



## Our Beliefs and Convictions

### i. Our Beliefs

We believe the inspired, the infallible, & authoritative Word of God is the Bible, and additionally, the voice of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 119:104; Matthew and Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16). However, the voice, word, impressions, and leading of the Holy Spirit must always align with the Bible and should be spiritually appraised (Luke 24:27; John 6:63,10:27-28; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16).

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three co-equal and perfectly unified persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7).

We believe in both the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious & atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (John 1:1-4; Ephesians 2:13-18; Revelation 19-20).

We believe in the blessed hope, the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We believe the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9,13-18; 1 John 1:7).

We believe that God's saving grace is resistible, that election unto salvation is conditional on faith in Christ, and that persevering in faith is necessary for final salvation (Ephesians 1:13; 1 Timothy 2:4; Titus 2:11; Revelation 3:5).

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (Titus 3:5; John 3:5-8).

We believe in the present ministry and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly and holy life (Romans 6:3-14, 8:1-2,11).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (Revelation 20:5-6,11-15).



## ii. Our Convictions

1. Doctrine - We hold fast to fundamental Christian belief and theology. Furthermore, as Charismatic Christians we believe in freedom of expression in God (2 Corinthians 3:17), the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), the grace gifts (Romans 12:6-8), and the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11);

2. Bible - "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17);

3. Holy Spirit - We wholeheartedly recognise & earnestly desire the Holy Spirit. We are His assignment & mission as He wants us to make Jesus real and famous in our world or sphere of influence. A Christian must have a real, constant "living & alive" relationship with Creator God Himself through His Holy Spirit (John 10:27-30, 14:16-21, 16:5-15), in that we speak to Him, hear His voice, & experience Him through His anointing, presence, and glory. To know God is not something that is mystical for a chosen few, such as Ministers, or even Prophets (Hebrews 1:1-2), as He is open to anyone who chooses and surrenders to receive Him (John 17:3; Jeremiah 31:33-34);

4. Salvation - We hold fast to the fact that an individual must confess that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Saviour, including the belief that He rose from the dead, and is God the Son (Romans 10:9-10; John 1:1-4,14;3:3,5-8,13-21). However, this confession and change of heart is only the entrance or doorway to eternal life. Salvation fundamentally is a committed life set-apart unto God, His kingdom, and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:3-9,13-25; and Hebrews 3:12-19);

5. Baptism (i.e. Water and the Holy Spirit) - We believe in water baptism as an outward declaration that you are no longer living for yourself but for God (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-7). Additionally, we believe that the "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is with the initial evidence of "speaking in tongues" (Acts 1:7-8,2:1-4,8:14-17,10:44-48), and it empowers you for successful Christian living (Mark 1:8; Acts 1:8; Jude 20);

6. Prayer - "I have called upon You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech" (Psalm 17:6); "Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand" (1 Corinthians 14:15). So, we are called to both pray in the Spirit and with the understanding, and in so actively praying we must be persistent, effective, fervent, and speaking or crying out unto God (Luke 11:1-13; James 5:16-18). In particular, the



Bible strongly exhorts Christians that in a corporate prayer meeting we must not be silent or of a very low volume (Psalm 77:1, 148:5; 1 Peter 2:9; and Acts 4:23-31);

7. Unity - "that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21);

8. Equipping - "And He gave some as Apostles, and some as Prophets, and some as Evangelists, and some as Pastors and Teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13);

9. Discipleship - Our hope is to disciple people (not just teach them) on royal dominion (Genesis 1:26-31; 1 Peter 2:9-10). A vital part of this is imparting fatherhood and manhood into both the family and the church, as Satan is doing his best to emasculate our society (Malachi 4:5-6). Additionally, we are all called in the love of Christ to pass on the baton of our lives & inheritance for others to be blessed, even more than ourselves (Proverbs 13:22; Ephesians 4:16; Matthew 28:19; John 15:16). Primarily, the purpose of Christian discipleship is to enable people to successfully function on their own in life as royal priests with Spirit inspired purpose, ever becoming more like the Lord Jesus Christ in wisdom, knowledge, and behaviour;

10. Empowering Relationships - "and let us consider how to motivate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25);

11. Giving - "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7);

12. Faith - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Hebrews 11:1,6).

And More!