

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 YHWH – 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).