

UPCE Articles of Faith

The United Pentecostal Church in Europe embraces the doctrine of the oneness of God with its Christological implications, and practices water baptism in the Name of Jesus. This is why they are considered as being part of the Pentecostal of the name of Jesus-Christ or apostolics.

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be inspired of God; the infallible Word of God.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Bible is the only God-given authority which man possesses; therefore, all doctrine, faith, hope, and all instruction for the church must be based upon, and harmonize with, the Bible. It is to be read and studied by all men everywhere, and can only be clearly understood by those who are anointed by the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:27).”... no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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 Peter 1:20, 21).

THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe in the one ever-living, eternal God: infinite in power, Holy in nature, attributes and purpose; and possessing absolute, indivisible deity.

The Scripture does more than attempt to prove the existence of God; it asserts, assumes and declares that the knowledge of God is universal. (Romans 1:19, 21, 28, 32; 2:15). God is invisible, incorporeal, without parts, without body, and therefore free from all limitations. He is Spirit (John 4:24).

The first of all the commandments is, “hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord” (Mark 12:29; Deuteronomy 6:4). “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:6).

EMANUEL: GOD WITH US

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (Hebrews 1:1,2). The invisible God promised to reveal himself and He fulfils it by the means of the body that He uses for the accomplishment of His work: "through the veil, that is, His flesh," (Hebrews 10:20).

"...Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God'" . (Hebrews 10:5-7). We believe that Jesus is God: John 20:28; Romans 9:5; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; 1 John 5:20. We believe that Jesus-Christ is truly God and truly man: Luke 18:18; John 5:27; 1 Corinthians 15:47. This only true God manifested Himself in the Old Testament in various forms. As Son when He walked among men, and as The Holy-Spirit prior His ascension

The one true God, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, took upon Himself the form of man, and as the Son of man, was born of the virgin Mary. As Paul says "and without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (1 Timothy 3:16). "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John 1:11). This one true God was manifest in the flesh, that is, in His Son Jesus Christ. ". . . God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. . ." (2 Corinthians 5:19).

We believe that, ". . . in Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:19). Therefore, Jesus in His humanity was man; in His deity was and is God. His flesh was the lamb, or the sacrifice of God. He is the only mediator between God and man. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Jesus on His Father's side was divine, on His mother's side, human; Thus, He was known as the Son of God and also the son of man, or the God-man.

"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" (1 Corinthians. 15:27).

“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” (1 Corinthians. 15:28). “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation. 1:8).

THE NAME

God used different titles, such as “God Elohim”, “El Shaddai”, “Jehovah”, and especially “Jehovah Lord”, the redemptive name in the Old Testament.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: ... and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). This prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled when the Son of God was named, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His People from their sins” (Matthew. 1:21).

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

CREATION OF MAN

In the beginning God created man innocent, pure and holy: “This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.” (Genesis 5:1-2) “And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female,”(Matthew 19:4)

THE FALL OF MEN

Because of the sin of disobedience, Adam and Eve, the first human beings, fell from their holy estate and God expelled them from Eden. Since then, because of the disobedience of one man, sin entered into the world.

“Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.” (Ecclesiastes 7:29)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23);

“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 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)

THE GRACE OF GOD: MAN'S SALVATION

Grace is the undeserved favour by which God rescues men enabling him to a new life, patiently ignoring man's past sins.

“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed...” (Romans 3:24-25)

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,”. (Titus 2:11-12)

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”. (John 1:17) The Christian believer should “keep himself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life”. (Jude 21) When a person transgresses and sins against God, he loses His favour. If he continues to commit sin and does not repent, he will be lost and cast into the lake of fire. (Read Hebrews 6: 4-6)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”. (Ephesians 2: 8)

FAITH

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11: 1)

Faith is the result of hearing, or receiving the Gospel of the grace of God.

“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 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”. (Romans 5: 2, 10,17)

“By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name”. (Romans 1: 5)

REPENTANCE AND CONVERSION

The word “repentance” comes from several Greek words which mean, change of views and purpose, change of heart, change of mind, change of life, to transform, etc.

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” (Isaiah 55:7; Luke 13:1-5). Genuine repentance is the confessing and forsaking of sins. John the Baptist preached repentance, Jesus proclaimed it, and the Apostles emphasised it to both Jews and Gentiles. Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38, 17:30).

WATER BAPTISM

The word Baptism means burial and immersion (Romans 6:4-5). The scriptural mode of baptism is immersion, and is only for those who have fully repented, having turned from their sins and a love of the world. It should be administered by a duly authorised minister of the Gospel, in obedience to the Word of God, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Acts of the Apostles 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5; thus obeying and fulfilling Matthew 28:19. “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:47)

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The terms “baptise with the Holy Ghost and fire,” “filled with the Holy Spirit,” and the “gift of the Holy Ghost” are synonymous terms used interchangeably in the Bible.

John the Baptist, in Matthew 3:11, said, “...He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”

Jesus, in Acts 1:5, said, “...ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

Luke tells us in Acts 2:4, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

It is scriptural to expect all who receive the gift, filling, or baptism of the Holy Spirit to receive the same physical, initial sign of speaking with other tongues.

The speaking with other tongues, as recorded in Acts 2:4, 10:46, and 19:6, and the gift of tongues, as explained in 1 Corinthians, chapters 12 and 14.

The Lord, through the Prophet Joel, said, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; ..." (Joel 2:28). Peter, in explaining this phenomenal experience, said, having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He (Jesus) hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." (Acts 2:33). Further, "...The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:39).

THE NEW BIRTH

The New Birth is the result of being begotten and born of the Word, and is reflected in the person through repentance, conversion and obedience to the gospel.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, unless one is born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." (John 3: 3).

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

"Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures." (James 1:18). "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever"(1 Peter 1:22, 23). "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."(1 John 3: 9). "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." (1 John 5: 4).

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The gifts are given to train members of the body of Christ, and proceed from God. They are never given for private use or for the enhancement of the person, as these gifts are a temporary manifestation of the Holy Spirit for profit, building the Church and spread the Gospel. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge

through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (1 Corinthians 12: 7-11). “But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.” (1 Corinthians 14: 3-4).

HOLINESS

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the spirit of our God”. (1 Corinthians 6: 11)

Godly living should characterise the life of every child of the Lord, and we should live according to the pattern and example given in the Word of God. “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,” (Titus 2:11-12).

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ‘Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth’; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;” (1 Peter 2:21-23).

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). “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.’ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:15-19).

DIVINE HEALING

The first covenant that the Lord (Jehovah) made with the children of Israel after they were brought out of Egypt was a covenant of healing. The Lord said, “. . . If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments

and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.” (Exodus 15:26).

Some translations read: “For I am Jehovah, thy physician,” He being our physician or doctor, we have the most capable in the whole world. Our Lord Jesus Christ went about Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people. (Matthew 4:23, 24).

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

The vicarious suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ paid for the healing of our bodies, the same as for the salvation of our souls, for with His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). Matthew 8:17 reads, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses” (See also 1 Peter 2:24).

We see from this that divine healing for the body is in the atonement. That being true, then it is for all who believe. Jesus said of believers, “...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:18). Later, James wrote in his Epistle to all the churches: “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)

THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ, and is made up by those that are called to the Gospel through the person and redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the cross, and joined by the obedience of the truth.

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”. (Matthew 16:18)

Its doctrine and practices are contained in the Word of God.

“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)

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”. (Ephesians 4:4)

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”. (Colossians 1:18)

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

The basic and fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

We shall endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come into the unity of the faith, at the same time admonishing all brethren that they shall not contend for their different views to the disunity of the body.

HOLY SUPPER OR COMMUNION

The communion of saints is the result of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, in order to reach the unity of faith.

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,” (Acts 2:42; 46).

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17).

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1: 5-7).

“The night He was betrayed, the Lord celebrated the Passover with the apostles, after which instituted the Holy Supper or the breaking of bread. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you’”. (Luke 22:19:20)

Paul instructed the church how to observe it. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come." (1 Corinthians 11: 27-34).

Thus was instituted the use of literal bread and the fruit of the vine, which are taken literally, as an emblem of His broken body and His shed blood. There is also a spiritual meaning and a blessing of taking part of Communion, which is in remembrance of His death and constitutes the confession that all who justly participate are one body.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A) It is the government that he exerts his Spirit in believers "... Behold the kingdom of God is within you". (Luke 17:21).

"For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 4:17).

B) Establishment of Jesus Christ, son of David, on the throne of Israel, and the millennium will be the glorious manifestation of the kingdom of Jesus Christ over all the earth. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11: 9).

"and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began

(Acts 3:20-21)

C) The new heavens and new earth are the third and last stage of the kingdom of God, "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, says the Lord, so shall your descendants and your name remain." (Isaiah 66:22 NKJV)

“Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” (2 Peter 3:13)

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.” (Revelation 21:1)

THE RESURRECTION

The resurrection is the hope of every Christian.

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19: 25-27)

“As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.” (Psalm 17:15)

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11: 25)

“but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,” (2 Timothy 1:10)

-THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ marks the hope of the Christian believer. “He, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.” (Acts 2: 31) Also read: Acts 4:2 and 1st. Corinthians 15: 1-20

-THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS:

The resurrection of the just is the promise of God through the Patriarchs, Prophets and the Apostles of the Lord as the culmination of the Christian race.

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Daniel 12: 2)

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22)

“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.” (Rev. 20: 5 -6)

-THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS:

There will be a resurrection of the unrighteous, in which God will bring them to the judgment before the Great White Throne. "Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17: 31)

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." (John 5: 28-29)

"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 anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20: 11; 15)

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

We believe that the time is approaching for the appearance of the Lord to take place. "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 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 4:13-17)

"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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15: 51-54).

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious

body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” (Philippians 3:20-21).

This great event will take place before the great tribulation. “Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. For behold, the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.” (Isaiah 26:20-21).

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” (Romans 5: 9).

“and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” (1 Thessalonians 1:10).

“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” (Rev. 3:10).

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

It is the wrath of God against this sinful world, and in this time God will turn to Israel to restore. “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.” (Daniel 12: 1).

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” (Matthew 24:21 -22).

“and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”. (2 Thessalonians 1: 7-9).

“Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an

ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”
(Jude verses 14-15).

THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD

Jesus is coming again the second time in person, just as He went away, this was clearly set forth by the Lord Jesus Himself, and it was preached and taught in the early church by the Apostles.

“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)

“And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 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: 10-11)

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.” (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

“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)

THE MILLENIUM

The millennium is the period of restoration of all things spoken by the prophets and apostles. “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; he will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2: 1-4). Read Isaiah 11: 110; Acts 3: 20-22 and Romans 8: 19-22. We understand that although the Scriptures teach the restitution of all, we cannot find where the devil, his angels, and all sinners, take part of

such restitution. "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (Revelation 20: 10).

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

All men who have died without Christ and those living upon the earth at the time of purification, will participate of the Final Judgment. This judgment will take place at the end of the millennium, and is also known as the Great White Throne Judgment. The Church will not be judged but will intervene in the judgment that God has prepared. "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). "in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." (Romans 2:16).

THE MINISTERIAL BODY

The ministry is a call of God, and the Holy Spirit entrusted to each minister the faculty of serving the church in distinct capacities and with distinct gifts, whose manifestations are all for the edifying of the body of Christ, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," (Ephesians 4:11-12) Read Romans 12: 6-8; 1 Corinthians 12: 5- 11). Although the calling to the ministry is of Divine origin, the Word of God contains sufficient teachings about the requirements that the candidate must meet to serve in the ministry, and it is up to the elders of the Church to examine the candidates for the ministry, and determine when they are worthy of approval. Read 1 Timothy 3:10; 4:14; 5:17.

THE MATRIMONY

We believe that the matrimony is a holy state that was established from the beginning and is honourable in all, and that should last till death shall separate them. (Genesis 2:21-24; Matthew 19:1-5; Hebrews 13: 4) And that is a union between a man and a woman according to the Scriptures. Matthew 19:4-5; Genesis 2:23-24; 1 Corinthians 7:39; Romans 7:1-3

All marriages should be verified according to the laws of the country and then solemnized by a ceremony at the Church. The couple that has not legalized their union and desire to be baptized, first they must comply with the requirements of the civil laws for their marriage.

We believe that the matrimony is a union that should last for as long that the spouses are living. At the death of one of them, the other one is free to marry again and does not sin, if it is done in the Lord. (Romans 7: 1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39)

Divorce:

Divorce is only feasible when the situation is adjusted to that which is stipulated in the Word of God. Matthew 19:9 teaches us that is the innocent party that may have use of the right of remarrying.

No minister should marry a member of the Church to an unbeliever person. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN

Tithing is God's financial plan to provide for His work, and has been since the days of Abraham. Tithing came with faith under Abraham. Moses' law commanded it, and Israel practiced it when they were right with God; Jesus endorsed it in Matthew 23:23, We should not rob God of His portion, His tithes and offerings. Read: Hebrew 7: 2-10; Malachi 3

THE STATE AND THE CHURCH

We are in agreement with the separation of the State and the Church, and that neither one of them should intervene in the internal affairs of each other. The Bible supports this idea: "Render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are Gods". (Mark 12: 17).

The Christian Believer may participate of civic activities that are in accordance to his criteria, and political inclinations, but always reflecting his personal views and ideas, and not that of the Church, which is always neutral and have the capacity to admit all men at the same time respecting the personal views as long that they conform to the Bible.

All the members of the Church should obey and adhere to all civil authorities and to the disposition of the laws which emanate from them, as long that such laws don't contradict His principles and religious beliefs or force them to do things against their conscience.

Read: Romans 13:1-17

SECRET SOCIETIES

According to the Word of God, we firmly believe and hold that the people of God should have no connection whatever with secret societies or any other organization or body wherein there is a fellowship with unbelievers, bound by an oath.