

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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God's love in the hearts of His Saints, developed into perfection, shall be the ultimate result to be obtained. Therefore, the following Articles of Faith shall be the basis and foundation of the Corporation, which shall be known throughout the land and over the seas, by the Church or Corporate name of: The Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ International, Inc.

SECTION 1. APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

Our creed, discipline, rule of order, and doctrine is the Word of God, as taught and revealed by the Holy Ghost (John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:9-13). The Word of God is to be used in the conversion of the world (Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19-20). It is the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12). All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (1 Timothy 3:16-17).

SECTION 2. THE CHURCH

Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). JESUS CHRIST is the foundation of the Church. "For other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

See also Ephesians 2:20-22, 1 Timothy 6:19, 2 Timothy 2:19.

A. THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and ye are complete in him which is the head of all principality and power" (Colossians 2:9-10)

See also Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 5:23.

B. THE CHURCH SET UP

The Church was set up at Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, 33AD, in an upper room, "where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) (Acts 1:13-15). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of



them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

See also Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 2:1-42, 1 Corinthians 12:13-28.

C. THE CHURCH APOSTOLIC

The Church is founded upon the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). “Jesus answered, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God’” (John 3:5). Jesus gave the Apostle Peter the “keys to the kingdom” (Matthew 16:19). Peter used the keys in Acts 2:38. “They that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same days there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine ...” (Acts 2:41-42).

They were Apostolic, because of their Apostolic Faith, Apostolic Teaching, Apostolic Doctrine, and their Apostolic Foundation. The Church of Jesus Christ today is still Apostolic, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3). In the days of the Apostles, the Churches of Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem were called Apostolic Churches.

D. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

There is only one way to become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ: “Ye must be born again of water and of the Spirit” (John 3:5). “Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins,” as in Acts 2:38, “and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,” with the signs following as in Acts 2:4. We enter into the Body of Christ, the true Church, by baptism or birth of water and Spirit. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

See also 1 Corinthians 12:27-28, John 3:5-8.

E. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

The names of all the members of the Church are kept on record in heaven (Luke 10:20). “And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her. The Highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people that this man was born there” (Psalm 87:5-6). All must be born of water and Spirit in this dispensation if they desire their names to be written in heaven (Hebrews 12:22-23).

F. NAMES BLOTTED OUT

“And the Lord said unto Moses, whosoever hath sinned against me, him I will blot out of my book” (Exodus 32:33). In Revelation 3:5 it is written, “He that overcometh ... I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.”



G. THE CHURCH A SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16). “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6:19). “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God. As God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16). “And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly framed together growth into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye are also builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:20-22). “Ye also as lively as stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifice to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5).

See also Hebrews 3:6.

H. THE CHURCH NAME

“The Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and the kings thy glory and thou shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name” (Isaiah 62:2). In this we have a clear prediction of the establishment of the name of the New Testament Church, in which the Gentiles were to hold their membership. The name was not some title men were pleased to give her, but she was to be named by the mouth of the Lord. In harmony with this thought, the Prophet Daniel said, “Oh Lord for thine own sake ... O my God, for they city and thy people are called by thy name” (Daniel 9:19). “I will say to the north, give up, and to the south, keep not back. Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth. Even every one that is called by my name” (Isaiah 43:6-7). “He calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out” (John 10:3-4). “There shall be one fold and one shepherd” (John 10:16).

The name, “The Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ,” reveals the foundation of the Church, and identifies us with the Mother Church that was set up on the Day of Pentecost, AD 33 and continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ Doctrine. It also acknowledges Jesus Christ to be its founder, builder, owner, maker, author, and possessor.

SECTION 3. ONE GOD

There is only one God (Ephesians 4:6). The Lord is God (Deuteronomy 4:39). There is only one Lord (Ephesians 4:5). The same Lord that said He is God in Deuteronomy 4:39 said, “I am Jesus,” in Acts 9:5. The Lord said, “I am the Almighty God” in Genesis 17:1. Jesus Christ is revealed to be the Almighty God in Isaiah 9:6, Revelation 1:8, and Revelation 4:8. Jesus Christ is our great God and Savior who gave Himself for us (Titus 2:13-14). He is Lord God of the Holy Prophets (Revelation 22:6-16). The true God (1 John 5:20). God manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). God is a Spirit (John 4:24). A Spirit is



invisible (1 Timothy 1:17, Colossians 1:15-19). A Spirit hath not flesh and bones (Luke 24:39). God, the great eternal Spirit “veiled Himself” in the flesh of His Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:20), making him both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). The mighty God, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6). A Savior which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11). One Lord and His name one (Zechariah 14:9).

SECTION 4. THE GODHEAD

The Spirit of God alone dwells in the Godhead according to the Word of God. Father and Holy Ghost are synonymous terms for the Spirit of God that dwelt in the Temple made without hands and who was known as the Lord Jesus Christ. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, through the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:8-9).

See also Acts 17:29 and Romans 1:20.

SECTION 5. THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38). Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:25). He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He is known only by divine revelation (Matthew 11:27). We believe Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried, arose again the third day, showed Himself alive unto them by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and ascending into heaven, will return again with power and great glory.

SECTION 6. THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

“Then said they all, art thou the Son of God? And he said unto them, ye say that I am” (Luke 22:70). “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30). “He that seeth me, seeth him that sent me (John 12:45). “If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also, and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (John 14:7-9). “And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).

SECTION 7. THE NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST

The Spirit in Christ was God Eternal, while the Temple Jesus Christ was in the process of time begotten of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). Christ Eternal: His going forth has been from everlasting (Micah 5:2, John 3:13-31, 8:58, 17:3-24, Hebrews 7:3, Revelation 22:13). Jesus Christ is the only Potentate, Lord of Lords, and King of Kings (1 Timothy 6:4-15, Revelation 17:14, 19:16). Both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36, 1 Corinthians 12:3).



SECTION 8. POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

“In the name of our God we will set up our banners. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God” (Psalm 20:5-7). “The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and are safe” (Psalm 18:10). “wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11). “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47). “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Colossians 3:17).

SECTION 9. REGENERATION OR THE NEW BIRTH

“Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as a little child, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3) See also Luke 22:3 and Acts 3:19. “ye must be born again” (John 3:3-8). David said, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10-13). “a new heart also will I give you, a new spirit will I put within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh, and I will put my Spirit within you” (Ezekiel 36:26-27). “Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17). He saves us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5, James 1:18, 1 Peter 1:3). “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever” (1 Peter 1:23) See also John 1:11-13, 2:29, 3:9, 4:1. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is Christ is born of God” (1 John 5:1). “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin” (1 John 3:9, 5:18). “Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit” (1 John 4:13). “If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:1-16).

SECTION 10. THE ATONING BLOOD OF CHRIST

The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28), and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22). “For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19). “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14). “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:9). See also John 1:7, Revelation 1:5, 7:14). “Who hath purchased the church with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).

SECTION 11. REDEMPTION AND REMISSION OF SIN

God commanded all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 26:20). “Godly sorrow worketh repentance” (2 Corinthians 7:10). “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit” (Psalm 34:18, 51:17). John the



Baptist preached repentance. The Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed it, and before His ascension commanded that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). Peter fulfilled this command on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38).

SECTION 12. WATER BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Word of God is our only foundation. If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do? Baptism in water is a command of God: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee; except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5). "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48). "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). In the days of Noah eight souls were saved by water. "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us" (1 Peter 3:20-21).

Water alone does not save us. Not by water only; but by water and blood. The blood and the name of Jesus are inseparable. To be saved by water baptism, it must be administered by burial in water, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. The life of the blood of Jesus Christ is connected with water baptism when it is administered in His name. The Spirit, the water, and the blood agree in one (1 John 5:8). Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. (Acts 2:38, Also the birth of water, John 3:5). "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death. Therefore we are busied with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5). See also 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:27, Colossians 2:12, and 1 Peter 3:21.

The name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost is Jesus Christ. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). See also John 1:1, 10, 14, 14:6-10). "There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" (1 John 5:7).

SECTION 13. SIGNS FOLLOW BELIEVERS

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18).



SECTION 14. SPIRITUAL BAPTISM

“It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God; I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh” (Acts 2:17). “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire” (Matthew 3:11). “Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you” (Luke 24:29). “Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” (Acts 1:5).

“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, is promised (John 14:16, 18, 26, 16:7-14). These Scriptures were fulfilled at Jerusalem (Acts 2:4, 4:31), Samaria (Acts 8:14-17), with Paul (Acts 17-18, 1 Corinthians 14:18), with the Gentiles at the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48), and with the Ephesians (Acts 19:1-7). Believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30). Called the refreshing (Acts 3:19), the rest (Isaiah 28:11-12), the latter rain (Joel 2:23, Hosea 6:3, Zechariah 10:1). By the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13), and born of the Spirit (John 3:5).

SECTION 15. TONGUES

Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4-19, 9:17-18 with 1 Corinthians 14:18, Acts 10:44, 19:6). “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God” (1 Corinthians 14:2). Tongues are for a sign to them that believe not (Isaiah 28:11, 1 Corinthians 14:21-22). Diverse kinds of tongues is a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:10). Diversities of tongues were set in the Church by God (1 Corinthians 12:28). Paul said, “I thank God; I speak with tongues more than ye all” (1 Corinthians 14:18). “Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues” (1 Corinthians 14:39).

SECTION 16. SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will” (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

SECTION 17. FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

SECTION 18. WHAT GOD HAS SET IN THE CHURCH

“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues” (1 Corinthians 12:28).



SECTION 19. ORDER AND GOVERNMENT

“These things write I unto thee, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:14-15). “Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:40). Paul left Titus in Crete to set things in order and to ordain Elders in every city (Titus 1). Instructions were given to Elders to feed the flock of God (1 Peter 5:1-3). God set helps and governments in the Church (1 Corinthians 12:28). “The government shall be upon his shoulders, and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end” (Isaiah 9:6-7, 2 Peter 2:10).

SECTION 20. IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

“My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall distill as the dew” (Deuteronomy 32:2). “God hath from the beginning chosen you, to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:13) See also Joshua 24:14-15. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine” (2 Timothy 3:16). “Preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:12, 1 Timothy 4:13-16). “Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine” (Titus 1:9, 2:1-7). “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed” (John 8:31-32). “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4). See also Matthew 15:9. Some shall depart from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1). Strong delusions will be sent on those who reject the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Prove all things (1 Thessalonians 5:21, Isaiah 8:20, 2 John 1:9).

SECTION 21. TRUE WORSHIP

“God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). “Give unto the Lord the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 20:2). Knee before the Lord. Come before His presence with singing (Psalm 95:6, 100:2-4). Praise God in his sanctuary (Psalm 149:3, 150:1-6). Wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:31). Bring an offering and come into His courts (Psalm 96:8). Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8-10, Romans 14:5-6).

SECTION 22. CHILDREN

“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right” (Proverbs 20:11). “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3). See also Colossians 3:20, 1 Timothy 5:4. Jesus said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14). The Holy Ghost is promised to believers’ children (Acts 2:39).

SECTION 23. YOUNG PEOPLE

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psalm 119:9). “Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:1). See also Ezekiel 2:18. “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). “Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things showing thyself a



pattern of good works: in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, and sincerity” (Titus 2:6-7).

SECTION 24. UNITY

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1). “Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). “Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3, 13). “Stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27) “That ye may with one mind and one mouth, glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).

See also 1 Peter 3:8, John 17:21, Ephesians 2:14, Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 10:17, Galatians 3:8, Romans 5:6.

SECTION 25. PRAYER

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:3). “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). “As and ye shall receive” (Matthew 7:7-8). “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do” (John 14:13). “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” (James 1:5). Pray in secret (Matthew 6:6, 14:23). Watch and pray (Matthew 26:41). Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud (Psalm 55:17, Daniel 6:10, Acts 10:2). Ask with faith, nothing wavering (James 6:7). “Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:24). “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31). “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7).

SECTION 26. PRAISE

Sing praises to the Lord (Psalm 9:11). Praise the Lord with musical instruments and dance (Psalm 33:2, 149:3, 150:1-6, Exodus 15:20-21, 2 Samuel 7:14, Jeremiah 31:13). “Let all the people praise thee, O God” (Psalm 67:3, Isaiah 42:12). Give thanks to His name (Hebrews 13:15). A four-fold reason for praising God (1 Peter 2:9). “Clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph” (Psalm 47:1). “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases” (Psalm 103:1-3).

SECTION 27. FAITH

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Faith in Christ secures salvation (John 3:15, 5:24, 11:25, 12:46, 20:31, Romans 12:9). “The just shall live by faith” (Romans 4:3). By faith, Enoch was translated (Hebrews 11:30). By faith, Elijah proved the true God (1 Kings 18:21-39). By faith the walls of Jericho fell down (Hebrews 11:30). By faith, prison doors were opened (Acts 5:11, 16:25-26). By faith, the dead are



raised (Acts 9:40). The sick are healed (Acts 5:15, James 5:14-15). Miracles were wrought (Acts 19:12). Signs follow them that believe (Mark 16:16-18). "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23-29). Have faith in God (Mark 11:22-24, Matthew 17:20, Ephesians 6:16, Daniel 3:20-26, 6:16-22.)

SECTION 28. HOPE

Hope enabled Abraham to become the Father of the faithful (Romans 4:18). Hope is the saving element in life (Romans 8:24). The Scriptures are the source of hope (Romans 15:4). Hope abides forever (1 Corinthians 13:13). Believers are called to testify concerning the hope within them (1 Peter 3:15). Hope inspires clean living (1 John 3:3), cheers the dying hour of the saints (Proverbs 14:32), assures of immortality (Acts 24:15) and a heavenly treasure (Colossians 1:5), anticipates Christ's second coming (Titus 2:13), is an anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:18-19), and is grounded in the resurrection of Christ (1 Peter 1:3). "Christ in you the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

See also 1 Thessalonians 5:8.

SECTION 29. CHARITY

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth ... And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1 Corinthians 4-8, 13).

SECTION 30. LOVE

Love is a proof of true discipleship, and the bond of perfectiveness (John 13:39, Colossians 3:14). The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5). Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The greatest commandment is love (Mark 12:30-31). "Great love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he lay down his life for us (1 John 3:16). See also John 3:16. "This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). See also 1 Peter 1:22 and 1 Thessalonians 3:12. God is love (1 John 4:7, 16). Love is the first fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

SECTION 31. GROWING IN GRACE

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:2, 3:18). It is life eternal to know the only true God (John 17:3). Faith is the first step toward God. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is" (Hebrews 11:6). "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity ... he that lacketh these things is blind ... if ye do these things ye shall never fall" (1 Peter 1:1-12).



SECTION 32. SPIRITUAL WEAPONS AND ARMOR

Fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12), which demands entire consecration (2 Timothy 2:4). "Put on the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:11). See also Romans 13:12, 2 Corinthians 6:7. There are invisible foes (Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8). "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Corinthians 10:4) See also 1 Samuel 17:45. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17). The Word of God is quick and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). "Be strong in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:10). "Let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:8). "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:16).

See also Revelation 12:11, 15:2.

SECTION 33. THE LORD OUR HEALER

The Lord is our healer (Exodus 15:26). As by sin came sickness, so by righteousness came health and healing. He himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness (Matthew 8:14-17, Isaiah 53:4-5, Psalm 103:1-3). "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14-15).

SECTION 34. THE LORD'S SUPPER

The first supper of bread and wine was held by Melchizedek, Priest of the Most High God, and Abraham (Genesis 14:18). Our Christ, as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, reinstated this supper on the night He was betrayed (Matthew 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 11:23-32). The Lord's Supper (Communion) shall be overserved literally, using unleavened bread and wine. It is important to observe this ordinance (John 6:48-56, 1 Corinthians 10:16). Self-examination is necessary before observing this ordinance. It is wrong to take unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 11:26-28 tell when to observe this ordinance.

SECTION 35. FEET WASHING

Feet washing is a New Testament command. Following the supper, Jesus girded Himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet as a token of humility, which His followers should express toward each other. As He said, "Ye ought to wash one another's feet," and again, "if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:4-17, 1 Timothy 5:10).

SECTION 36. SANCTIFICATION

How secured: "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" (John 17:17). See also Romans 15:16. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12). "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). "Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it,



that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:25-26). “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). See also 2 Timothy 2:16-21 and 1 Peter 1:2. Jesus came to save His people from their sins. A wholly sanctified life is the only one true standard of salvation (Hebrews 12:4, 1 Peter 1:15-17). One must be thoroughly saved from sin, wholly sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost to escape the judgments of God and to have the hope of enjoying the glory of eternal life.

SECTION 37. HOLINESS

We are earnestly contenting for a holy, Spirit-filled life with signs following, as on the day of Pentecost, which is God’s standard of salvation (Mark 12:16-17, Acts 2:4, 8:14-17, 9:17, 10:44-48, 19:1-6, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14, Matthew 5:48, 1 Peter 1:15-16).

Godly living should characterize the life and walk of a saint, according to the pattern, sign, and example (1 Peter 2:21-22, Titus 2:11-12, Galatians 2:20, Luke 1:74-75, Ephesians 4:26, 2 Peter 5:11).

We are commanded to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1), to abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22), and to turn away from those who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (1 Timothy 3:5).

SECTION 38. MARRIAGE OBLIGATIONS

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). “But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery” (Matthew 5:32, 19:9). See also Mark 10:9. “For the woman which hath a husband, is bound by law to her husband as long as he liveth, but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband (Romans 7:2). See also 1 Corinthians 7:39. “And unto the married I command, yet not I but the Lord, let not the wife depart from her husband, but and if she depart let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife” (1 Corinthians 7:10-11). See 1 Corinthians 7:15 for unbelieving husbands.

Based upon the scriptural reference of the 1611 King James Version of the Bible, marriage is an explicit (exclusive) union between a male and a female based upon the sex declared on his/her original birth certificate.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers” (1 Corinthians 6:14). Marriage with unbelievers is forbidden (Genesis 24:3, Deuteronomy 7:3, Joshua 23:12-13, Ezekiel 9:12, Nehemiah 13:25).



SECTION 39. TITHES

“All the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s. It is holy unto the Lord” (Leviticus 27:30). See also Leviticus 27:30-33, 2 Chronicles 31:5-10. The tithes go to the Levites for their service (Numbers 18:21). The Levites were a type of the ministers of Christ in this age. “Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:14). Abraham paid tithes under the faith covenant (Genesis 14:20, Hebrews 7:1-5). The Law, which was 430 years after the promise to Abraham, endorsed tithing. Jesus said it should not be left undone (Matthew 23:23). Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes in Abraham, and the sons of Levi were commanded to take tithes of the people, according to the Law, that is of their brethren, though they came out of the loins of Abraham (Galatians 3:8), and ought to pay tithes. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse” (Malachi 3:10). Tithes and offerings is God’s financial plan for the support of the ministry.

SECTION 40. OFFERINGS

“The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself” (Proverbs 11:25). “Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase” (Proverbs 3:9-10). Give willingly (Exodus 25:2, 1 Chronicles 29:9). Every man gives as he is able (Deuteronomy 16:7). God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). “Lay aside upon the first day of the week” (1 Corinthians 16:2). If you do not pay your tithes and offerings, you rob God and are cursed with a curse (Malachi 3:8-9). We are the Israel of God (Galatians 6:16) and it is the duty of Israel (the church) to support the ministry with their tithes and offerings.

SECTION 41. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

That the Lord is to come again to the earth is a truth that cannot be gainsaid. It is taught by our Lord, confirmed by the Apostles, and was expected, as is still being expected by the saints (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:9-11, Titus 2:13, 1 John 3:2), which will be a literal, personal returning of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECTION 42. THE RESURRECTION

Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in which all they that are in their graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth. They that have done well, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29, Daniel 12:2, Acts 24:15). Two resurrections are declared in the Word of God. The First Resurrection and the Second Resurrection one thousand years apart. Christ is the first fruits of the First Resurrection, and afterwards they that are Christ’s at His coming (1 Corinthians 15:20-23). The dead in Christ shall rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:16). “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6). “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished” (Revelation 20:5, 12-15).



SECTION 43. THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS

“The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up (translated) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

See also Matthew 24:36-42, Luke 17:20-37, 1 Corinthians 15:51, Philippians 3:20-21.

SECTION 44. THE MILLENNIUM

“And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4). That there is to be a period of one thousand (1000) years, during which time Satan shall be bound and Christ shall reign on the earth, is plainly stated in the New Testament (Revelation 20:1-5). And for one thousand years there will be peace on earth, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose (Isaiah 35:1, 65:17-25, Matthew 5:5, Daniel 5:27, Micah 4:1-2, Hebrews 2:14, Romans 11:25-27).

SECTION 45. THE WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

After the thousand years are finished, there will be a resurrection of the dead. Both small and great shall stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgment, and He will judge according to their works. All whose names are not found written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone, where the devil, the best, and the false prophet are (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 19:20, 20:7-15, 21:8).

SECTION 46. THE LAWS OF THE LAND

Magistrates are ordained for the peace, safety, and welfare of the people (Romans 13:1-10). Our duty is to be in obedience to all laws that are not contrary to the Word of God and that do not require a violation of the Sixth Commandment by taking up arms or going to war.

Our duty is to honor them, pay our burdens as may be assessed against us by taxation without complaint (Matthew 17:24-27), thus showing proper respect to those things in all legal requirements of our government.

SECTION 47. IMMORALITY

We believe that immoral behavior in any of its manifestations including, but not limited to, adultery, incest, rape, child abuse, homosexuality, sodomy, rape, and sexual deviation is sin. Any person who is a willing participant in any such immoral or ungodly act shall not have any rights or privileges in this church.

