

is over all, God blessed forever." (*Rom.* 9:5), and in God the Holy Spirit, three Divine Persons in the Unity of the Godhead (*Matt.* 28:19; *II Cor.* 13:14; *Gen.* 1:26; *Matt.* 3:16, 17; *Eph.* 2:18; *I Pet.* 1:2; *John* 14:16, 26; 15:26).

Inspiration of the Word: We believe the Holy Scriptures are the divinely inspired Word of God (*Heb.* 1:1, *II Tim.* 3:16, 17; *II Pet.* 1:21) and are our infallible rule of belief, doctrine, discipline and life (*Psalms* 138:2; 119:89; *Matt.* 5:17, 18; *Psalms* 19:7, 8; 119:105, 133; *II Pet.* 1:19; *II Tim.* 4:2; *Acts* 17:11, 12; *Prov.* 30:5, 6; *Rev.* 22:18, 19).

The Atonement of Jesus Christ: We believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God, who became the Son of man, has made a full atonement for the sins of all mankind, and that all who repent of their sins and believe in Him will be saved and "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (*I Pet.* 1:5; *Isa.* 53:4-6; *Matt.* 8:17; *John* 3:16; *I Tim.* 2:5, 6; *Matt.* 20:28; *Eph.* 1:7; *Rom.* 4:25; 5:10, 11, 18, 19; *Col.* 1:20; *II Cor.* 5:18, 19; *I Pet.* 1:18, 19), and that those who die impenitent will be forever lost, (*Mark* 9:43, 44; *Matt.* 25:41; *Luke* 12:5; *Luke* 16:19-31).

Man, His Fall and Redemption: We believe 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, (*Gen.* 1:26-31; 3:1-7; *Rom.* 5:12-21).

The Salvation of Man: We believe

(a) **Conditions to Salvation:** The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life. (*Titus* 2:11; *Rom.* 10:13-15; *Luke* 24:27; *Titus* 3:5-7).

(b) **The evidence of Salvation:** The inward evidence, to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit. (*Rom.* 8:16). The outward evidence, to all men, is a life of righteousness and true holiness.

The Holy Spirit: We believe all Christians 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). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (*Acts* 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

We accept and believe the full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost, as received by the early Christian Church on the Day of Pentecost, is