

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS (abridged)

WE BELIEVE:

1. The Scriptures [the Bible] are inspired by God and are our standard for faith and Christian lifestyle¹
2. There is only One True God – revealed in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit²
3. In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; as God's son Jesus was both human and divine³
4. Man was Created Innocent but Willingly Fell Into Sin; ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world⁴
5. Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (the "new birth" experience)⁵
6. 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 salvation⁶
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit Experience in addition to Salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times⁷
8. 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 Epistles⁸
9. Sanctification (a lifestyle of holiness) 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 Christlike⁹
10. The Church has a corporate Mission responsibility to seek and save all who are lost in sin¹⁰
11. A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church; the Bible teaches that each of us are to be under leadership and must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, and to build up or edify the body of believers, the Church¹¹
12. Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today and is provided for in Christ's atonement¹²
13. 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 forever¹³
14. in The Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years; This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace¹⁴
15. 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.¹⁵
16. and look forward to the perfect New Heavens 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 Lord¹⁶

¹ 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21

² Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22

³ John 1:1,14; Isaiah 44:6; Revelation 1:11,18; Micah 5:2; Colossians 2:9; John 8:58; 2 Peter 1:1

⁴ Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19

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

⁶ Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4

⁷ Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

⁸ Acts 2:4

⁹ Romans 12:1,2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12

¹⁰ Ephesians 1:22,23; Ephesians 2:22; Hebrews 12:23; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16

¹¹ Ephesians 4:11-16

¹² Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James 5:14-16

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

¹⁴ Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6

¹⁵ Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8

¹⁶ 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21 & 22