

TENETS OF THE CHURCH

1. **The Bible**

We believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the Bible is infallible in its declaration, final in its authority, all-sufficient in its provisions and comprehensive in its sufficiency (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. **The One True God**

We believe in the existence of the One True God, Elohim, Maker of the whole universe; indefinable, but revealed as Triune Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - one in nature, essence and attributes; Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19; Genesis 1:26).

3. **The Depraved Nature of Humanity**

We believe that: "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Genesis 3:1-19; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23), and are subject to eternal punishment (Matthew 13:41-42; Romans 6:23), and need repentance (Acts 2:28; Matthew 4:17; Acts 20:21) and regeneration (John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5).

4. **The Savior**

We believe that humanity's need of a Savior has been met in the person of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:21; John 4:42; Acts 2:36; Ephesians 5:23; Philippians 2:6-11), because of His Deity (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1, John 20:38; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13-14), Virgin Birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:25-27), Sinless Life (John 8:46; Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21, Atoning Death (Romans 3:25; Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 2:2), Resurrection (Matthew 28:5-7; Acts 2:24; Acts 2:36; Acts 10:39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:3) and Ascension (Acts 1:9-11; Acts 2:33-36), His Abiding Intercession (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25) and His Second Coming to judge the living and the dead (Acts 1:11; Acts 10:42; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 22:12, 20).

5. **Repentance, Justification and Sanctification**

We believe all humanity have to repent of and confess their sins before God (Luke 15:7; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30), and believe in the vicarious death of Jesus Christ to be justified before God (Romans 4:25; Romans 5:1). We believe in the sanctification of the believer through the working of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11), and in God's gift of Eternal Life to the believer (John 17:2-3; John 10:27-28; Romans 6:23b; 1 John 5:11-13).

6. **The Ordinances of Baptism and The Lord's Supper**

We believe in the ordinance of Baptism by immersion as a testimony of a convert who has attained a responsible age of about 13 years (Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-10; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Infants and children are not baptized but are dedicated to the Lord (Mark 10:13-16; Luke 2:22-24, 34). We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, which should be partaken by all members who are in full fellowship (Luke 22:19-20; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-33).

7. **Baptism, Gifts and Fruit of The Holy Spirit**

We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for believers with signs following; also in the operation of the gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Galatians 5:22-23).

8. **Tithes and Offerings**

We believe in tithing and in the giving of free-will offerings towards the cause of carrying forward the Kingdom of God. We believe that God blesses a cheerful giver (Genesis 14:18-20; 28:20-22; Malachi 3:6-10; Matthew 23:23; Acts 20:35; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 9:1-9).

9. **Divine Healing**

We believe that the healing of sickness and disease is provided for God's people in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:7, 17; Mark 16:18; James 5:14-16; Luke 13:10-16). The Church is, however, not opposed to soliciting the help of qualified medical practitioners.

10. **The Second Coming and The Next Life**

We believe in the Second Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the dead, both the saved and the unsaved - they that are saved, to the resurrection of life; and the unsaved, to the resurrection of damnation (Mark 13:26; Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 1:11; 10:42; Romans 2:7-11; 6:23).

11. **Marriage and Family**

We believe in the institution of marriage as a union established and ordained by God for the lifelong, intimate relationship between a man as husband and a woman as wife as biologically defined at birth. We believe that God instituted marriage primarily for mutual help, fellowship and comfort that one ought to have for the other and for honorable procreation of children, and their training in love, obedience to the Lord and responsible citizenship. (Genesis 2:18, 21-25; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:1-2).