

THE APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT CHURCH

Statement of Beliefs and Practices

Beliefs

1 The Divine Inspiration, Authority and Sufficiency of the Bible and its consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2 The Unity of the Godhead, with the distinction of Persons in that Unity, namely the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to whom equal honour is due. The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, in creation, providence, revelation, redemption, sanctification, and final judgement.

3 (a) Jesus Christ, the Son of God, truly became man, being begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

(b) His death on the cross and the shedding of His blood were substitutionary in character and constituted a sacrifice to God and a propitiation for the remission of sins. His death is the only ground of reconciliation and redemption from the guilt and power of sin and its eternal consequences.

(c) He was raised from the dead in bodily form.

(d) He ascended to the right hand of God, where he presides as head of the church and is now the all-sufficient High Priest of His people.

(e) His personal and visible return in power and glory will consummate the believer's salvation and He will receive His Church unto Himself and to set up His Kingdom.

4 God the Holy Spirit illuminates the believer. He is responsible for the work of regeneration and sanctification. He indwells every believer and this begins at the time of conversion. He empowers for godly living and spiritual service. It is the responsibility of every believer to be filled with the Spirit.

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5 Man was created sinless but through temptation by Satan became sinful and thereby brought the whole human race under the just condemnation of God and eternal separation from Him. Eternal salvation for mankind is through repentance and faith in the finished work of Christ.

6 Justification of the sinner before God is by faith alone. Every justified one is also born of God. Such new birth results in and is made evident by holiness of life and good works.

7 (a) That at death the spirit of man does not cease to exist, or become unconscious. (b) That the dead will be raised either to life or to condemnation; and that the blessedness of the righteous and the punishment of the unrighteous will be alike eternal.

(c) That believers must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

8 The priesthood of all believers in the Lord Jesus who are members of the one, eternal and universal church, which is the body of which Christ is the head. The church is committed by the command of Christ to proclaim the gospel throughout the whole world.

Practices

1. The preaching of the Word of God and the teaching of the truths set out in the Doctrines above mentioned.

2. Regular meetings for worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship; outreach to the locality; and involvement in world mission.

3. The observance of the ordinance of Believer's Baptism by immersion on personal confession of faith.

4. The commemoration of the Lord's death in the Breaking of Bread on the first day of the week in so far as circumstances allow. 5. Each local church is composed of professed believers and is autonomous in government. It has as its model the New Testament practice of plurality of leaders equipped with appropriate spiritual gifts.

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6. The reception as members of the church of all believers known to be sound in faith and giving satisfactory evidence of being Godly in life.

7. The conducting of meetings for worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with opportunity for the exercise in the church of all true gifts for edification subject to the Lordship of Christ.