

The Ten ESSENTIAL Beliefs of a Mature Christian

1. The **INCARNATION** of Christ – the Virgin Birth – God/man (deity of Christ)
2. The **ATONEMENT** – Christ’s death on the cross as payment for our sins
3. The **RESURRECTION** of Christ
4. The **ASCENSION** of Christ and His transfiguration
5. The **SECOND COMING** of Christ
6. The **TRINITY** (God the Father; God The Son; God the Holy Spirit)
7. Must be **BORN AGAIN** to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3)
8. The **INFALLIBILITY OF SCRIPTURE**
9. **JUSTIFICATION** (salvation) **BY FAITH** through Christ - works do not save
10. **OBEDIENCE** (submission) to God

ESSENTIAL BELIEFS: Beliefs without which a person cannot claim to be a Christian; beliefs essential to the Christian faith. Beliefs 7 – 10 seem to be the most difficult for people to accept (#7 having to do with the image of the Evangelical Christian, and #8 - #10 having to do with being in control). Essential beliefs are supported in Scripture.

NON-ESSENTIAL BELIEFS: Denominational preferences and beliefs, personal preferences and beliefs, man or church created beliefs not required for salvation. These are the beliefs that separate people and, when required as essential, can push people away from the Christian Faith.