

Our Beliefs Notes

**God is the Creator
and Ruler of the universe.**

He has eternally existed as the _____, the _____, and the _____
_____. The three are coequal and are one God.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

How would you articulate or explain the Trinity to another person?

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 NIV

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26 NIV

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Jesus is the Son of God.

He is coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect _____ for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over _____ and death. He ascended to Heaven and will return again someday to earth to reign as King.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

How does knowing that Jesus came as a human, was tempted, yet lived a sinless life, impact your relationship with Him?

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:22-23 NIV

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:14-15 NIV

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The Holy Spirit lives in each Christian from salvation.

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people _____ of their _____ for Jesus Christ. He provides Christians with _____ for living, _____ of spiritual truth, and _____ in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

How would you explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." John 3:3 NIV

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The Bible is God’s Word to us.

The Bible was written by _____ authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. Because it is _____ by God, it is truth without error.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

What does it mean that the Bible is “inspired” by God?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 NIV

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People are the supreme object of God’s creation.

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called “_____.” Sin _____ us from God and causes many problems in our lives.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV

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Salvation is God’s free gift to us, but we must accept it.

We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good _____. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God’s offer of _____ can anyone be saved from sin’s penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into their life by faith.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

What does it mean to turn our self-ruled life to a spirit-led life?

How does the fundamental concept of grace affect your life?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

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People will exist eternally with or without God.

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by ____ or eternally with God through _____ and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

How do you explain Heaven and Hell, and humans existing eternally in one of those places?

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23 NIV

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Baptism is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, _____ is a way for us to publicly declare our new life in Christ. It is also a step of obedience based on God’s commands and allows us to follow the example of Jesus, who submitted Himself to baptism to “fulfill all righteousness”.

What are your initial thoughts about this core belief?

What is the symbolism of baptism? What does it mean for people who don’t want to be baptized?

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 NIV

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17 NIV

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In addition to Essential Beliefs, we have liberty in Non-Essential Beliefs.

What is the difference between an essential belief and a non-essential belief?

Learning About What You Believe

What are some practical ways you can step into studying your beliefs and discussing them in conversations?

Which verse from an Essential Belief do you want to meditate on and memorize?
