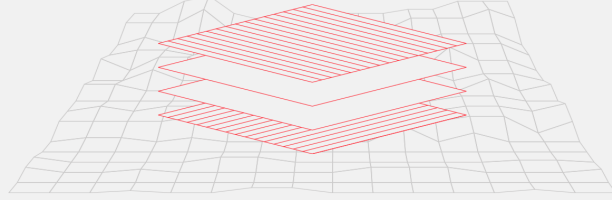


FOUNDATIONS



Foundations: Bedrock Beliefs in a Shaky World Triune God

A foundation is the base on which something stands. Our foundation is the solid ground upon which our beliefs, values, and actions are built. (www.dictionary .com).

"If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."
Luke 6:48-49 (MSG)

- 1. When you think of a foundation, what comes to your mind?**
- 2. What makes a strong spiritual foundation?**

Foundation #1 - The Triune God

Our Doctrinal Statement:

We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign Creator and Sustainer of the universe; that He only is God, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose. The God who is holy love and light is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Manuel 2017-2021)

- We believe in One God

Deuteronomy 6:4

- We believe that God is eternally existent

3. Why is it important to believe God is eternally existent?

- We believe that God is the Creator of heaven and earth. Isaiah 45:18

4. Why is it important to believe that God is the Creator?

- We believe that God is Triune (consisting of three in one) Matthew 28:19
“ The theological doctrine of the Trinity states that God has appeared at various times in history as three distinct, independent persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—while simultaneously existing as a single, unified being. For most of us (myself included), this notion defies logic and exceeds our ability to comprehend it. Although the fundamental elements of this doctrine have been carefully stated by church leaders, teachers, and theologians throughout history, the question of how the Trinity operates or functions in reality remains a divine mystery.” (Mellish 11 *We Believe*)

5. Have you experienced the three persons of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Give examples.

- Inherent in God’s nature is loving relationship Genesis 1:26-27
“In addition to being eternal and Creator, God is also relational in nature. God desires a personal relationship with creation. . . From the very beginning, God has shown his intentions to be intimately involved with us and with the world he brought into existence.” (Mellish 14 *We Believe*)

6. How does knowing that God wants a personal, loving relationship with you influence what you believe about God?

7. Believing in the Triune God is essential for a firm foundation. How is your foundation?

“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)