# **Our Beliefs**

#### God

We believe in one true God who exists eternally as three distinct yet equal Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that God created humans to have a relationship with Him. We believe that He cares deeply for all of humanity, desires for each and every person to find their way back to a restored relationship with Him, and has made this possible through Jesus.

#### Jesus

We believe that the best decision you could ever make is to follow Jesus. Only Jesus, through his death and resurrection, makes a relationship with God the Father possible. Jesus alone has made us right with God, by taking the punishment for our wrong-doing and inviting us into a life inspired and shaped by His unconditional love and grace.

# **Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit draws people to belief and faith in Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit who strengthens and gives power to those who follow Jesus as we learn to grow in our faith. Holy Spirit works in tandem with our human spirit, inspiring and equipping us to walk out our faith, and to love, serve and encourage one another.

## The Bible

We believe the Bible is God's Word, given to humanity to reveal His heart, character and purposes. We believe it was inspired by God and written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the absolute and final source of truth and is authoritative for Christian beliefs and living.

# **Humanity**

We believe that men and women were created good, equal in the image of God, but by voluntary wrongdoing and willful disobedience, humanity fell out of relationship with God and into the curse of sin, which resulted not only in physical death, but spiritual death - which is separation from God. As a result, we are all in need of God's forgiveness, healing, and restoration - but we have freedom to choose whether to receive that forgiveness by believing in Jesus or whether to do our own thing and continue living in brokenness, forever separated from our Creator.

## **New Life**

We believe that, through Jesus, God freely offers us forgiveness for our sin and the gift of eternal life (being restored back into relationship with Him). There's nothing we can do to earn this gift; it is a gift we simply receive by trusting in and choosing to follow Jesus. This new life begins the moment we truly accept Jesus into our life by faith through prayer. The inward evidence of accepting Jesus is the presence and leading of Holy Spirit. The outward evidence is a life lived in Godly holiness that points others to Jesus as we grow and mature in our faith.

## **Heaven & Hell**

We believe that heaven is the glorious, everlasting home of all who love and trust Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Not only is it a place of eternal relationship with our loving, compassionate, faithful, just Creator, the Bible describes it as a place where there is no suffering, no pain, no tears. It is literally the perfect place! But - for it to forever remain perfect - it is only those who have received forgiveness for sins and new life in Jesus who can enter.

Sadly, hell is quite the opposite: Hell is a place of everlasting isolation and suffering. It is a place of torment, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, where suffering will be unbearable, with no relief. No wonder God doesn't want anyone to be there! But it is ultimately our choice: God gave us free will so that we could truly love Him. But if we reject the love, mercy, and forgiveness He offers us through Jesus, we face eternal separation from Him in hell.

We have one life to decide whether we will receive God's great gift of endless life, love and joy by making Jesus our Lord. If we reject Him, hell is the consequence - and the only alternative.

# **Telling Others**

Because of the reality of heaven and hell, we believe helping those disconnected from God find life in Jesus is the most important responsibility we have. That's why Numa.Church exists. That's why 'Jesus is our message' (our first Core Value). Telling others about Jesus - and praying their hearts will be open - is perhaps the greatest purpose we can live for.