

TENETS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE

House of Faith accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these statements as Fundamental Truths and Doctrine.

The Scriptures Inspired

The Bible is the inspired, authorized and authoritative Word of God, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (**2 Timothy: 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12**). The Old and New Testaments are divine supernatural revelation, God working through human agency to produce His words and actions.

The One True Godhead

Three (3) separate and distinct personalities comprise the Triune Godhead - The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit; co-equal and co-eternal, they are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity.

The Deity of Christ

Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh, the eternal Son of God, who became man, fully human – yet without sin. He was born of the Spirit through the agency of the Virgin Mary and was filled with the Spirit, through whom He lived a victorious and miraculous life, died a substitutionary and atoning death. He was bodily resurrected and ascended to the Father, where He continues to be the God-Man, fully God and fully Man, interceding on our behalf. He will return for His Church over which He maintains Lordship forever.

Man, His Fall and Redemption

Man was created good and upright, for God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”, but man, by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (***Genesis 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21***)

The Salvation of Man

a) Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood and redemptive work of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus Christ became sin for us, providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (***Isaiah 53:4-6***)

b) The evidence of Salvation.

The inward evidence of salvation to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. (***Romans 8:16***), the outward evidence to all men is love by which the believer lives a life of righteousness, true holiness, maintains a close relationship with the God-head and performs the works of Jesus Christ.

c) Faith and works.

Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works. This salvation is received through sincere repentance and a whole-hearted acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

Baptism in Water

The ordinance of water baptism by immersion is a must for all those who have repented and accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. He Himself left us the example passing it on to His disciples, with His death, burial and resurrection, symbolizing the outward visible sign of the inward spiritual conversion. (***Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4***) It portrays the death of the old sinful nature and a resurrection to the nature of Christ living in us. It is a sign and a proclamation to the world that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Master.

The Lord's Supper

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a commemorative act instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ and commanded to be observed by all believers. It is an established memorial of His total redemption of Mankind and a full restoration of all the First Adam relinquished. It is to be celebrated by His Church as we look forward to His coming again. (***Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26***).

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently desire and earnestly seek, the Promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, according to the command of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This was a normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (**Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31**)

This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the new birth sometimes occurring immediately or sometimes a while after the new birth. (**Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2. 6:1-8**) The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in private / public testimony and service (**Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6:1-8**).

The Church

The Church is the Body of Christ, comprised of believers who are the habitation of God through the Spirit. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the First Born, which is written in Heaven (***Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23***) The Great Commission to the Church is to go into all the world, in the authority and power of Jesus Christ, preaching the gospel to every creature, teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, making disciples of all men. (***Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-18***)

Our Blessed Hope

The hope of all believers is the personal future return of Jesus Christ, bodily visible and in full glory and power to set up His eternal kingdom (***1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1***). The Lake of Fire

Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (***Revelation 19:20. 20:10-15***)