1. We believe that all scripture is inspired by God.

* **2 Timothy 3:15-17** **15**And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
* **16**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
* **17**That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
* **I Thessalonians 2:13** **13**For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
* **2 Peter 1:21** **21**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2.) The one True God.

* **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:
* **Isaiah 43:10-11** **10**Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.
* **11**I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.
* **Matthew 28:1919**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
* **Luke 3:22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

**Note:** The one True God has revealed himself as the eternally self-existent “I Am”, The Creator of Heaven and Earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as embodying the Principles of relationship and associations as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Terms Defined**

* + - * 1. Trinity – Related to the Godhead, while not found in the scriptures, yet it is words in harmony with scripture.
* **Matthew 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
* **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
* **Luke 3:22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

(b) Distinction and relationship in the Godhead Christ taught a definite distinction of persons in the Godhead, which he expressed in specific terms of relationship as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

* **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
* **I Corinthians 1:24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
* **Matthew 11:25-27** **25**At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
* **26**Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
* **27**All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.
* **Matthew 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
* **II Corinthians 13:14 14**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
* **I John 1:3-4 3**That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
* **4**And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

(c) Unity of the one being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Note:** There is that in the Father which constitutes him the Father and not the son; there is that in the son which constitutes him the Son and not the Father; and there is that in the Holy Ghost which constitutes him the Holy Ghost and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten, the Holy Ghost is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these 3 persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty, and his name one.

* **John 1:18** **18**No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
* **John 15:26-27** **26**But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
* **27**And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.
* **John 17:11** **11**And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
* **John 17:21 21**That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
* **Zechariah 14:9 9**And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

(d) Identity and cooperation in the Godhead. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never identical as to person; nor confused as to relation; nor divided in respect to the Godhead; nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is the Father and the Father is the Son as to relationship. The Son is with the Father and the Father is with the son, as to fellowship. The Father is not from the Son, But the Son is from the Father, as to authority. The Holy Ghost is from the Father and Son proceeding as to relationship, fellowship, cooperation and authority. Hence, neither person in the Godhead either exist or works separately or independently of the others.

* **John 5:32** **32**There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
* **John 5:17-30** (Read from the Bible)
* **John 8:17-18** **17**It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.
* **18**I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.
* **John 5:37** **37**And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

(e) The title, Lord Jesus Christ. The expression, “Lord Jesus Christ,” is a proper name. It is never applied in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs exclusively to the Son of God.

* **Romans 1:1-6** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
* **2**(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
* **3**Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
* **4**And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
* **5**By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
* **6**Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:
* **II John 1:3 3**Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with us. The Lord Jesus Christ, as to his divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only begotten of the Father, but as to his human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man, who because He is God and man is “Immanuel,” God with us.

* **Matthew 1:23** **23**Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
* **I John 4:2** **2**Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
* **I John 4:10 10**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
* **I John 4:14 14**And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
* **Revelation 1:13** **13**And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
* **Revelation 1:17** **7**And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

(g) The Title, Son of God. Since the name “Immanuel” embraces both God and man in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows the tittle, Son of God, describes his Proper deity, and the title, Son of Man his proper humanity. Therefore the title Son of God, belongs to the order of eternity and the title, Son of Man, to the order of time.

* **Matthew 1:21-23 21**And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.
* **22**Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
* **23**Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
* **II John 1:3** **3**Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
* **I John 3:8 8**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
* **Hebrews 1:1-13** (Read from the Bible)
* **Hebrews 7:3** **3**Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

(h) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord. The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right had of the Father; angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto him, and having been made both Lord and Christ, he sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end. When the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all.

* **Hebrews 1:3** **3**Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:
* **I Peter 3:22 22**Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
* **Acts 2:32-36 32**This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
* **33**Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
* **34**For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand
* **35**Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
* **36**Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
* **Romans 14:11 11**For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
* **1 Corinthians 15:24-28** **24**Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
* **25**For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
* **26**The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
* **27**For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
* **28**And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

3.) We believe in the Virgin Birth.

* **Matthew 1:23 23**Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
* **Luke 1:31** **31**And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.
* **Luke 1:35** **35**And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
* **Isaiah 7:14** **14**Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

a.) His sinless life.

* **Hebrews 7:26** **26**For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
* **I Peter 2:22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

b.) His miracles.

* **Acts 2:22** **22**Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
* **Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

4.) We believe in the cross.

a.) His death.

* **I Corinthians 15:3** **3**For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
* **II Corinthians 5:21** **21**For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
* **Isaiah 53:6-12** **6**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
* **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
* **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
* **9**And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
* **10**Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
* **11**He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
* **12**Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

b.) His resurrection.

* **Matthew 28:6 12**Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
* **Luke 24:39** **39**Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
* **I Corinthians 15:4** **4**And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

c.) His ascention to the right hand of God.

* **Acts 1:9** **9**And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
* Acts **1:11 11**Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
* Acts **2:33** **33**Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
* **Philippians 2:9-11** **9**Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
* **10**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
* **11**And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
* **Hebrews 1:3** **3**Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

d.) His return (The Rapture).

* **I Corinthians 15:51-58** **51**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
* **52**In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
* **53**For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
* **54**So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
* **55**O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
* **56**The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
* **57**But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
* **58**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
* **I Thessalonians 4:13-18 13**But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
* **14**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
* **15**For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
* **16**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
* **17**Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
* **18**Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

4.) Fall of man.

Man was created good and without sin; for God said, “Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.” Man willfully transgressed against God and thereby incurred not only a physical death but also a spiritual death, which is separation from God.

* **Genesis 1:26-27** **26**And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
* **27**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
* **Genesis 2:17** **17**But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
* **Genesis 3:6** **6**And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
* **Romans 5:12-19** **12**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
* **13**(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
* **14**Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.
* **15**But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
* **16**And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.
* **17**For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
* **18**Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
* **19**For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

5.) The salvation of man.

Man’s only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

a.) The conditions of salvation. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ by the washing or application of the blood. Man is renewed and justified by grace through faith. Man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life.

* **Luke 24:27** **27**And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
* **John 3:3** **3**Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
* **Romans 10:13-15** **13**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
* **14**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
* **15**And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
* **Ephesians 2:8** **8**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
* **Titus 2:11** **11**For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
* **Titus 3:5-7** **5**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
* **6**Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
* **7**That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

b.) The evidence of salvation. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of Jesus Christ

* **Romans 8:16** **16**The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
* The outward evidence of salvation is righteousness and true holiness.
* **Ephesians 4:24** **24**And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
* **Titus 2:12** **12**Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

6.) The ordinances of the church.

a.) Baptism in water. The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the scriptures. All who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with him to walk in newness of life.

* **Matthew 28:19** **19**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
* **Mark 16:16 16**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
* **Acts 10:47-48** **47**Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
* **48**And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.
* **Romans 6:4 4**Therefore we are buried 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.

b.) Holy Communion. The Lord’s Supper, consisting of the elements bread and the fruit of the vine is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. A memorial of his suffering and death and a prophecy of his 2nd coming, and is embodyed in all believers till he comes.

* **2 Peter 1:4** **4**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
* **I Corinthians 11:23-28** **23**For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
* **24**And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
* **25**After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
* **26**For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.
* **27**Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
* **28**But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

7.) The baptism of the Holy Ghost. All believers are entitled and should earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was a gift given to all early Christian Churches and is still for the asking of all Christian Churches today. With it comes the endvement of power for the life and service for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

* **Luke 24:49** **49**And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
* **Acts. 1:4** **4**And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
* **Acts 1:8** **8**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
* **I Corinthians 12:1-31** (Read from the Bible)

a.) This experience is distinct and very unique in reference to the experience of the new birth.

* **Acts 8:12-17** **12**But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
* **13**Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
* **14**Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
* **15**Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
* **16**(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
* **17**Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
* **Acts 10:44-46** **44**While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
* **45**And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
* **46**For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
* **Acts 11:14-16** **14**Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.
* **15**And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
* **16**Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.
* **Acts 15:7-9** **7**And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
* **8**And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
* **9**And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

b.) With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experience as:

1.) An overflowing fullness of the spirit.

* **John 7:37-39** **37**In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
* **38**He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
* **39**(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
* **Acts 4:8-10** **8**Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
* **9**If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
* **10**Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

2.) A deepened reverence of God.

* **Acts 2:43 43**And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
* **Hebrews 12:28** **28**Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

3.) An intensified consecration to God and dedication to his work.

* **Acts 2:42 42**And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

4.) A more active love for Christ, for His word and for the lost.

* **Mark 16:20** **20**And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

8.) The initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance.

* **Act. 2:4** **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

a.) The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use.

* **I Corinthians 12:4-10** **4**Now there are diversities of gifts, but the **5**And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.same Spirit.
* **6**And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
* **7**But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
* **8**For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
* **9**To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
* **10**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:
* **I Corinthians 12:28** **28**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.

9.) Sanctification. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, to that which is dedicated to God. Jesus had a lot to say about sanctification in the Book of John, chapter 17. In verse 16 the Lord says, **“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world,”** and this is before His request: “Sanctify them in the truth: Thy word is truth.” Sanctification is a state of separation unto God; all believers enter into this state when they are born of God**: 1 Corinthians** **1:30** **“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption”**  This is a once-for-ever separation, eternally unto God. It is an intricate part of our salvation, our connection with Christ**. Hebrews 10:10 “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ** [**t**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Hebrews%2010.10#footnote2)**once *for all*. “**.

* **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
* **2**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
* **I Thessalonians 5:23** **23**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
* **Hebrews 13:12-15** **12**Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
* **13**Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.
* **14**For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come
* **15**By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

a.) The scriptures teaches a life of “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.”

* **Hebrews 12:14** **14**Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

b.) By the power of the Holy Ghost we ae able to obey the command: “Be ye Holy, for I am Holy.”

* **I Peter 1:15-16** **15**But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
* **16**Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

c.) Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in his death and resurrection and by living by faith on a daily basis so to fulfill the scripture, “The just shall live by faith.”

* **Romans 6:1-14** (Read from the Bible)
* **Romans 8:1-2** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
* **2**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
* **Romans 8:13-14** **13**For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
* **14**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
* **Galatians 2:20** **20**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
* **Philippians 2:12-13** **12**Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
* **13**For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
* **I Peter 1:5**  **5**Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

d.) To summarize, sanctification is the same Greek word as holiness, “hagios,” meaning a separation. **First,** a once-for-all positional separation unto Christ at our salvation. **Second**, a practical progressive holiness in a believer’s life while awaiting the return of Christ. **Third**, we will be changed into His perfect likeness—holy, sanctified, and completely separated from the presence of evil.

10.) The Church and its mission. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Each believer born again of the spirit is a vital part of the general assembly and church of the one true living God whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life.

* **Ephesians 1:22-23** **22**And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
* **23**Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
* **Ephesians 2:22** **22**In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
* **Hebrew 12:23-24** **23**To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
* **24**And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Note:** Since God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by men to build a body of believers in the image of his Son and to demonstrate his love and compassion for all the world. We the church of the one true living God focus on the following:

a.) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world.

* **Acts 1:8** **8**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
* **Matthew 28:19-20** **19**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
* **20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
* **Mark 16:15-16** **15**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
* **16**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

b.) To be a unified body in which man worship God.

* **I Corinthians 12:13-14** **13**For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
* **14**For the body is not one member, but many.

c.) To be an avenue for God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of his son.

* **Ephesians 4:11-16** **11**And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
* **12**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
* **13**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
* **14**That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
* **14**That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
* **16**From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.
* **I Corinthians 12:28** **28**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.
* **James 1:27** **27**Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

d.) To be a people who demonstrate God’s love and compassion for all the world.

* **Psalms 112:9** **9**He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
* **Galatians 2:10** **10**Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.
* **Galatians 6:10** **10**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
* **James 1:27** **27**Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

**Note:** We the Church of the Living Word of Faith Fellowship exist expressly to give continuing emphasis on the teachings of the New Testament Church, taught by Christ himself encouraging all believers to be baptized with the Holy Ghost this teaching.

a.) Enables the believer to evangelize in the power of the spirit with signs and wonders following.

* **Mark 16:15-20** **15**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
* **16**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
* **17**And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
* **18**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.
* **19**So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
* **20**And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
* **Acts. 4:29-31** **29**And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
* **30**By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
* **31**And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
* **Hebrews 2:3-4** **3**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;
* **4**God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

b.) Adds a necessary dimension a deeper worship for relationship with God.

* **I Corinthians 2:10-16** **10**But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
* **11**For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
* **12**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
* **13**Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
* **14**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
* **15**But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
* **16**For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.
* **I Corinthians chapter 12** (Read from the Bible)
* **I Corinthians chapter 13** (Read from the Bible)
* **I Corinthians chapter 14** (Read from the Bible)

c.) Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Ghost in expression of fruits and gifts and ministries as in the New Testament Times for the edifying of the body of Christ and care for the poor and needy of the world.

* **Galatians 5:22-26** **22**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
* **23**Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
* **24**And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
* **25**If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
* **26**Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.
* **Matthew 25:37-40** **37**Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
* **38**When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
* **39**Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
* **40**And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
* **Galatians 6:10** **10**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
* **I Corinthians 14:12** **12**Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.
* **Ephesians 4:11-12** **11**And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
* **12**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
* **I Corinthians 12:28** **28**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.
* **Colossians 1:29** **29**Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

11.) The Ministry. A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for four fold purpose of leading the church in:

a.) Evangelizing the world

* **Mark 15-20** **20**And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

b.) Worship of God

* **John 4:23-24** **23**But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
* **24**God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

c.) Building a body of Saints being perfected in the image of his son.

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* **12**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
* **13**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
* **14**That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
* **15**But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
* **16**From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

d.) Meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion.

* **Psalms 112:9** **9**He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
* **Galatians 2:10** **10**Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.
* **Galatians 6:10** **10**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
* **James 1:27** **27**Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

12.) Divine Healing. Divine Healing is a vital part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is provided for all believers.

* **Isaiah 53:4-5** **4**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
* **5**But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
* **Matthew 8:16-17** **16**When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:
* **17**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.
* **James 5:14-16** **14**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:
* **15**And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
* **16**Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

13.) We believe in the Rapture or the Catching Away of the church. The blessed hope of the saints fallen asleep in Christ.

* **I Thessalonians 4:16-17** **16**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
* **17**Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
* **Romans 8:23** **23**And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
* **Titus 2:13** **13**Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
* **I Corinthians 15:51-52** **51**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
* **52**In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

14.) The Millennial Reign of Christ. The second coming of Christ we believe takes place after the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope. The second coming of Christ is the visible return of Christ with his Saints to reign on earth for one thousand years.

* **Zechariah 14:5 5**And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.
* **Matthew 24:27** **27**For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
* **Matthew 24:30** **30**And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
* **Revelation 1:7** **7**Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
* **Revelation 19:11-14** **11**And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
* **12**His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
* **13**And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
* **14**And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
* **Revelation 20:1-6** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
* **2**And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
* **3**And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
* **4**And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
* **5**But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
* **6**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.

15.) The Final Judgement. There will be a Final Judgement in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the book of life together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophets will be cast into the bottomless pit to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is he second death.

* **Matthew 25:46** **46**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
* **Mark 9:43-48** **43**And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
* **44**Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
* **45**And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
* **46**Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
* **47**And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:
* **48**Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
* **Revelation 19:20** **20**And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
* **Revelation 20:11-15** **11**And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
* **12**And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
* **13**And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
* **14**And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
* **15**And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
* **Revelation 21:8** **8**But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

16.) The New Heaven and the New Earth. We according to his promise, look for a new heaven and earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

* **II Peter 3:13** **13**Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
* **Revelation Chapter 21** (Read from the Bible)
* **Revelation Chapter 22** (Read from the Bible)