

INTRODUCTION

This Doctrine was compiled to set forth the teachings of the New Testament Church that was established on the Day of Pentecost around 33 A.D. and they were sent forth declaring the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. We steadfastly believe in the Apostle's Doctrine which is first mentioned in the scriptures in **Acts 2:42** *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

What we believe and teach is that the Apostle's Doctrine is fully outlined beginning in **Acts 2:22** and continues through verse 40. We are established on the teachings of the Old and New Testament scriptures, and we believe it to be the foundation of Christianity as set forth in the teachings of the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe in the writings of the Apostles and the Prophets and we fully accept, **Eph 2:20-22** *And are built upon the*

*foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. We know that Jesus Christ is that chief corner stone according to, **Isa 28:16** Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

The 120 disciples tarried in **Acts 2:1** for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, which had been promised them by Jesus in **Luke 24:49**, *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.* And also, **Acts 1:4-5** *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. **5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be*

baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

This outpouring established the Church and set in order the five-fold ministry and government for the operation of the Church and endued the 120 with power and gifts and ability to minister and govern according to, **1 Cor 12:28** *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.*

DECLARATION OF FAITH

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ARE THE INSPIRED WORDS OF ALMIGHTY GOD

2 Tim 3:16-17 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.

2. ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD

1 Tim 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Eph 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

3. MAN IS GOD'S DIVINE CREATION

When the Bible starts with the words "In the beginning," this isn't the beginning of God. God

always has been and always will be. This is the beginning of God's relationship with man and the Light that sprang forth at that time was spiritual and not natural. All things were created for man to inhabit, and when everything was ready:

Gen 1:26-27 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. **28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Heb 2:6-8 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? **7** Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set

him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

Gen 2:2-3 *And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. He also said in, **Isa 66:1** Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?*

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not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Gen 3:22-24 *And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

4. JESUS BORN OF A VIRGIN

Matt 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is **conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 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.

Luke 1:27-31 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. **29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. **30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou **shalt**

conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall **conceive, and bear a son,** and shall call his name Immanuel.

5. JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD

This is a very important point to make note of in the teaching of the Kingdom of God. Many people teach that Jesus the *Son* was with God in the beginning. Jesus the *Son* was *not* with the Father in the beginning of time. Jesus is the man, the physical body that was conceived in Mary's womb and became the flesh and blood body that came forth to be the Lamb of God and was the physical body and blood sacrifice that was to be offered for the sins of man to be forgiven, or the Lamb of God.

Rom 1:3-4 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:

Gal 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

1 Cor 15:4 *And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

6. THE HOLY GHOST IS THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN CHRIST JESUS

John 7:39 *(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.)*

John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

John 16:13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall*

not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

1 Tim 2:5 **For there is one God,** and one mediator between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus (Resurrected Christ);**

Phil 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Resurrected Christ):*

7. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

And that we must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:38 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

8. SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE HOLY GHOST

Sanctification comes through the baptism of the Holy Ghost which is the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ taking his abode in you.

2 Thess 2:13-14 *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Eph 4:22-24 *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

9. EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST

The evidence that the Holy Ghost (Resurrected Christ) lives in you,

Gal 5:22-25 *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.*

10. DIVINE HEALING

Healing comes through the stripes that Jesus took before he was crucified.

Isa 53:5 *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.*

1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

11. JESUS THE MAN

Refer back to passage 5 about Jesus the Lamb of God to help understand that Jesus came as a man. He wasn't created, he was conceived of a woman and came forth and made just as you and I are.

Gal 4:4 *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

This man came through the lineage of David, meaning he was a descendant of David

Phil 2:7-9 *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

Rom 1:3-4 *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:

Heb 2:14-17 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

12. THE WAY IS MADE INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

Heb 10:19-20 *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Heb 6:19-20 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; **20** Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

13. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

The soul that sinneth shall die.

Ezek 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. We also know that.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When Jesus hung on the cross, he not only took on the sins of the world, but he became sin for us.

2 Cor 5:21 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.

When we read these scriptures, we understand that that the wages of sin is the death of the soul (spiritual death). So, when Jesus took our sins to

pay the debt that we owed then according to God's Word he had to suffer spiritual death.

Heb 2:9 *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

Isa 53:10-12 *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.*

13A. THE RESURRECTION

When he was resurrected

Acts 2:24-31 *Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before*

spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

He was set above all principality and powers

Eph 1:20-22 *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

Col 2:15 *And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

He also took the keys of Hell and Death, and that's because he conquered them,

Rev 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

14. AT JESUS RESURRECTION HE WAS BORN AGAIN

***Ps 2:7** I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

***Acts 13:30-34** But God raised him from the dead: **31** And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. **32** And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers **33** God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.** **34** And as concerning **that he raised him up from the dead,** now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.*

***1 Cor 15:42-46** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **43** It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

44 *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.*

He became the first born from the dead, and this isn't talking about physical death, because he wasn't the first one raised from physical death, but he was the first one to come out of Hell and be delivered from spiritual death.

Col 1:18-19 *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

Rev 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

From this point forward the fullness of God embodied him, and all power in heaven and in earth now dwells in him bodily,

Col 2:9 *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

Matt 28:18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

15. JESUS IS NOW THE FLESH AND BONE MAN THAT WE REFER TO AS THE MAN CHRIST JESUS

He's not a ghost or a spirit but a man that is now immortal and eternal living in an incorruptible body, with the fullness of God living in him.

Luke 24:39 *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.*

1 Tim 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

Two things happened at the resurrection: Jesus the man was physically dead and was lying in the tomb. His soul was spiritually dead because he had become sin and was suffering the horrors and torments of hell. When the time came for his resurrection, his physical body, which was the man Jesus, was raised from the dead and was transformed from corruption to incorruption and his mortal body became immortal and eternal, and then his soul was resurrected or reborn from a living soul and he (the last Adam) was made a quickening spirit according to what Apostle Paul wrote there were *actually two* resurrections:

Rom 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

16. BEING BORN AGAIN

Being born again isn't salvation and it doesn't happen when you repent, being born again is just what it says, it's a new birth and it only happens according to,

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

People will address the first part of this scripture and tell you that they do not willfully commit sin or that they do not practice sin, but they can't address the second part that states: **and he cannot sin.** They know that they haven't reached the place where they cannot sin, but yet they will still confess that they are born again. You might have been changed when you repented and were converted and many things in your life that you used to do may be gone, but until what happened to Jesus at the resurrection happens to you then you haven't been born again. Even if you don't sin, the carnal mind is still there and the ability to commit sin is always present, but if **you are born again then you cannot sin.**

17. A BELIEVER IS BORN AGAIN AT THE FIRST RESURRECTION

1 Cor 15:51-53 *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.*

1 Thess 4:16-17 *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.*

Rev 20:4-5 *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.

18. NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH ESTABLISHED

The New Testament Church was established on the Day of Pentecost around 33 A.D.

Acts 2:1-4 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

The ministry was set in order

1 Cor 12:28 *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.*

The Church was set up to function with the five-ministry offices of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers,

Eph 4:11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

The foundation was laid by the Apostles and Prophets Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone.

Eph 2:20 *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

19. RECONCILIATION OF MAN BACK TO GOD

The full reconciliation of God and man according to

2 Cor 5:18-21 *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath*

given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 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.*

20. 1000 YEAR REIGN

Which results in man growing into the fulness of God and coming to the place of reigning with Christ 1,000 years

Rev 20:4 *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.

After the millennium all will be resurrected and stand before God in a final judgment where every man is judged according to their works

Rev 20:12-13 *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.*

2 Cor 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

Rom 8:15-18 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,*

*that we are the children of God: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. **18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

PRACTICAL COMMITMENTS

Deut. 10:12-13 *And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 13 To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?*

DAILY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

PRAYER

Man was created a spirit being, God is spirit, and prayer is the way man's soul communicates with God. Prayer brings the renewing of the inward man,

2 Cor 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

Eph 3:14-16 *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That*

he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Matt 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Ps 55:16-17 *As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*

Rom 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.*

STUDY OF THE WORD

It is necessary to study the Word of God in order to shew thyself approved; Scripture is profitable for

reproof, rebuke, instruction, and correction to bring us to maturity.

2 Tim 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Tim 3:16-17 *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.*

Josh 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Psa 1:2 *But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

ATTEND THE HOUSE OF GOD

Believers are expected to attend the House of God for instruction, edification, worship and fellowship

Heb 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Eph 4:11-13 *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:*

1 Cor 12:12-27 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. **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. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: 25 That there

should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Ps 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

SUBMIT TO LEADERSHIP

The leadership in the Church has been set in order by God and the Church should acknowledge and understand this fact

Rom 13:1-7 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is*

good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Heb 13:17 *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

MAINTAIN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

The Bible outlines the standards of Christian life and believers should develop and maintain these standards in accordance with God's Word

Deut 6:18 *And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers,*

2 Tim 2:19 *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

Eph 4:1-2 *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

1 Cor 4:1-2 *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

MENTAL DISCIPLINE

A central focal point of the Christian life is learning to let the Spirit of God govern the mind.

Titus 2:12 *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

2 Tim 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

2 Cor 10:4-5 *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Eph 4:22-24 *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

PURITY

It is imperative that the purity of the believer include his thoughts, words, deeds, and behavior, and doctrine,

2 Cor 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God*

James 1:27 *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.*

Rom 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.*

Titus 2:7-10 *In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness,*

gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. 9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; 10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

1 Tim 5:22 *Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.*

DILIGENCE

Believers are expected to apply the spoken and written Word of God to their daily lives.

2 Peter 1:10 *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

2 Peter 3:14 *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

Heb 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that*

he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him

STEADFASTNESS

The believer is expected to be consistent and faithful in all things

2 Peter 3:17-18 *Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

1 Cor 15:58 *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.*

1 Peter 5:8-10 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that*

are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes and Offering are a believer's continuing expression of praise and worship unto God.

Prov 3:9 *Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*

1 Cor 16:1-3 *Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.*

2 Cor 9:7 *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

UNITY

It is God's desire that the Body of Christ strive together for the hope of the Gospel

Eph 4:3-6 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

1 Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Eph 4:13 *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*