

# Maranatha Bible Church

## *What We Believe*

**THE BIBLE.** We believe in the full inspiration of the Scriptures, both of the Old & New Testament. The Holy Spirit moved through men of God to produce the original, God-breathed, inerrant and infallible Word of God.  
(II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21)

**THE TRINITY.** We believe in one Triune God; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All identical in nature, equal in power and glory and having precisely the same attributes and perfections.  
(Mat. 28:19; Deut 6:4; II Cor. 13:14)

**JESUS CHRIST.** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, took on the form of man, died, was buried, and rose again, in order that He might provide salvation for sinful man. He shed His blood on the cross as a satisfactory and substitutionary sacrifice for man.  
(Rom. 3:24-25; Luke 1:35)

**HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe at the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit indwells all believers baptizing them into the Body of Christ. Believers are commanded to be filled continually with the Holy Spirit. He is our counselor.  
(Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:9; John 14:16-17)

**SIN.** We believe sin is disobedience to the will of God and is anything that falls short of God's glory. Man is born with a sinful nature and as a result, is then himself separated from God.  
(Rom. 3:22-23; 5:19; 6:23)

**SALVATION.** We believe that salvation is the free gift of God provided as a result of Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. It is eternal and forever. Those who are in Christ are safe and secure, and can experience daily peace and joy.  
(John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; John 10:10)

**THE CHURCH.** We believe that the church is the body of Christ, a living organism consisting of all who are true believers in Christ. The local church is composed of believers who regularly come together in Christ's name for teaching, worship, fellowship, and prayer. The local church is the outlet through which spiritual gifts are exercised and utilized. The church is responsible to obey Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, and is to be the bearer of truth.  
(Act 2:42-47; Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 12:12)

**ORDINANCES.** We believe there are two Christian ordinances, water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper. Baptism signifies that the believer has died with Christ, has been buried with Him, and has risen to walk in newness of life with Him. The Lord's Supper is a memorial feast at which believers worship the Lord, remember and proclaim His death until he returns. (Matt. 28:18-19; Acts 8:36-38; Rom. 6:3)

**THE FINAL STATE.** We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers and unbelievers. Believers will be resurrected to live with God forever and unbelievers will be resurrected and separated from God and endure punishment forever. (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:15)

**THE RAPTURE.** We believe in the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to take His church to be with Him. We believe that this will occur prior to the 7-year tribulation and the return of Christ to reign as King for 1000 years on earth. (1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 19:11-20:6).

**TONGUES.** We believe that "tongues" was a sign to the early church and the non-believers. It was not inaudible sounds but known languages. We do not support the modern day movement. (Act 2:1-4; I Cor. 13: 8; 14:22-23)