

Salvation

We believe that salvation is wholly of God by grace through the work of the Spirit on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, and not on the basis of human merit or works. Everyone is responsible to respond to God as He commands. We respond in faith by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit and thereby gain justification before God.

We believe that justification before God is an act of God by which He declares righteous those who, through faith in Christ, repent of their sins and confess Him as Lord. This righteousness is apart from any virtue or human work and involves (1) the placing of our sins on Christ who paid the punishment for those sins in His death and (2) the imputation of Christ's righteousness to us.

We believe that the result of justification is progressive sanctification, the process by which the believer grows in obedience to the Word of God. Though every believer is involved in a daily conflict against sin, adequate provision is made for victory through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.