

Amazon River Missions

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Goal:

To fulfill the Great Commission in an effective and honorable manner in order to please our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To be the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the region in which the Lord has called us to minister.

Core Beliefs:

1. Scripture

- a. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. The Holy Bible has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.
- b. **Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 5:17-18; Acts 2:16; 17:11; Romans 15:4.**

2. God

- a. There is one and only one living and true God. He is the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future including the future decisions of His free creatures. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

i. God the Father

1. God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

- a. **Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Leviticus 22:2; Matthew 6:9; 7:11; John 4:24; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; I Peter 1:17.**

ii. God the Son

1. Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and

identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

a. **Gen 18:1; Psalms 2:7; Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-18; I Corinthians 1:30; I Tim. 2:5-6; I Jn. 1:7-9; 3:2**

iii. God The Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism and service.

a. **Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; Joel 2:28-32; Lk. 1:35; Romans 8:9-11; Hebrews 9:8,14; I Jn. 4:13.**

3. Man

a. Man is created by God and God alone, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the masterpiece of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning, man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God and fell from his original innocence, whereby, his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God.

a. **Gen 1:26-30; Jeremiah 17:5; Matt. 16:26; I Cor. 1:21-31; Eph. 2:1-22; Col. 1:21-22; 3:9-11.**

4. Salvation

- a. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
 - i. Regeneration, or new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believes become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.
 1. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.
 - ii. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.
 - iii. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.
 - iv. Glorification is the culmination of salvation is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.
 1. **Gen. 3:15; Ex. 3:14-17; John 1:11-14; 3:3-21; 15:1-16; Rom. 3:23-25; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; Col. 1:9-22; Heb. 2:1-3; James 2:14-26.**

5. The Church

- a. A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified in Scripture.
 1. **Matt, 16:15-19; Acts 2:41-42; 5:11-14; Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 3:16; 9:13-14; Phil. 1:1; Hebrews 11:39-40; Rev. 2-3**

6. Baptism and Lord's Supper

- a. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to

sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead.

- b. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

- 1. **Matt. 3:13-17; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; Romans 6:3-5; I Cor. 10:16, 21.**