

Core Beliefs and Positions

Sixteen Fundamental Truths

1) We Believe

The Scriptures are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.

2) We Believe

There is only One True God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).

3) We Believe

In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, as God's son Jesus was both human and divine.

4) We Believe

Though originally good, man willingly fell to sin, ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.

5) We Believe

Every person can have restored fellowship with God through **salvation** (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior).

6) We Believe

and practice two ordinances—(1) **water baptism** by immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) **holy communion** (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.

As a part of our fellowship of the Assemblies of God, and in order to make clear our position in other areas related to doctrinal questions, we recognize these statements as our **Sixteen Fundamental Truths**.

Salvation

of Man



Ordinances of the Church



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7) We Believe

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a special experience following salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.

8) We Believe

The initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues, as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.

9) We Believe

Sanctification initially occurs at salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christlike.

10) We Believe

The Church has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.

11) We Believe

A divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the Church. The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church and to meet human need with ministries of love and compassion.

Acts 8:14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. 15 As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. 16 The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

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12) We Believe

Divine healing of the sick is a privilege for Christians today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins).

13) We Believe

in **the Blessed Hope**—when Jesus raptures His Church prior to His return to Earth (the second coming). At this future moment in time, all believers who have died will rise from their graves and will meet the Lord in the air, and Christians who are alive will be caught up with them to be with the Lord forever.

14) We Believe

in the millennial reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for one thousand years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.

15) We Believe

A final judgment will take place for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.

16) We Believe

and look forward to the perfect New Heaven and a New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth. 'And so shall we forever be with the Lord!'

1 Thessalonians 4:16
For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died[h] will rise from their graves. **17** Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. (NLT)

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Four Core Beliefs

These four foundational doctrines recognize the role of Jesus Christ as Savior, Christ as the baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Christ as the divine healer, and Christ as a soon-coming King.

Salvation of Man | The Baptism of the Holy Spirit | Divine Healing
The Blessed Hope

Salvation

Man's Only Hope

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God

Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13–15; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11, 3:5–7

The Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit.
Romans 8:16

The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12

"Romans Road" to Salvation

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Expectation

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Distinction

This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. Acts 8:12-17; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:14-16; Acts 15:7-9

With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as:

- An overflowing fullness of the Spirit. John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8
- A deepened reverence for God Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28
- An intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work Acts 2:42
- A more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost Mark 16:20

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

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Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers.

Isaiah 53:4–5; Matthew 8:16–17; James 5:14–16

The Blessed Hope

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

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Statement Regarding Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We Believe

God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We Believe

The term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.

We Believe

God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We Believe

Any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex) is sinful and offensive to God.

We Believe

God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We Believe

Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church.