

# 14 Great Doctrines of the Christian Faith

## The Trinity

### One God in three Persons— Father, Son, Spirit.

"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) (Matthew 28:19)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One." (Deuteronomy 6:4)

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He abides with you and will be in you." (John 14:16–17)

## Deity & Humanity of Christ

### Jesus is fully God and fully man.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"For in Him all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form." (Colossians 2:9)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

"Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'" (John 20:28)

## Virgin Birth of Christ

### Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.

"Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call

Him Immanuel" (which means, "God with us")." (Matthew 1:23)

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and will call Him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

## Inspiration of Scripture

### The Bible is God-breathed and authoritative.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness," (2 Timothy 3:16)

"For no prophecy was ever brought about through human initiative, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)

## Creation & Providence

### God created all things and sustains all things.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:16–17)

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by the word of His power. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Hebrews 1:3)

## The Fall & Original Sin

### Humanity rebelled and became sinful by nature.

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden, but about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You must not eat of it or touch it, or you will die.''" "You will not surely die," the serpent told the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took and ate its fruit. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it." (Genesis 3:1–6)

## Atonement of Christ

### Christ died as our substitute to pay for sin.

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

"God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. 'By His stripes you are healed.'" (1 Peter 2:24)

## Resurrection & Ascension

### Christ rose bodily and ascended into heaven.

"...that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:4)

"After He had said this, they watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. While they were gazing intently into the sky as He was going, suddenly two

men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9–11)

## Holy Spirit

### The Spirit regenerates, indwells, sanctifies, and empowers believers.

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you." (John 14:26)

"You, however, are controlled not by the flesh, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:9–11)

"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)

## The Church

### The people of God, the body of Christ.

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

"For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink. For the body does not consist of one part but of many. But God has composed the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that

its members should have mutual concern for one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it." (1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 24–27)

## Sacraments / Ordinances

### Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

"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)

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

## Kingdom of God

### God's sovereign reign breaking into history.

"The time is fulfilled," He said, "and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel!" (Mark 1:15)

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)

"When asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with observable signs. Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is,' or 'There it is,' for behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst." (Luke 17:20–21)

## Second Coming / End Times

### Return of Christ, resurrection, judgment, new creation.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. 'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,' and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1–4)

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)

## Salvation by Grace

### Salvation is entirely by God's unmerited favor.

"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)

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men." (Titus 2:11)

"And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace." (Romans 11:6)

