

# CHANGING THE CULTURE

# **Our Core Beliefs**

# The Bible is the Inspired word of God

We believe that the Bible (i.e. the Old and New Testaments excluding the Apocrypha), is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all sufficient authority for teaching (2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is breathed out of God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness)

## Unity of the Thee in One

We believe in the unity of the One True and Living God who is the Eternal, Self-Existent "I AM", Who has also revealed Himself as One being co-existing in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (John 15:26 – But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me)

#### **JESUS**

We believe in the Virgin Birth, Sinless Life, Miraculous Ministry, Substitutionary Atoning Death, Bodily Resurrection, Triumphant Ascension and Abiding Intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His personal, visible, bodily return in power and glory as the blessed hope of all believers in the coming days...(Matthew 1:18-25 – 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being [f]a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is [g]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name [h]Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."). 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

# **Fall of Man**

We believe in the fall of man, who was created pure and upright, but fell by voluntary transgression by giving into their carnal nature and disobeying a direct order from the Lord. (Romans 5:12 – Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned)

# Salvation Through Faith

We believe in salvation through faith in Christ, who, according to the Scriptures, died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day, and that through His Blood we have Redemption. (Ephesians 2:8 – For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God.)

# **Baptism by Immersion in the Water**

We believe that all who have truly repented and believed in Christ as Lord and Savior are commanded to be baptized by immersion in water. (Romans 6:4 – We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.)

#### **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as an enduement of the believer with power for service, the essential, biblical evidence of which is the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 19:6 – And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.)

# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of Christ in the Church today. (Romans 12: 3-8 - For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.)

## We are called to live a Holy Life

We believe in holiness of life and conduct in obedience to the command of God. (1 Peter 1:15-16 – But as he who called you is Holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, Since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy.")

# **Healing/Deliverance**

We believe that deliverance from sickness, by Divine Healing is provided for in the Atonement. (Matthew 10:1 – And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction)

# **Breaking of Bread (Communion)**

We believe that all who have truly repented and believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour should regularly participate in Breaking of Bread. (Acts 2:42 – And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.)

# Fruit > Gifts

We also believe it's imperative to live a life full of the fruit of the spirit (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control) (Matthew 7:15-20 - 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.)

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