

Lighthouse Family Worship Center

-TENETS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE-

The Lighthouse accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the following Statements of Fundamental Truths and Doctrine:

Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15; I Peter 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12).

Section 2. Jesus Christ. The creator, the alpha, the omega, the beginning and the end. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (Deut. 6:4-5).

Section 3. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let Us make man in Our Image, after Our Likeness". But, man by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

Section 4. The Salvation of Man.

- (a) Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103.3), being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace we are saved through faith. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart – that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in salvation" (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:8-10).
- (b) The Evidence of Salvation. The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (I John 3:23).
- (c) Faith and Works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity (Romans 10:9-10); Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 14:20-21; and II Cor. 5:10).

Section 5. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Act 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4).

Section 6. The Lord's Supper. "And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me". In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup (I Cor. 11:24, 25, 28).

Section 7. The Promise of The Father. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in The Holy Ghost 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 endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; I Cor. 12:1-31).

Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in The Holy Spirit. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit, in comparison to the infilling or the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in believers as it was with John the Baptist, is evidenced by the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as The Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of Spiritual power in public testimony and service (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2-6; 1:8).

Section 9. The Church. The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Holy Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in Heaven (Eph. 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:33).

Section 10. Total Prosperity.

- (a) Spiritual. John 3:3, 11; II Cor. 5:17-21; Romans 9:9-10.
- (b) Mental. II Tim. 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 25:3.
- (c) Physical. Isaiah 53:4,5; Matt. 8:17; I Peter 2:24.
- (d) Financial. III John 1:2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:6-10; Deut. 28:1-14.
- (e) Social. Proverbs 3:4.

Section 11. Blessed Hope. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven (I Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:16-17; and II Thess. 2:1).

Section 12. The Lake of Fire. Those who have not accepted the redemption work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil whose name was not found written in the book of life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

Section 13. The Millennial Reign of Jesus. The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His Saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised (Romans 11:25-27; II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-7). After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21)