This document is the Official Fundamental Doctrinal Beliefs & Statement of Faith Declarations of Open Heaven Christian Church Written by Apostle, Pastor & Teacher Joel Martin.

Anyone who desires to become a member of Open Heaven Christian Church must come into agreement with all the doctrinal beliefs and teaching of the church or they can not become a member of this assembly. All who desire to be part of this assembly must agree with the doctrines taught at the church or they should seek another church that will allow any wind of doctrine. James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. The bible is clear – Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

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OPEN HEAVEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH STATEMENTS OF OUR FAITH

- BYLAWS AND BELIEFS IMPLEMENTED BY THE CHURCH -

The great commission Instituted by Jesus Christ to make Disciples

To bring all peoples, nations and tongues the salvation gospel message and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that we all must be born-again to enter the kingdom of God. John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." In the great commission the Lord instructs his Apostles to go into "all the world" and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: - The word the Lord used is "teach" and the original word in the Greek means: "to be a disciple, to make a disciple." - Jesus also taught that anyone who is not willing to become a disciple of Jesus is none of his Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Also Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Believers continued is the doctrines or teaching Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Eternal Salvation is by Faith in Jesus Christ

The gift of salvation is offered by God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Salvation is offered to everyone by the love and grace of God through the redemptive work and bloodshed of Jesus Christ on the cross. Any sinners whom the Holy Spirit quickens, come to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior by faith in the word of God, and are born-again to become children of God, and will be persevered to the end of time. Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" and Romans 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by his [Jesus] blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Only One Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ

Salvation alone is in Jesus Christ and through His shed blood at Calvary on the cross, and that there is no other name in which anyone can and must be saved. Acts 4:12 "Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." any person who will call on the name of Jesus Christ can and

will be saved. Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

If anyone thinks or believes that there is any other way to God the Father, they are in error and the leadership of the church must address their understanding in all meekness and love. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Only in Jesus Christ alone is salvation offered by God, No other gods can save. Jesus Christ is the only way to God the Father and the good news of the Gospel of God's salvation is only found in Jesus Christ. This gospel must be published to all the world as a witness to the world before Jesus Christ returns to judge the living and the dead. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! The only eternal and the only way to God the Father whereby one must be saved. Acts 4:12 "Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Also John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Justification & Righteousness By Faith in Jesus Christ Alone

One is only justified before God and made righteous before Him once they have repented of their sins and have asked God to forgive them of all unrighteousness. The undeserving sinner is then clothed with in the righteousness [right standing] with God upon receiving Jesus Christ. Romans 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience [Adam] many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus Christ] shall many be made righteous." Righteousness is Given by ones Faith in Jesus Christ only, and not by one's own works. Christians are made perfect - [mature] and righteous and in right-standing with God by faith in Jesus Christ and not by trying to approach or please God by thinking we are justified in our flesh or by our own works. Only by our "Faith" in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 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." Also, Galatians 3:10 "foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministered to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

God manifested in three entities as "one" simultaneously, there is only one God, eternal and self-existing in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) who are to be equally loved, honored, and adored. John 14:16 "And I [Jesus] will pray the Father [Heavenly Father], and he shall give you another Comforter [Holy Spirit], that he may abide with you forever;"

The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Savior of the body.

The body of Jesus Christ are those who have been born from above and all must be born again in order to be part of his church.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

God has a divine Kingdom and Jesus is the King who is ruling his church

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Within the Kingdom of God is his divine structure of the church and a divine order in which God works both in the earth and in heaven. This kingdom is not visible to the human eye but lives within every born again believer and through the obedience of believers in Jesus Christ are his marvelous wonders and works are being accomplished in the earth today.

John 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

All born again believers have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of light when they became a believer and follower of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Gving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Jesus Christ is Both God and the only begotten Son of God

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

When God said let there be light in Genesis chapter one, it was Jesus who was speaking and created all things.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Nehemiah 9:6 Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Jesus the is the image of God the Father and Savior of the world

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them

The True Word of God is The Holy Bible and no other book is required by God

Both the Old Testament & New Testament are given to man and is inspired and breathed upon by God. The Church teaches the entire "Bible" as the inspired and inerrant, perfect, and complete word of God as the only infallible rule of faith and practice for every believer to live by. 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." God watches over his word and preforms and confirms his word with signs following every believer who does the will of God.

Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

The Lord will not confirm anything on this earth but his own word to preform his will in the earth. Nothing can replace his eternal word. No man-made earthly programs, philosophies of men, or doctrines and traditions of men could ever get God to preform his word with miraculous signs to follow any ministry in the earth, the only ministries that God confirms as genuine are the ministries that uphold and adhere to the eternal word of the Lord as revealed in the scriptures.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

All ministries and members of the church must adhere to the eternal word of the Lord and nothing and no one must never change what is in the written word of God or they will be in danger of hell fire on the day of judgment. Nothing else can be added or taken away as it is written in the bible, the word must be preached exactly as it is written because it is the inspired word of God.

Revelation 22:18 And <u>if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy</u>, <u>God will take away his share in the tree of life and the holy city</u>, which are described in this book. 19 And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, <u>God will take away his share in the tree of life and the holy city</u>, which are described in this book.

The gospel must be preach and proclaimed until Christ returns.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

Sound Doctrine Must Be Preached

All Christians must be aware of time when many will turn away from the true gospel because they could not endure sound doctrine. 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will

come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Also 1 Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

Ministry Accountability at the church

No one at the church is permitted to minister or lead fellow believers at Open Heaven Christian Church without first being called by the Lord to minister in the capacity in which the Lord has called them. All ministers and ministries established within the church will be held to high standards of accountability in accordance to the scriptures. Any minister who rejects or opposes the doctrines taught in scripture by our Lord Jesus Christ will be removed from their ministry office and duties they conduct within the church and will not minister at the church in any ministry until they have repented of any doctrinal error they commit. All ministries will be held accountable first by the Lord, and by the established leadership of the church that the Lord has set in the church. This excludes no one from accountability.

Ministries at the Church

The only ministries that the church recognizes are the ones who the Lord has set within the church as mentioned in the scriptures. And all ministries are placed by God in divine order giving greater authority the Apostles within the church and then the following ministries established by the Lord within the church as we see clearly taught in Ephesians 4. Ephesians 4:11 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: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

In addition to the five leadership ministries, the church will have helps ministries that should attend to the needs of the church during fellowship of believers in which they will partake in

the upkeep of the church. No women will be allowed to minister in any of the five leadership ministries within the church. Women may hold a helps ministry but not a leadership office at the church. Women are to remain silent in the church when it comes to doctrinal teachings but not silent in their witness of Jesus Christ in their life.1 Corinthians 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Also in 1Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

If anyone including the leadership of this church ignores this teaching in regard to the role of women who desire to teach in the church, they shall be removed from ministry at the church and if they do not repent they will be asked to leave the church for ignoring the teachings of the scriptures. Women have roles within the church but they are not allowed to teach or instruct others members of the church in any doctrine or teachings within the church structure. All things must be done decently and in order as the Lord commands his church.

Fellowship of Believers known as the body and bride of Jesus Christ who serve the Lord

The Church must always be a safe haven for Christians to meet and gathers weekly to fellowship to strengthen one each others faith and to pray for one another. 1 Thessalonians

5:11 "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.", 1 John 1:3 "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.", Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Also, Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers". The church is not a place where unbelievers meet, the church is a community of "believers in Christ" that go out into all the world to preach to unbelievers and if unbelievers convert to the Lord Jesus Christ by repenting of their sins and believing that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father then an unbeliever should be invited to attend the church and be disciplined in the word by the established ministries of the church. The first established church is found in Acts 2 and they – the church were all together praying and then went out into the world to preach to unbelievers.

All Disciples are Servants in the Kingdom of God and Held Accountable

After one has become a born-again Christian, they are held accountable by God to serve in His Kingdom and do good works to Glorify God. Salvation in the life of the Christian is to live in holiness- [to be set set-apart] and fear the Lord by obeying his word and begin doing good works because they are saved, and willing to serve for the service and glory of God. A Christian does good works because they are saved and not because good works can save them. Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." All servants are also held accountable in their every day walk with the Lord by the church and its members. If they are living in sin they must be addressed in love and addressed first by the leadership of the church and by its members who can also help in restoring his or her brother or sister.

Overseers in the leadership of the Church Are to Watch Over the Congregation

Jesus taught that the ministry and staff of the Church are to watch over the congregation keeping a watchful eye on any messengers of Satan that may be sent to the Church. This is very common in many Churches worldwide and even the pastor(s) are not aware that the devil has sent a messenger dressed in sheep's clothing but inwardly are raging wolves ministers of darkness. This was also common in the first century Church. Acts 20:29 "For I [Paul the Apostle] know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Also, Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I [Jesus Christ] send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Accountability in the Body of Christ

God holds all ministers, lay person, and born-again believers accountable to God for every word they teach, and accountable to the administration of their God given gifts and talents that God has given them. All ministers, lay person, and born-again believers should learn to walk in their calling from God using their God given gifts and talents in the Church to reach others for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. All born-again Christians are to be a witness of the gospel and share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

Church Attendance

All believers are held accountability before God in Church Attendance. God holds all believers accountable to assembly and gather in attendance. All born-again believers are expected by God to attend Church regularly as found in scripture. — Hebrews 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." Many times, some people will waste an entire weekend doing activities they may enjoy but will not give God a few hours of dedication and honor in service. One must ask themselves why God would set ministries in the Church if He did not want people to attend or forsake an assembling in Church?

Ordination by God Ministries Ordained by God to Serve in The Church

God has established a worldwide Church where he has set various ministries. – 1 Corinthians 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. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." – Note: Some may say I do not need to go to Church because I'm already a Christian and I am the Church according to scripture, yes that's true we all are the Church, but one must ask themselves why then would God set and establish ministries in the Church to assemble together if God did not want YOU attending a Church? If you do not attend a good bible believing Christian Church, we encourage you to obey God by joining with us weekly or find a good bible believing Christian Church and join their assembly so you can grow in the love, knowledge, and power of Jesus Christ!

All Sin must be confessed to the Lord and repentance of sin must take place

If any member of the church is living in sin they must be addressed by the church. Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

All sins must be brought to the Lord in prayer and the person living in sin must confess their sins to the Lord and turn away from a life of sin. Sin is of the devil and not of God. 1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Love One Another as Christ has loved us

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

If anyone within the church does not walk in the love of God they will be considered a reprobate who denies the truth and God calls them a liar.

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

The Lord commands all his children to love one another. This is not a request but a command from the Lord Jesus Christ. John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Philippians 2:3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Doctrinal Errors being promoted among members of the church

If any member within the church promotes any teachings that are contrary to the doctrines that the church teaches, any person who hears another promoting error in doctrines are to bring it to the attention of the leadership of the church immediately so a minister within the church can address their scriptural error that they have committed. After a minister has addressed their error a second time and the brother or sister refuses to repent of their error and accept correction by a minister of the church, they will be asked to leave the assembly and prayers for them will be made.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Titus 3:10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; 11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. Also 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Water Baptism by full submersion in water

Obedience to water Baptism as Jesus Christ taught by administering full submersion in water baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost and making disciples of all nations by teaching people faith in God and the word of God - the bible. Teaching people to walk in a mature manner before God so they can live a victorious Christian life in Christ Jesus the Lord. Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" The Church only baptizes born-again people in full water submersion after they profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have repented of all their sins. People who believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior may receive water baptism. The Church teaches that any believer who is living must and should obey and be water baptized as the scripture

teach in Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit infilling believers with the promised gift of God

The promise of The Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ taught was a promise of God the Father which would be given to born-again believers only. The Holy Spirit would guide and lead those who have accepted Jesus Christ and are Born-Again. All born-again Christians have the Holy Spirit and should seek and ask God to fill them with his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will indwell any believer who ask God to come and indwell them by filling them with the Holy Spirit. John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Also, John 15:26 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." And Luke 11:13 "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

The Baptism is the infilling of the Holy Spirit in a Born-Again Christian who has asked God to fill them with His Holy Spirit. The evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the gift of tongues, an unknown tongue as we read in scripture. Acts 19:1 "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve." Also, Matthew 3:11 "I i.e., John the Baptist] indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he [Jesus Christ] that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:" And Acts 2:1 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father by Jesus Christ and God desires to baptize every believer with the Holy Spirit and it will be like a river of water flowing out of them and they shall speak in a heavenly language called tongues that will come upon them like fire as they speak in tongues.

Acts 1:4 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; <u>but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost</u> not many days hence.

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.

As they waited in prayer in the upper room they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Spirit of God to go out and preach boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 2:1 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.

As the Apostles went and preached, the Holy Ghost fell on them that believed and joined the local church assembly and were also commanded to be baptized in water. Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

The out pouring of the Holy Spirit was promised by the prophet Joel in the Old Testament. Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Healing and deliverance to those who are hurting and sick in accordance to the teachings of Jesus in Mark chapter 16:17 when he said "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents -[note: not literal serpents]; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

If any member of the church is sick, they should call the leaders of the church to pray for them and anoint them with oil and the prayer of faith will save the sick who has stepped out in faith and desires to be prayed for. The leadership of the church must also include in their prayers deliverance prayers and cast out all demonic spirits of infirmity as Jesus did.

If the person who is sick does not want to be prayed for, the leadership must not lay hands on them nor pray any healing or deliverance prayers for them. Instead pray that the Lord give them faith to receive their healing and deliverance. If the sick person holds any unforgiveness in their heart towards anyone, their prayer for healing and deliverance will be hindered and the person will remain sick until they have repented and confessed their fault and sins of unforgiveness. If they do not hold unforgiveness the Lord will raise them up and heal and deliver them from their sickness.

James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14 Is any sick among you? 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: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Luke 13:10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

All glory of any healing must always be given to God. Jesus is the Healer not any man. Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

The Carnal Flesh Man and the Inner Man

The flesh man in Adam all die, the inner man in Christ is made alive and lives eternally with God upon being born-again. All humanity participated in Adam's fall from his original sinless state and is thus lost in sin and totally helpless until he/she is born-again from above. 1 Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." and Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Also 2 Corinthians 4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

Love of the Father

The love of God the Father is offered to anyone who will receive Jesus Christ His Only begotten Son. The sovereign God for no other reason than his own unfathomable love and mercy, has chosen lost sinners from every nation to be redeemed by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit and through the atoning death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Literal Physical Bodily Resurrection

A literal physical bodily resurrection from the grave will occur when Jesus Christ returns. At death, the Christian's spirit is in the presence of God, the physical body remains in the grave (or wherever the body is) until the appointed day of the Lord when Jesus Christ will return. God will gather their physical body and they are physically resurrected from the grave (or wherever the body is) and transformed into their new glorified heavenly body to meet the Lord in the air. The new body will be immortal and never die. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [those that have died, the physically dead], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep [the dead]. 16 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 – [note: the dead in Christ is evidence the dead are in Christ even while they are dead, aka sleep] 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. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words "

Bodily Transformation

Flesh Can Not Be Saved, one Is transformed at the resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [aka die], but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump [at the second coming of Jesus]: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead [aka they that sleep] shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed [aka transformed and given a new heavenly physical immortal body]. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rejecting Christ Causes Eternal Damnation

Anyone who rejects Jesus Christ is already eternally dammed. An unbeliever's spirit, soul and body are eternally separated from God unto eternal judgment and damnation to a place called Hell because they have rejected the only hope of salvation that God offers to them through Jesus Christ. Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Also, John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." and, Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The Return of Jesus Christ

The Imminent Return of Jesus Christ Jesus Christ will return to again earth, visibly and in bodily form, at a time when He is not expected. His return will consummate history and the eternal plan of God. Acts 1:9 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Also, Revelation 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, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

The Judgment of God When Jesus Christ Returns Again

Jesus Christ will judge all at His appearing – The Second Coming 1 Peter 4: 1"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick [the living] and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

God has Given Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit to believers

All God given spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit are at work today. Teach all the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given by God to men and women for the edification of the body of Christ. All God given spiritual gifts are actively in operation in the Church today as found in 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Evil Spirits Can and Do Cause Sicknesses and Illnesses

Many Christians are not aware of evil spirits that can cause sicknesses and illnesses. The Church teaches deliverance from demonic activity caused by evil spirits [aka demons] in a person's life. Evil spirits can and do in many instances cause demonic physical manifestations in one's spirit, soul and body. This may be the root cause of one's illnesses and/or sicknesses.

Jesus Christ [God in the flesh] came to earth teaching and preaching deliverance from evil spirits through the casting out of demons. Jesus commanded the Apostles to "go preach the gospel and cast out devils" and by doing so, people received divine healing through the miracle of casting out devils. The scriptures teach that casting out of devils are miracles performed by God to set at liberty all who are oppressed by the devil. Deliverance from demons is available to anyone who will call on the name of Jesus Christ. John 10:10 "The thief cometh [Satan] not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, I [Jesus Christ] am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." And 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" Also, Matthew 12:22 "Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw." And Acts 8:7 "For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed, or lame were healed." And Matthew 8:16 "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." God never causes sickness, only the devil can make one sick. Sickness can also be manifested in physical form in a person's body and soul, including mental sickness as well.

God Never Causes Sickness

God may allow sickness, but God never causes anyone to be sick. No sickness or illnesses come from God. The devil is the author of all sicknesses. Jesus taught that Satan [the devil] has a purpose to destroy a person's entire life but Jesus came to destroy all the works of the devil. Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" Jesus promoted healing and deliverance by exposing who the author of sickness really is – The Devil. Matthew 8:16 "When the even was come, they brought unto him [i.e., Jesus] many that were possessed with devils: and he [JESUS] cast out the spirits with his word and healed all that were sick:" Satan is the author of all sicknesses. Luke 13:16 "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

Deliverance Minister Accountability

God holds those called to the ministry accountable in ministering the gospel message of salvation including the preaching deliverance from demonic spirits and healing to the body

of Jesus Christ. It is the reasonability of those ministering not to neglect preaching deliverance and cast out all demonic evil spirits as the Lord leads. Matthew 10:8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Also, any believer who is sick in soul or body should desire and request prayer and desire to be ministered deliverance to by ministers who will pray in faith by the laying on of hands and anointing them with oil as found in James 5:13 "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. 14 Is any sick among you? 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: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The Tithe & Offerings

An ordinance ordained by God. While the New Testament never speaks on tithing. Tithing was never to be excluded because the bible teaches that "all scripture" meaning both old and new testaments are inspired by God and to be understood correctly by believers. The book of Malachi teaches us concerning the tithe [aka 10% of one's earned income] and freewill offerings. Tithing and offerings require faith on a believer's part. Nowhere in the bible does God ever say to "try him" to see if He will not pour out a blessing upon you except concerning the tithe and offering. Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return? 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove [i.e., Test] me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts." Also, 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." And 2 Corinthians 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."

Signs and Wonders

Signs and Wonder in The Church - Avoiding Sensationalism and seek God The New Testament teaches that God did many miracles by the hands of the Apostles. Acts 5:12 "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." As Christians one should never seek after signs or wonders because the devil can and does manifest himself in "lying wonders – i.e., Lying miracles" – The Church must and always should only seek "The Lord" and the Lord will manifest his true wonders as the Holy Spirit wills. The bible teaches that the "Signs" follow the believer and not that the believer is following signs. Mark 16:17 "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;" The only "signs" given to a Christian is that "they shall cast out devils in Jesus Christ name and they shall speak with new tongues. Christians must never seek after any other signs because it will open the door to Satan and his lying wonders 2 Thessalonians 2:9 "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." Also Mark 8:12 "And he [Jesus] sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, there shall no sign be given unto this generation."

Satan is Defeated and Has No Power In The Church

The Devil Has No Power Over the Church We believe and teach that the devil, nor his kingdom has no power over the Church or any Church that Jesus Christ the Lord is building. - Mark 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I [Jesus Christ] will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Also, James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Every Christian Must Engage in Spiritual Warfare. The Church is required to engage in the spiritual battle against the devil and all that is evil. All Christians are to "resist the devil" and he will flee [i.e., leave you] from you. The Church must be fully trained in combating Satan and his demons. Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness arrayed, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one [i.e.., the devil]. 17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Also, 2 Corinthians 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not

carnal [i.e.., fleshly or earthly], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)" And Revelation 12:12 "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Avoid & Reject Foolish Debates

The Church is instructed to avoid debates that cause confusion and division. The bible teaches that that Church is to avoid foolish debates that cause divisions and contentions. Titus 3: "But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10 A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; 11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself" Also Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Communion

The Church is to offer a weekly communion memorial ceremony in obedience to scripture, the Church partakes in a weekly communion memorial ceremony by - [breaking of bread & fruit of the vine] as a memorial acknowledging and remembering the blood Jesus Christ shed for all our sins and his body that was broken and bruised for all our iniquities. Luke 22:14 "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: "this do in remembrance of me." 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Jesus Christ Bore All Our Iniquities Isaiah 53: "He [Jesus Christ] is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he [Jesus Christ] 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. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He [Jesus Christ] was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,

so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He [Jesus Christ] was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

The bodily physical imminent return of Jesus Christ! – John 14:3 "And if I [Jesus Christ] go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." & Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." note: The Church [body of Christ] must be ready to meet Jesus when he appears in the clouds! – Matthew 26:64 "Jesus saith unto him, thou hast said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven."

The Millennial Reign

The Millennial Reign is a one thousand year time after the Church has been taken up to meet the Lord in the clouds and are taken into heaven tin the Holy City New Jerusalem. Then after the one thousand years time period has passed, the Lord will return to the earth with all the Saints and His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives and the holy city shall be brought down from heaven and all the saints who were living in the Holy City New Jerusalem in heaven will return to the new earth to inherit a new Earth and live with Jesus Christ forever in the newly restored earth with Christ reigning forever and ever as King and ruler for eternity.

Matthew 5:5 meek shall inherit the earth

Psalms 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her

husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

--- End of Statement of Faith - UPDATED October 01st, 2024 ---

The Church must get and be ready to meet Jesus Christ who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God richly bless you with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus – Amen.

If anyone have any questions about the Official Church Doctrinal Beliefs and/or would like to become an official member of Open Heaven Christian Church, feel free to contact Pastor Martin by email or by phone: +1.870.276.9090 to discuss an official membership.

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Please pray for the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit on Open Heaven Christian Church as God continues to establish His Church.

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The Church also has a YouTube Channel to reach those who are lost or need ministering.

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All Christian are always welcomed to visit the Church and partake in communion and other helps ministry without becoming an official member of Open Heaven Christian Church, however we expect all to respect the fellowship of assembled believers as they visit and they may not participate in any bishopric authoritative position in the Church unless they believe, observe and are in full agreement of the entire doctrinal teachings and statement of faith of Open Heaven Christian Church.

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