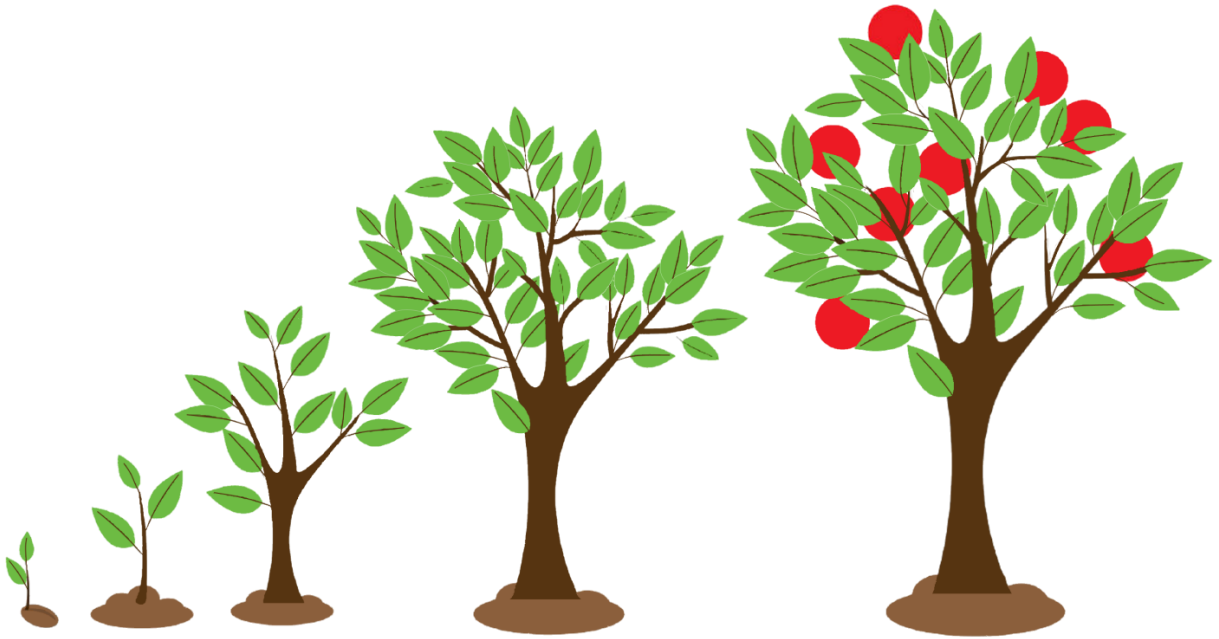


Discipleship



Growing in Christ together



WHAT WE BELIEVE – ARTICLE III

We believe God is the Creator and Preserver of all things visible and invisible, who sustains and governs the whole created order by His wisdom and holy providence.

(GENESIS 1:1; PSALMS 33:6-11; ACTS 17:24-27; ROMANS 11:33-36; HEBREWS 11:3; REV. 4:11.)

I. God - Creator of all things: the Gen. 1 & 2 God

PS. 33:6-11, *“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.”*

JN. 1:3, *“All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being”*

ACTS 17:24-27, *“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’”*

ROM. 11:33-36, *“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (ESV)*

HEB. 11:3, *“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”*

REV. 4:11, *“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”*

II. God – Preserver and sustainer of all things

JOB 12:9-10, *“Who among all these does not know That the hand of the LORD has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?”*

HEB. 1:3, *“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

COL 1:17, *“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”*

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