Four Essential Truths of Grace Family Church

- 1. The Bible is the Word of God
- "..that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible authoritative Word of God." 2 Timothy 3:16

God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority and we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is, What does the Bible say? We practice daily Bible reading and Bible study. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God

- "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" John 14:6
- "For Jesus is the one referred to in Scripture, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'
 There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them." Acts 4:11-12 (NLT)

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was born of a virgin and lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit and will return to earth to fulfill prophecy.

- 3. You must be born again.
- "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old passes away, a new life has begun". 2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB)
- "In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.'" John 3:3

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace (not human effort) and must be received personally by repentance and faith. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and judgment. Only those born again by faith in Jesus Christ will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

- 4. Believers should be Spirit filled and Spirit led.
- "..you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you." Acts 1:8
- "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and come to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4
- ".. be filled with the Spirit..." Ephesians 5:18
- "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by having God's power within us. Every believer can be filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues by simply asking and yielding to the Holy Spirit. We seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right.