

# **Hope Alive Ministries**

## **Our Core Beliefs**

### **The Holy Scriptures**

**We believe the Holy Scriptures, in its original historical form, is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. All 66 books of the Bible Scripture were verbally inspired by God, and today it remains His final and complete authority for what we believe and how we live (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35; 12:48; 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).**

### **The One True God**

**We believe in the One True and Living God who eternally exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35; 12:48; 17:17; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).**

### **Creation**

**We believe the Genesis account of creation is historically true and accurate. God brought the heavens, the earth, and all living things into existence by His sovereign will and power in six literal 24-hour days about 6,000 years ago. Humanity was created directly and perfectly in God's image by a special act of God. Everything that God created was perfect. There was no death, disease or suffering in the perfect world. (Genesis 1–2; Exodus 20:11; Psalm 33:6–9; Mark 10:6; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3).**

### **The Fall of Man**

We believe in the fall of man; that by personal disobedience to the will of God, man became a sinful creature and the progenitor of a fallen race. Man through sin was separated from the perfect holy God. As a result of man's sin, death, disease and suffering came into the world. The human race is universally sinful in both nature and practice, alienated from the life and family of God, with no humanly possible means of recovery or salvation. (Genesis 3:1-24; Matthew 29:26; Mark 7:21-23; John 8:42-44; Romans 1:18; 3:29-32; 5:12; 7:18; Ephesians 2:3; 4:18).

### **Salvation by Grace Through Faith**

We believe in salvation by grace through faith. Salvation is the free gift of God through Christ's finished work on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Salvation is neither deserved nor secured in any part or in whole by the goodness or work of man, but received only by personal repentance/faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, all true believers have received from God's mercy, the gift of eternal life, clothed in Christ's righteousness, justified and adopted into the family of God. God indwells His believers with His Holy Spirit who enables us to live godly lives. He has given us every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness. Apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the only way to God and to Heaven. (John 3:16; 5:24; 6:26-29; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 3:22-23; 4:4-5; 5:18; 11:16; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:3; 2:8-9; I Thessalonians 5:23; Titus 3:5; II Peter 1:8, I John 5:13).

### **The Church**

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is a living spiritual body of which Christ Himself is the Head and consists of all born again people. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:8; 2:1-13; 2:41-47; 15:14; I Corinthians 12:12-28; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:21; 4:23-33; I Thessalonians 4:13-18) We believe that the local church is a congregation of born again, Spirit filled, baptized believers who have received the gift of eternal life by faith in Christ and by covenant for the purpose of worshipping God, edifying one another, and evangelizing the world (Acts 2:41; Philippians 3:3; Ephesians 4:11-15; I Corinthians 12:4-7; Matthew 28:19-20).

### **Future Life, Resurrection, and Eternal Judgment**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead, the saved to eternal life and blessedness in Heaven and the unsaved to eternal, conscious suffering and eternal judgement in Hell (Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28-29, 6:39-40; Romans 8:23-24; I Corinthians 15:12-58; II Corinthians 5:1-10; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:20-21; I Thessalonians 4:14-16; II Peter 2:9; I John 3:2; Jude 13; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:8).