



THE HARMONS

SERVING IN TANZANIA



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Scriptures

We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the sixty-six books of the Bible. The Old and New Testaments are, fully God-breathed, inerrant in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and practice (2 Tim 3:16-17; Matt 5:18; John 10:35; and Rev 22:18-19, Rev 22:18-19; and 1 John 4:1).

Trinity

We believe in one God, wholly, equally, eternally and indivisibly existing in three Persons. All three persons of the Trinity are one God (1 Pet 1:2; John 1:1; Acts 5:3; John 10:30; 1 Cor 3:16; Rom 8:9; and John 14:16; 18, 23).

Father

God the Father is self-sufficient (Ex 3:14), infinite (Ps 147:5), immutable (Mal 3:6; James 1:17), all powerful (Jer 32:17), all knowing (1 John 3:20), all wise (Eph 3:10), holy (Ex 15:11; 1 Pet 1:16), just (2 Thess 1:5-7; Rom 2:6-8), faithful (Rom 11:29), love (John 3:16), and merciful (Ps 103:8-10). We believe that God is absolutely separate and above the world as its Creator, yet everywhere present in the world as the Sustainer of all things. God is self-existent and self-revealing in His relationship with His creation. (Gen 1:1; Matt 28:19; Deut 4:35; 6:4; 1 Cor 8:6; John 1:1-3; Rom 1:2-4; Eph 4:3-6)

Son

We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His Deity, and sinless life, His vicarious death, along with His bodily resurrection and ascension, and in His personal, pre-millennial return. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Godhead, God in the flesh, virgin born as no other man has ever been born nor ever will be born. He lived an absolutely sinless life and became the sinner's voluntary substitute on the Cross by His vicarious death for man's sin. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day, giving eternal assurance of redemption's full payment and the satisfaction of God's righteous indignation toward sin. He ascended bodily into heaven and he will come to rapture His saints to be with Himself. His coming for His saints is imminent and will be personal, pre-tribulational, and pre-millennial. (Is 7:14; Matt 1:18; John 1:1; 14:3; 1 Thess 4:16; Luke 1:35; 1 Pet 2:22; 3:18)

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third eternal Person of the Trinity and is co-equal in attributes and essence with the Son and the Father (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2). The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). He regenerates (John 3:3), indwells (Rom 8:9), seals (2 Cor 1:21-22) and fills the believer (Eph 5:18). He bestows gifts on the believer to use in the edification of the church and to reach the lost (1 Cor 12:12; Eph 4:11-12). The supernatural gifts were signs of the apostles, and since apostles are not alive today, sign gifts appear to have ceased (Heb 2:3-4).

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Creation and Fall of Man

God supernaturally and instantaneously (Gen 1:3, 6, 9) created the heavens and the earth, in six literal 24-hour days about 7000 years ago. God's creation was very good (Gen 1:26-27). Man was created in God's image personally (Col 3:9-10). God created man and women with different roles (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:22-33) but as equal persons (Gen 1:26-27). Man was created to glorify God (Is 43:7). Adam's sin resulted in a physical and spiritual death, in which they lost their spiritual life and fellowship with God (Gen 2:17; 3:22-24; Rom 5:12-19). Man inherited a sinful state from Adam, and this is why every man and woman are born sinners (Rom 5:12). All men are thus alienated from the life and family of God, without excuse, under the righteous judgment and wrath of God, and have within themselves no possible means of salvation. (Rom 3:23; Is 53:6; Eph 2:1-3).

Salvation

Mankind has no hope of salvation in and of itself, except by turning and trusting in the perfect work of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:23-25; 6:23). Salvation has three parts or phases: the calling of the Holy Spirit, the regeneration of the called and the conversion of the called. God calls everyone to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 28:19-20). Man has the ability to resist or deny the calling of God (Is 65:12; Matt 23:37). The ones who do not deny the calling will receive salvation (John 6:44; Rom 8:30). Salvation is made through the gospel (2 Thess 2:14). This calling does not eliminate human freedom or responsibility to respond in repentance and faith (John 3:15; Acts 16:14). Sanctification is the continuation of salvation (2 Cor 3:18).

Eternal Security

At the time of salvation, the Holy Spirit secures the believer's standing with God as redeemed (John 6:37). At the second advent of Christ, the believer will be glorified (Rom 8:30; Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23).

Satan

God created angels and there were none that were evil (Matt 25:31). However, when Satan, the blameless (Ezek 28:15) "anointed cherub," pridefully rebelled against God (Ezek 28:14, 17), he became an evil angel. He was leader of the angels and 1/3 of the angels followed him in his rebellion (1 John 3:8; Matt 25:31). Satan is wicked (1 Cor 7:5; Rev 2:10; Rev 20:3; 2 Cor 4:4). Satan and his angels will be bound during the one thousand years of the Millennial Reign (Rev 20:1-3; Isa 24:21-22). After which, he will be released for a time (Rev 20:7-9) and will end with his eternal placement in Hell (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:10).



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Future Life

We believe in the eternal blessedness of the saved in Heaven and the eternal punishment of the lost in Hell. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and lost, secured by the bodily resurrection of Christ. The spirits of the saved at death go immediately to be with Christ in Heaven, their lives and works shall be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ for the determination of rewards. They will experience the blessedness of God's presence for all eternity. The spirits of the unsaved at death descend immediately into Hades where they are kept under punishment until the Great White Throne Judgment. At this time, their bodies shall be raised from the grave and be cast into the Eternal Lake of Fire, the place of final and everlasting punishment. (John 5:28,29; 14:2; Rev 20:14,15; 21:4; Matt 25:46).

The Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the imminent rapture of the believers of this current age, followed by a literal seven-year period of tribulation upon this earth. This tribulation time will be climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to introduce a literal millennial reign. (1 Thess 4:14-17; Rom 5:9; Rev 3:10; 2 Tim 4:8; Rev. 19:11-20:6; Rom 11:25-27)

Church

We believe that a New Testament church is a local assembly of baptized believers, assembled for worship, edification, and obedience to the Great Commission (Acts 2; Eph 3:4-6; Acts 20:28; 1 Thess 4:16-17; 1 Cor 1:2; Rom 12:5).

The first office in the church is that of pastors/shepherds, elders, and overseers, which biblically are the same (1 Pet 5:1-2; Acts 20:17, 28). The second office is that of deacons. The church is led by elders (1 Tim 3; 1 Pet 5:1-2), served by deacons (1 Tim 3:8), and it is congregationally governed (discipline, Matt 18:17; 2 Thess 3:6; designation of ministers, Acts 6:3; 2 Cor 8:19; unity, Rom 12:16; 1 Cor 1:10; ordinances, 1 Cor 11:2, 23-24).

The two ordinances of the church are the baptism by immersion (Mark 1:5, 9-10; John 3:23; Acts 8:38-39), and the Lord's Supper, which is symbolic of Christ's broken body and shed blood (Luke 22:19-20). Baptism is the first step in obedience to the Lord after salvation (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Cor 1:2; 1 Cor 5:11).



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Separation

Personally, believers are to be in the world building redemptive relationships to win the lost (Matt 28:19-20), but not of the world (1 Cor 9:19, 22-23 [in the world]; 20-21 [not of the world]; John 17:11, 13-17). There must be caution in not becoming too close in relationships in a way that the redemptive relationship is compromised (2 Cor 6:14-7:1).

This separation should include separation from those that practice and/or teach false doctrines (2 John 10-11; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1).



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