

# THE TENETS OF THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST



## 1. THE BIBLE

We believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures. That the Bible is infallible in its declaration, final in its authority, all-sufficient in its provisions and comprehensive in its sufficiency.

### **Supporting scriptures:**

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.

## 2. THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe in the existence of the One True God, Elohim, Maker of the whole universe; indefinable, but revealed as True Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - one in nature, essence and attributes; Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent.

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Genesis 1:1; Matthew 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19; Genesis 1:26.

## 3. MAN'S DEPRAVED NATURE

We believe that: "all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" are subject to eternal punishment; and need repentance and regeneration

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Genesis 3:1-19; Isaiah 53:6.

## 4. THE SAVIOUR

We believe that man's need of a Saviour has been met in the person of Jesus Christ, because of His deity, virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death, resurrection and ascension; His abiding intercession and second coming

### **Supporting scriptures:**

John 8:46; 14:30; Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Romans 3:25; Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3.

## 5. REPENTANCE, JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION

We believe all men have to repent of and confess their sins before God and believe in the vicarious death of Jesus Christ to be justified before God. We believe in the sanctification of the believer through the working of the Holy Spirit and in God's gift of Eternal Life to the believer

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Acts 2:38; Luke 15:7; Romans 4:25; 5:16; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Thessalonians 4:3.

## 6. THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe in the Sacrament of Baptism by immersion as a testimony of a convert who has attained a responsible age of about 15 years [Infants and children are not baptised but are dedicated to the Lord]. We believe in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper which should be partaken of by all members who are in full fellowship.

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Luke 3:21; Mark 16:16; Luke 2:22-24, Luke 2:34; Mark 10:16; Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:21-29; Acts 20:7.

## 7. BAPTISM, GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for believers with signs following; and in the operation of the gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers

### **Supporting scriptures:**

1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; Galatians 5:22.

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## 8. NEXT LIFE

We believe in the Resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved; they that are saved to the resurrection of life, and the unsaved to the resurrection of damnation

### **Supporting scriptures:**

John 5:28-29; Daniel 12:2; Romans 2:7; 6:23; Acts 20:35.

## 9. TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We believe in tithing and in the giving of free-will offerings towards the cause of carrying forward the Kingdom of God. We believe that God blesses a cheerful giver.

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Malachi 3:10; Hebrews 7:1; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35.

**10. DIVINE HEALING** We believe that the healing of sickness and disease is provided for God's people in the atonement. The Church is, however, not opposed to soliciting the help of qualified medical practitioners.

### **Supporting scriptures:**

Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:7, 17; Mark 16:18; James 5:14-16; Luke 13:10-16).