

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The voluntary nature of Christ's atoning work on Calvary is emphasized in the New Testament. Jesus offered Himself freely to God as a sacrifice for human sin in accordance with the Creator's Purpose for human redemption. In the crisis hours of Gethsemane it was the Father's will to which Christ submitted Himself in obedience and trust (Hebrews 9:12, 10:10). His death on the cross fulfilled God's will, establishing a model of commitment and obedience for all believers. Self must be set aside and God's purposes fulfilled in our lives. The reconciling ministry of a holy and pure Savior challenges the believer to full surrender of self, and demands a life of holiness, as God is holy (1 Peter 1:16) Sanctification is made possible by Christ's atoning death, and is implemented by the convicting, guiding, and strengthening work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Jesus' sacrifice has been offered once for all time and eternity, and can never be repeated.

This New Covenant provides an abundance of grace and the gifts of righteousness thru Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17-21). As a believer you have been reconciled to God and are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). By this preaching and teaching of the goodness of God, many will be drawn to repentance (Romans 2:4).