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Know What You Believe

Know Why You Believe
Reference
We Believe in Almighty God
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For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

(Romans 1:19-20 ESV italics mine)
God is Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!

(Isaiah 6:3 ESV)
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

(Deuteronomy 6:4 ESV).
“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

(John 4:24 ESV)
“...he understands and knows me, that I(God) am(is) the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. ...”  

(Jeremiah 9:24 ESV)
God’s Infinite Attributes

God is Infinite

“I am who I am” or “I AM: The Existing One.”  Exodus 3:14 ESV
God is Eternal

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

(Psalm 90:2 ESV)

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place...’”

(Isaiah 57:15 ESV)
God’s Infinite Attributes

God is Transcendent

"But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him?"

(2 Chronicles 2:6)

Imminent – Omni-present

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13 ESV)
God is Sovereign Over All

God is Omniscient
God is Omnipotent

God is the Sovereign Standard of Morality
God is Morally Perfect - Psalm 25:8

- God is Love - 1 John 4:8; 1 Cor. 13
- God is Gracious and Merciful - Psalm 145:8-9
- God is Just - Isa 5:16
We Believe in Jesus Christ

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

John 8:58
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:1-3 ESV)
Jesus is at the same time True Man

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

(Hebrews 2:16-18 ESV)
Jesus Identity Required the Virgin Birth

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

(Hebrews. 2:14-15 ESV)
an angel of the Lord appeared saying,

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:20
The Work of Christ

Jesus died for our sins

Jesus Arose Defeating Death

...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.

(1 Corinthians 15:3b-6a ESV)
The Deity of the Holy Spirit

• “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, .....

(Exodus 31:2-5 ESV)

• “Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ESV)
We Believe in the Trinity

Unfathomable to our mind

Brief Background

Tertullian - A.D. 155

Theophilus, bishop of Antioch - A.D. 168-183
“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
We Believe in the Trinity

The Biblical Basis for the Trinity

Both Oneness and Threeness are Important

“It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you”

(Deuteronomy 6:13-14 ESV)
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For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time”

(1Timothy 2:5-6 ESV)