

TENETS OF FAITH (WHAT WE BELIEVE IN)

The Church accepts the scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these statements of fundamental Truths and doctrine.

SECTION 1 - THE SCRIPTURE INSPIRED.

The Bible is the inspired word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12)

SECTION 2 - THE ONE TRUE GOD. The triune Godhead is comprised of three (3) separate and distinct personalities, the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

SECTION 3 - MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION.

Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us create man in our image, after our likeness". But Man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Genesis 1:26-31; Gen 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

SECTION 4 - THE SALVATION OF MAN.

a). Man's only hope of redemption is through the Blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus Christ became the sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified by grace through the redemption that is near you, in your mouth- that is the word of faith which we preach, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes resulting into righteousness and with the mouth confesses, resulting into salvation (Romans 10:8-10).

b). The evidence of salvation. The inward evidence of the believers of salvation is the direct witness of the spirit. (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is life of righteousness and holiness. "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of the son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us." (1 John 3:23).

c). Faith and Works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity (Romans 10:9-11 and 2 Corinthians 5:10).

SECTION 5 - BAPTISM IN WATER.

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the scriptures by all who really repented and their hearts truly believe on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus Christ and that they have been raised with Him to walk in newness of Life. (Matt 28:19, Acts 8:38, 10:47-48, Romans 6:4).

SECTION 6 - THE LORDS SUPPER.

“And when He had given thanks He broke it, and said, Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way also the cup, after the supper, said.” this cup of the new covenant in my blood, do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.’ Let a man examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink of the cup”. (1 Corinthians 11:24).

SECTION 7 - THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER.

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the Ministry. (Luke 24:49; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new. (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 15:7-9)

SECTION 8 - THE EVIDENCE IF THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT.

The full consumption of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service (Acts 1:8; 10:44-46; 19:2,6).

SECTION 9 - THE CHURCH.

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is integral part of the general assembly and church of the First Born, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

SECTION 10 - TOTAL PROSPERITY

Spiritual - John 3:3, 11; 2Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10

Mental - 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3

Physical - Isaiah 53: 4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24

Financial - 3 John 1; 2; Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Deuteronomy 28:1-4; Luke 6:38

Social - Proverbs 3:4

SECTION 11 - BLESSED HOPE.

Jesus is coming again to gather all His saints to Heaven (1 Corin 15:51-52; 1 Thess 4:16, 17; 2 Thess 2:1).

SECTION 12 - THE LAKE OF FIRE.

Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophets, and anyone whose name is not found written in the book of life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
(Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15).

SECTION 13 - THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS.

The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the scripture promised (Rom 11:25-27; 2 Thess 1:7; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-7; after this, there shall be a new earth (Revelation 21:10).