

You Are What You Believe
Oakwood Church's Core Beliefs

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1. **The issue of knowledge appears in the earliest pages of the Bible** – Genesis 2:9,16-17
2. **According to the Bible, genuine knowledge requires understanding the information we receive.**
 - We must reject what is false and accept what is true – Ephesians 4:14-15
 - We must seek to understand the information we accept – 2 Timothy 3:7; Proverbs 4:7; 1 Timothy 2:4
3. **You cannot fully know truth without knowing God** – Proverbs 9:10; John 18:37; Colossians 2:2-3
4. **Our church's mission includes opposing deception and proclaiming truth** – Proverbs 14:12 2 Corinthians 10:5; 1 Timothy 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:25

Our Core Beliefs

- Absolute truth exists, and its only completely reliable source is the Bible – 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- God is a Trinity – He eternally exists in one essence, yet three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) – 2 Corinthians 13:14; Isaiah 9:6; Acts 5:3-4
- God is at work in the world and cares about my life – Psalm 34:18; Psalm 111:4
- Unseen spiritual beings, some good (God and His angels) and some evil (Satan and his demons) are in a struggle that affects this world – Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 5:19
- Human beings were created perfect by a direct act of God, but we are under condemnation because of our sin – Mark 10:6; Genesis 1:31; Romans 5:12
- To deal with my sin and be right with God, I must receive God's free gift of salvation by believing in His Son, Jesus, and His atoning death and resurrection – Romans 3:19; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9
- To fulfill God's will for my life, I must get connected with a church, God's primary means of accomplishing His purposes today – Ephesians 3:10; Hebrews 10:25
- History is moving purposefully toward the triumphant return of Jesus Christ – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Matthew 24:21; 25:31, 46; 2 Peter 3:13