

WHAT WE BELIEVE



Christian Fellowship Ministries 2016

PRIMARY EXPERIENCES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

There are three primary experiences of the Christian life: Salvation, Water Baptism, and the Holy Spirit Baptism.

Salvation is...

- Initiated by a prayer of faith in Jesus.
- Completed by God's grace.
- Maintained by a lifestyle of Biblical righteousness.
- Demonstrated by works.
- Lost when we sin and do not repent.
- Necessary to enter Heaven in eternity.

Water Baptism...

- Was exemplified by Christ.
- Is not necessary to be saved, but is definitely an important Christian experience not to be negated.
- Is a public demonstration of faith in Jesus Christ.
- Is executed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Holy Spirit Baptism is...

- Evidenced by speaking in tongues.
- An experience different and distinct from Salvation or Water Baptism.

GENERAL STATEMENTS OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus Christ is the...

- Son of the Living God and the only Savior from sin. (John 4:42)
- Great Physician and the Healer of the body and soul through the blood atonement. (Isaiah 53:5)
- Baptizer with the Holy Ghost today, just as He was on the Day of Pentecost. (Mark 1:7-8, Acts 1:5)
- Soon-coming King, coming back to the earth again as the only hope for our dying world. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
- Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

CREEDAL STATEMENTS OF FAITH

We believe...

- In the verbal inspiration of the original Scriptures.
- In the absolute trinity of the eternal God-head.
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- In the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.
- In the reality and personality of the devil.
- In the natural depravity of the human race.
- In the substitutionary atonement.
- In the propitiation for sin only by the blood of Christ.
- In full salvation by grace through faith, and not by works.
- In divine healing through the atonement and prayer for the sick.
- In the personal baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- In the necessity of the new birth.
- In water baptism by immersion urrender and consecration.
- In Christian modesty in matters of dress and wearing apparel.
- In the keeping of the Lord's day as a matter of privilege rather than law.
- As regards recreation: liberty of conscience and Godly example to the world.
- In the immortal and conscious existence of the soul.
- In the resurrection of our literal bodies, the just and the unjust.
- In a literal Heaven and life everlasting for all true believers.
- In a final day of judgment for the incorrigibly wicked.
- In the everlasting punishment of the impenitent.
- In the personal, literal, bodily pre-millennial coming of Jesus Christ.
- In a future, literal, 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth with His saints.
- In the judgment seat of Christ where the saints will finally be rewarded for their deeds of commission and omission.
- In Christian tolerance to all denominations of Christian faith.
- In essentials--unity; in non-essentials--liberty; in all things--charity.