

FLOODGATE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

The Bible is the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice for believers in Christ Jesus. Our Statement of Fundamental Truths at FloodGate Church grants us a basic set of common truths for fellowship. We speak the same thing, **1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:42.** *I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

The FloodGate Church Statement of Faith is not inspired. However, the truth contained in it is essential to a fundamental biblical understanding. Our Statement does not cover all aspects of biblical truth. It does cover our needs as it applies to fundamental doctrines. This Statement of Faith may be amended occasionally for clarification purposes.

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1. THE SCRIPTURES ARE INSPIRED, INFALLIBLE, AND INERRANT

The Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are infallible, inerrant, and verbally inspired by God. The Bible is the revelation of God to man, the authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

- *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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17***
- *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of*

God, which also effectively works in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

- *For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21*

The word “infallible” means “will not fail” or “trustworthy.” When we say Scripture is infallible, it signifies the Bible’s full trustworthiness “as a guide that is not deceived and does not deceive.” Infallibility does not mean the Bible cannot contain transcription errors. Infallibility means the Word of God, the Bible, and its message cannot fail.

Infallibility, inspiration, and inerrancy mean the Word of God “will do what God intends for it to do” in His purpose. As such, the Word of God is incapable of erring. We who adhere to this view see **2 Peter 1:19-21** as evidence that the Bible itself claims infallibility: “*And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*”

God is infallible—there is no error in him. Therefore, the Word of God which is “breathed out,” is infallible too. *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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

2. THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM.” He is the Creator of heaven and earth. He is the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the three who is one.

- *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! Deuteronomy 6:4*
- *You are My witnesses,” says the Lord, “and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior. Isaiah 43:10-11*
- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19*
- *And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” Luke 3:22*

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

The words “Trinity” and “persons” relate to the Godhead. Although not found in the Scriptures, they are words that harmonize with Scripture. Trinity and persons convey to others our understanding of the doctrine of Christ and the Being of God, as distinguished from “gods many and lords many.” We speak with propriety of the Lord our God who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely scriptural.

- *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. **2 Corinthians 13:14***
- *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **John 14:16-17***

Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Accordingly, therefore, 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 Spirit which constitutes Him the Holy Spirit and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten, and the Holy Spirit is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are united, there is one Lord God Almighty, and His name is one.

- *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. **John 1:18***
- *But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. **John 15:26***
- *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. **John 17:11***
- *And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. **John 17:21***
- *And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—"The Lord is one," And His name one. **Zechariah 14:9***

Identity and Cooperation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will never be identical as to Person, nor confused as to relation, nor divided in respect to the Godhead, nor opposed as to cooperation. The Son is in the Father, and the Father is in 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 Spirit is from the Father and the Son proceeding as to nature, relationship, cooperation, and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead exists or works separately or independently of the others. **John 5:17-37**

- *There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. **John 5:32***
- *And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **John 5:37***
- *It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me. **John 8:17-18***

The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation "Lord Jesus Christ" is a proper name. It is never applied to the Father or the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. It, therefore, belongs exclusively to the Son of God.

*Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh. To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 1:1-3, 7***

*Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. **2 John 3***

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.

- *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." **Matthew 1:23***
- *By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God. **1 John 4:2***
- *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **1 John 4:10***
- *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. **1 John 4:14***
- *And in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. **Revelation 1:13***
- *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. **Revelation 1:17***

The Title, Son of God

Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, 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.

- *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." **Matthew 1:21-23***

- *Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. **2 John 1:3***
- *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:8***
- *Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. **Hebrews 7:3***

Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

It is a transgression of the Doctrine of Christ to believe that Jesus Christ derived His title, Son of God, exclusively based on the incarnation or Jesus' relation to the economy of redemption. To deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father, and the Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

- *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. **2 John 9***
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **John 1:1***
- *He was in the beginning with God. **John 1:2***
- *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14***
- *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. **John 1:18***
- *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **John 1:29***
- *Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" **John 1:49***
- *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2***

Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, angels and principalities and powers having been subject unto Him. And having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Spirit 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.

- *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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high. **Hebrews 1:3***

- *Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. **1 Peter 3:22***
- *This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted [a]to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." **Acts 2:32-36***

Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son.

The Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son. It is the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee before Jesus. It is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Spirit to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity, giving Him all honor and glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead except those which express relationship and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father.

- *For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **John 5:22-23***
- *Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory. **1 Peter 1:8***
- *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name. **Philippians 2:8-9***

3. THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

Jesus' virgin birth,

- *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." **Matthew 1:23***

Jesus' sinless life,

- *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens. **Hebrews 7:26***
- *Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth. **1 Peter 2:22***

Jesus' miracles,

- *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know." **Acts 2:22***

- *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **Acts 10:38***

Jesus' substitutionary work on the cross,

- *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 15:3***
- *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. **2 Corinthians 5:21***

Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead,

- *He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. **Matthew 28:6***
- *He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 15:4***

Jesus' exaltation to the right hand of God.

- *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **Acts 1:9***
- *Who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven. **Acts 1:11***
- *Therefore being exalted [a]to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. **Acts 2:33***

4. FALL OF HUMANITY

Man was created good and upright; God said, "*Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.*" However, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **Genesis 1:26-27***

*"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." **Genesis 2:17***

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **Genesis 3:6***

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned

*according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. **Romans 5:12-19***

5. SALVATION OF HUMANITY

Our only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life.

Repentance and the remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luke 24:47**. Jesus answered and said to him, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **John 3:3***

Furthermore, we are saved from something, eternal alienation from God. Choosing to be separated from God means we choose Hell and the damnable Lake of Fire. The doctrine of Hell is important. Jesus taught about Hell more than all biblical authors combined. Jesus spoke about "eternal fire and punishment" as the final abode of the angels and human beings who have rejected God. **Matthew 25:41,46**. Jesus says that those who blaspheme the Holy Spirit will be in danger of the "fire of hell." **Matthew 5:22; 18:8-9**.

Mark 9:43 records Jesus speaking of a person going to "Hell (Gehenna), where *'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'*" Jesus refers to the maggots living in the corpses on the garbage heap. When flesh is consumed, maggots die. Jesus is saying that the spiritual decomposition of hell never ends, and that is why 'their worm does not die.'

Jesus is the Lord of Love and Author of Grace. In **Matthew 10:28**, Jesus says, *"Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."* Jesus was speaking to His disciples, some of whom would be tortured, flayed, and

burned alive. For Jesus, Hell was a real place. Jesus constantly depicted hell as painful fire and “*outer darkness.*” **Matthew 25:30**

6. CHURCH ORDINANCES

WATER BAPTISM

The Scriptures command baptism by immersion in water. All who repent and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord will be baptized. We declare to the world that we have symbolically died with Christ and have been raised with Him to walk in the newness of life Jesus provides.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” **Matthew 28:19***

*“Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. **Acts 10:47-48***

*Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so, we also should walk in the newness of life. **Romans 6:4***

COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper, the one feast authorized by Jesus in His Kingdom, consists of elements, both bread and the fruit of the vine. Communion is the symbol expressing our participation in the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ, which has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises. Through these promises, *you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust, For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes (2 Peter 1:4, 1 Corinthians 11:26)*, a memorial of his suffering and death, For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. A prophecy of His second coming is enjoined on all believers: “Till He come!”

7. HOLY SPIRIT INFILLING

All believers are entitled to be filled with the Spirit. We should expect and seek the promise of the Father, being filled in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. Be baptized in the Spirit.

- *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” **Luke 24:49***
- *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me. **Acts 1:4***

- *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8*

With being filled in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as:

- an overflowing fullness of the Spirit, **John 7:37-39, Acts 4:8**
- a deepened reverence for God, **Acts 2:43, Hebrews 12:28**
- an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work, **Acts 2:42**
- and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost **Mark 16:20**

SANCTIFICATION

The act of sanctification is separation from evil, dedication unto God, and a state of being in Christ.

- *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2*
- *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23*
- *Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Hebrews 13:12*
- *But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16*

Sanctification is recognizing our identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by the faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering ourselves continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 6:1-11**

- *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. Romans 6:13*
- *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2*
- *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13*
- *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

9. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Church is the Body of Christ, God's earthly habitation through the Spirit, possessing divine appointments to fulfill her great commission. All believers, born of the Spirit, are an integral part of the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

- *And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. **Ephesians 1:22-23***
- *You are also being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. **Ephesians 2:22***
- *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect. **Hebrews 12:23***

Since God's purpose concerning man is seeking and saving that which is lost, being worshipped by man, building a body of believers who bear the image of His Son, and demonstrating His love and compassion for all the world, the reasons for being the Church are seen as:

Being an agency of God for evangelizing the world.

- *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **Acts 1:8***
- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. **Matthew 28:19-20***
- Mark 16:15-16

Being a corporate body in which man may worship God.

- *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:13***

Being a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

- *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the ^[a]edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its*

share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16

- *And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. **1 Corinthians 12:28***
- *Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the ^[b]edification of the church that you seek to excel. **1 Corinthians 14:12***

Being a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world.

- *He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor. **Psalms 112:9***
- *They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. **Galatians 2:10; 6:10***
- *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. **James 1:27***

10. MINISTRY

Our Lord has provided a divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry for the fourfold purpose of leading the Church in:

Evangelizing the world.

- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." **Mark 16:15-20***

Worshipping God.

- *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." **John 4:23-24***

Build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.

- *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the*

*truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ — ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. **Ephesians 4:11-16***

11. HEALINGS

Divine healing(s) is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Kingdom and in the atonement. Healing is the privilege of all believers.

- *Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. **Isaiah 53:4-5***
- *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." **Matthew 8:16-17***
- *Is anyone among you sick? 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 will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. **James 5:14-16***

12. THE BLESSED HOPE

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church.

- *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17***
- *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. **Romans 8:23***
- *Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. **Titus 2:13***
- *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1 Corinthians 15:51-52***

13. THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture (parousia) of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for the Millennial Reign of Christ.

- *Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You. **Zechariah 14:5***
- *For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **Matthew 24:27***
- *Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **Matthew 24:30***
- *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. **Revelation 1:7***
- *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **Revelation 19:11-14***
- *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.*
- *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. **Revelation 20:1-6***

This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel,

- *Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be*

two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

Ezekiel 37:21-22

- *Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame
In every land where they were put to shame. At that time I will bring you back,
Even at the time I gather you; for I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I return your captives before your eyes, says the Lord. **Zephaniah 3:19-20***
- *And so all Israel will be ^[a]saved, as it is written: "the Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." **Romans 11:26-27***

14. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and Hell, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone eternally which is the second death.

- *And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. **Matthew 25:46***
- *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to Hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—where 'their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into Hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— where 'their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into Hell fire—where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' **Mark 9:43-48***
- *Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **Revelation 19:20***
- *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second*

death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:11-15**

- *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. **Revelation 21:8***

15. THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

- *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. **2 Peter 3:13***
- **Revelation 21**
- **Revelation 22**