

CORE BELIEFS

A Summary of Personal Beliefs by Elder Dave Daley 2017

I believe with all my heart that JESUS CHRIST is both LORD and SAVIOR. He is and always will be one with the FATHER AND the HOLY SPIRIT; He is **sovereign** over all.

I believe that before creation the Father foreordained to send the Son to shed his blood on a Roman cross to save those who were preordained to believe in Him.

I believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead as He said He would; He is the **all-powerful** LORD.

To meditate on these things is helpful to very firmly correct us in our sinful, prideful nature. I knew before I was born again that I was a sinner, but I now know who paid the price for those evil, selfish sins. My salvation is all a gift of God's grace alone.

I believe a right view of the relationship between God (the Creator) and man (the creature) is absolutely necessary. The man in Luke 18 came into the temple and stood far off; after he smote his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner," he left and went away **justified**. This man remembered to take the council in Ecclesiastes 5:2 when he came to the house of God: that God is in heaven and we are on earth, therefore, we should let our words be few.

I believe that every word in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is given by God - and they are the only ones without the stain of human agenda.

I believe that unity within the body of Christ (the church) is of utmost importance. Paul says, in 1 Corinthians 1:10, that his desire is that "...there be no divisions among you..." This verse is often overlooked and undervalued by many in the church, throughout church history.

I believe that the knowledge that one day "we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2) is the only hope that causes us to want to grow in His grace and holiness. We can now be in awe of who the person of JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN, truly is.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)