

Doctrinal Statement of Ray Mears:

GOD - We believe that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 3:22; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 14:6-12; II Corinthians 13:14; I Peter 1:2; and I John 5:7)

JESUS - We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, was born of a virgin, was wholly God and wholly man, lived a sinless life, died in our place as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, was buried, arose bodily from the grave, and ascended into Heaven. (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1: 20-23; Luke 2:4-14, 21; John 1:1-5; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; I Corinthians 15:3-4; and Hebrews 4:14-15, 9:28, 10:10, 12, 14, 19)

CHRIST'S RETURN - We believe that Jesus Christ will literally return to earth. (Matthew 16:27; I Timothy 6:14-15; II Timothy 4:1; and Titus 2:13)

HOLY SPIRIT - We believe that God the Holy Spirit is active in convincing unbelievers of their need for salvation. He indwells, comforts, empowers and guides all believers. (John 14:25-26, 15:26, 16:7-15; Romans 8:14-16; I Corinthians 2:12; and II Corinthians 3:17)

BIBLE - We believe that the Bible is the Word of God without any error, the sole and sufficient authority for life and faith. (Psalm 119:9, 11, 105, 160; Isaiah 55:11; and II Timothy 3:16-17)

MAN - We believe that man is a special creation of God, made in His image, but that through the sin of the first man, Adam, mankind as a whole "fell" or became sinners in need of salvation. (Genesis 1:26-27, 3:1-19; Romans 3:23; and I Corinthians 15:21-33)

SALVATION - We believe that salvation is a gift received through repentance (having a change in mind or the way one thinks about sin) toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 3:16; Acts 16:31, 17:30; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; and II Peter 3:9)

ASSURANCE - We believe that every person who is truly saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 3:11-15; II Corinthians 1:22; and Ephesians 1:13, 4:30)

ETERNITY - We believe that those persons who die in their sins without Christ go immediately to Hell, and those persons who die with their sins forgiven through Jesus Christ spend eternity in Heaven. (II Corinthians 5:6-8; II Thessalonians 1:6-9; Revelation 19:5-9; and Revelation 20:11-15)

PRAYER - We believe that each believer has direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6:9-13; Romans 8:16; II Thessalonians 5:17; and Hebrews 10:19-20)