old life of sin and resurrection to the new life in Christ.

Romans 6:3-4 | Colossians 2:12

## Who should be baptized?

Only those who repent of their sins and believe in Christ for salvation. Acts 2:41; 18:8

## Does Jesus command us to be baptized?

Yes. Everyone who has accepted Jesus is to be baptized. Matthew 28:18-2

## In what name are we to be baptized?

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

## Why do we baptize in public?

In order to confess before others that we have been saved. Matthew 10:32-3



## Does baptism wash away our sins?

No. Only the blood of Jesus can wash away our sins.

Hebrews 9:22

## What are the elements of the Lord's Supper?

The eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

## Why do we take the Lord's Supper?

To remember the suffering of Christ on the cross.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

## What does the bread symbolize?

The body of Christ, broken for our sins.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 | Matthew 26:26

## What does the cup symbolize?

The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

1 Corinthians 11:25 | Matthew 26:27-28

## What should our attitude be when we take the Lord's Supper?

We should take the Lord's Supper with a spirit of self-examination and humility and thankfulness.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

## Who should take the Lord's Supper?

Only baptized believers should take the Lord's Supper.

Acts 2:41-42







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# CHRISTIAN LIFE



## What is God's desire for every new believer?

God desires that we grow up in our salvation.

1 Peter 2:2-3 | 2 Peter 3:18

## How does worship and fellowship with other believers help us to grow up in our salvation?

By worshipping regularly with other believers we are encouraged to live for Christ.

Hebrews 10:25 | Acts 2:42-47

## How does the Bible help us to grow up in our salvation?

The Bible is God's Word which instructs us in how we should live for God's glory.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 | Psalm 119

## How does prayer help us to grow up in our salvation?

Through prayer we tell God our praises, thanksgivings, confessions and intercessions.

Matthew 6:9-13 | Luke 11:5-13

## How can being a witness help us to grow up in our salvation?

By sharing our faith with others God gives us a fuller understanding of who we are in Christ.

Acts 1:8 | Philemon 6

## What is God's plan for supporting the work of the church?

We are to bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Malachi 3:10 | Luke 6:38 | Acts 20:35 | 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 | 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

## Where is our witness for Christ to take place?

In Auburn, in Lee County, in Alabama, in the nations.





# THE FUTURE

## Did Christ remain in the tomb after His crucifixion?

No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after His death. Luke 24:45-47 | 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

## Where is Christ now?

In heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Romans 8:34 | Hebrews 1:3; 10:12; 12:2

## Will Christ come again?

Yes. At the last day He will come again to judge

the world. Matthew 25:31-46 | 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 | 2 Timothy 4:1 | Acts 1:9-11

## What happens to people when they die?

The body returns to dust and the soul goes into the

world of spirits. Genesis 3:19 | 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

## Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

Yes. “There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of

the just and unjust.” Daniel 12:2 | John 5:28-29 | Acts 24:14-15

## What will happen to the wicked in the day of judgment?

They shall be cast into hell. Psalm 9:16-17 | Luke 12:5 | Revelation 20:12-15

## What is hell?

A place of dreadful and endless punishment. Matthew 25:46 |

Mark 9:43-48 | Luke 16:19-31



## What will happen to the righteous in the day of judgment?

They shall live with Christ for ever, in a new heaven and new earth.

Isaiah 66:22 | 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 | 2 Peter 3:10-13 | Revelation 21:1-4

## What is heaven?

A glorious and happy place, where the righteous shall be forever with the Lord.

John 14:2, 3 | 1 Thessalonians 4:17 | Revelation 21:1-4







# CHURCH COVENANT

# Covenant of Lakeview Baptist Church

Auburn, Alabama

Having repented of our sins and having trusted in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we make the following covenant with God and one another.

By God's grace and the help of the Holy Spirit:

**We will support the testimony of our church**

- ...by loving God supremely
- ...by living a Spirit-filled Christ-like life
- ...by faithfully worshipping together on the Lord's Day
- ...by regularly sharing the gospel with unbelievers
- ...by demonstrating Christ's love to all people
- ...by supporting the global missions efforts

**We will guard the unity of our church**

- ...by honoring its doctrines
- ...by showing love for one another
- ...by ministering to one another
- ...by praying with and for one another
- ...by speaking in a way that builds up others
- ...by following the leaders chosen by the church

**We will support the ministries of our church**

- ...by giving generously of our finances
- ...by being equipped to serve
- ...by developing a servant's heart
- ...by exercising our spiritual gifts in ministry

**We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.**

*"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment.'" Matthew 22:37-38*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things, there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23*

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

*"Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:39*

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20*

*"Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."*  
2 Timothy 1:14

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love another."* John 13:34-35

*"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."* Galatians 5:13

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."* Ephesians 4:29

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."*  
Hebrews 13:17

*"'Bring the whole tithe into the storeroom, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'"* Malachi 3:10

*"It was he who gave some to apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."*  
Ephesians 4:11-12

*"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."* Romans 12:11

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10











