Basic Biblical Unitarian Beliefs

The following are a list of beliefs that are shared by most Biblical Unitarians:

1. The Bible is the inspired word of God. This means that the Bible is the absolute truth – i.e., that the statements made in the Bible are facts. As a result, it doesn’t matter whether anyone believes the information contained in the Bible or not – because beliefs can not change facts.

2. There is one – and only one – Almighty God, who created the heavens and the earth. God is just one person – not “three persons in one”. In other words, God is a unitary being – not a trinitary being. (See Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 12:28-29, Isaiah 45:18, etc.) Our Heavenly Father is the God of Abraham, the God of Moses, and the God of Jesus. (See Matthew 27:46, John 17:3, John 20:17, 1 Peter 1:3, etc.) God has a personal name; His name is represented by the four Hebrew consonants YHVH – יהוה. His name is usually pronounced as Yahweh (or Jehovah).

3. Jesus is the “only-begotten” Son of God. This means that God used his Holy Spirit, to cause Mary to conceive – i.e., God caused one of Mary’s eggs to become fertilized – and that, in turn, caused Jesus’ life to begin. (See Luke 1:26-38.) As a result, Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Man – because his father was God, and his mother was a human being. In addition, Jesus is now the man who is the mediator between God and humans (see 1 Timothy 2:5).

4. Jesus willingly died for the sins of all mankind. In essence, Jesus served as our once-and-for-all Passover lamb – so that everyone’s sins could be forgiven, through that one sacrifice. That sacrifice was part of God’s plan of salvation for mankind, from the beginning of creation. That plan of salvation is called God’s “word” in John 1:1. After Jesus had been dead for three days, God resurrected Jesus to immortal life – and as a result, Jesus will never die again.

5. Jesus will return to the earth, at some point in the future. When he does, he will establish the Kingdom of God, on the earth. Basically, Jesus will take over all the entire earth when he returns – and then he will rule over the earth, for 1000 years, from Jerusalem (see Revelation chapter 20).

6. After Jesus returns, the earth will be restored to its original, paradise-like conditions. In other words, the earth will be returned to the state it was in, during the Garden of Eden – i.e., there will be an abundance of food; wild animals will be at peace with humans, etc (see Isaiah 11:6-9, etc).

7. Faithful Christians will be granted everlasting life, when Jesus returns. Basically, Christians will be resurrected back to life when he returns, and then they will be given “glorified” bodies – i.e., bodies similar to the one that Jesus has now (see Philippians 3:20-21). Glorified bodies never get injured, never get sick, never get old – and never die. Then, those Christians will serve as co-rulers with Jesus, in the Kingdom of God, for 1000 years (see Revelation 20:6).

8. People who have explicitly rejected Jesus will be condemned to permanent death, when Jesus returns. Death is the absence of life – i.e., a dead person is not alive at all. Since dead people are not alive, that means they are not conscious of anything – and therefore, dead people are not aware of any sort of “torment”. In short, death is “oblivion” (see Ecclesiastes 9:5 and 9:10).

9. The only way for a human to be “saved” – i.e., to be granted everlasting life, in the Kingdom of God – is for him to accept Jesus as his Lord. This means that a human makes a conscious decision to become a follower of Jesus – that is, the human makes a commitment to sincerely try to obey Jesus, for the rest of his life (see Matthew 7:21, Colossians 1:21-23, James 2:14-17, etc).