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*From Believers to Disciples*

**CLASS #101: FOUNDATIONS**

**Faro Church Discipleship**

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**Student's Name**



# Welcome to the Faro Church Discipleship Course!

At Faro Church, we believe you are **deeply loved** by God and have **tremendous value** in His Kingdom. When you chose to follow Jesus, you were invited into a **daily walk** with Him that goes beyond mere religion. We're **thrilled** that you've responded to this call to grow and connect through our discipleship program. It's our privilege to guide you as you learn more about your relationship with **Christ**, the **Bible**, and **Faro Church**.

This course is intended not only as a path to membership but also as a journey of personal growth and deeper fellowship. Through these Discipleship classes, you'll gain a strong foundation in the **core beliefs** of the Christian faith.

Today's class, **Foundations**, will help you develop a clear understanding of salvation and discipleship, and become well-acquainted with Faro Church's vision, mission, values, and ministry team. You'll also discover our history and doctrinal beliefs.

By the end of *Foundations*, you will:

- Gain clarity on **Salvation and Discipleship**
- Explore Faro Church's **Vision, Mission, and Values**
- Recognize the Importance of **Spiritual Gifts**
- Become Familiar with Church **Structure and Membership**
- Deepen Your Knowledge of Our **Statements of Faith**

We're excited you've chosen to take this step, and our prayer is that God would continue to ignite your passion for His mission.

**Let's begin!**

**Pastor Steve Pinto**



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## PART 1: VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

### VISION STATEMENT

*“To be a church who \_\_\_\_\_ culture, \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
\_\_\_\_\_ believers, and \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.”*

### MISSION STATEMENT

*“To intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ culture with the message of the gospel, \_\_\_\_\_  
God in spirit and in truth, \_\_\_\_\_ believers through relevant discipleship, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ our members for service in the church, the community, and the world.”*

### CORE VALUES

#### 1. Faro Church is a place to \_\_\_\_\_

- We believe we’re saved not only to **believe** in Christ but also to **belong** to His family.
- We welcome everyone to hear the gospel—no one is excluded.
- We are a **multicultural, bilingual** fellowship, uniting Spanish and English speakers under one purpose.
- Our diverse backgrounds and nationalities find **common ground** in our love for God and for each other.
- We gladly receive the unsaved, unchurched, disconnected, and disillusioned—offering them a spiritual home.
- We uphold that **every person**, Christian or non-Christian, holds great worth in God’s eyes and in His Kingdom.

**References:** Matthew 18:14 | Matthew 25:45 | 2 Peter 3:9

#### 2. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We constantly balance **cultural relevance** and **biblical fidelity** by redeeming the arts without compromising Scripture.
- This approach allows us to communicate the gospel **in ways that reach the heart**.
- All our programs and ministries seek to **unleash everyone’s gifts** as acts of worship.
- Our goal is to glorify God through music, creative arts, and media, encouraging free and heartfelt expression.

**References:** 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 | Acts 17:22-34

3. Faro Church is a place to \_\_\_\_\_

- We practice the **priesthood of all believers**, recognizing that everyone has unique gifts and talents.
- Each person's abilities can pave a special route for someone else to receive the gospel.
- We do church **as a team**, where every member is a minister.
- We believe these gifts must be **discovered, developed, and deployed** for God's glory.
- As a **gift-based, volunteer-driven** community, our greatest joy comes from serving in line with our spiritual gifts and passions.
- Every believer is **created for ministry, gifted for ministry, authorized for ministry, and needed in ministry**.

**References:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 | Psalm 133:1 | Ephesians 4:11-16 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | Mark 10:45 | Ephesians 2:10 | Romans 12 | 1 Corinthians 12:14-20

4. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We do everything "**heart first**," not seeking perfection but giving **our best** to God.
- Even if we aren't the most skilled, we do it wholeheartedly, honoring Him with diligence.
- The **technical aspects** of our gifts still matter for effectiveness, revealing our motivation to give God our best.
- We rehearse and prepare to serve **skillfully**, refusing to offer God anything that costs us nothing.
- Our ministry reflects **both ability and attitude**, showing we hold excellence as a spiritual value.

**References:** Psalm 78:72 | Ecclesiastes 10:10 | Daniel 5:12 | Colossians 3:17

5. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- Obeying the Great Commission and the Great Commandment means cultivating **continuous spiritual growth** with sincere accountability.
- Our **dynamic, relevant** teaching seeks to meet real needs.
- We offer structured instruction for children, youth, adults, and seniors, ensuring every age group can mature in the faith.
- We prioritize **developing emerging leaders** through discipleship classes designed for new believers, members, and Bible school students.
- We hold an unwavering dedication to God's Word, urging daily devotions individually and collectively.
- Our aim is not just intellectual growth but **transformation** in the knowledge of the Lord; we believe spiritual growth is limited by the **condition of our hearts**.

**References:** Matthew 28:16-20 | Mark 12:29-31 | Acts 2:44-47 | 1 Peter 2:2 | 1 Timothy 4:7-8 | Proverbs 27:17 | 2 Timothy 2:2 | 1 Timothy 3:1 | Titus 1:5-9 | Psalm 78:6-7

6. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We keep people at the center of ministry, realizing **each life** we touch matters deeply.
- Our goal is to build each other up with God's love, Christ's life, and the Holy Spirit's healing power in everyday interactions.
- We prioritize genuine, healthy relationships **above** mere church activity.
- We actively refuse a **spirit of complaining** and instead choose to resolve problems in a way that honors God and builds character.
- We show graciousness in all our dealings, resisting gossip or strife, and encourage **biblical conflict resolution** to preserve unity and promote restoration.

**References:** James 1:2-3 | 1 Peter 3:8-9 | 1 Corinthians 13:8 | Romans 16:17 | Ephesians 4:3 | Matthew 5:24

7. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We believe **people inviting people** remains the most effective evangelistic approach.
- A single life can reach another life, forming a network of authentic relationships that extend personal invitations to Christ.
- Evangelism should be **normal** and **natural**, woven into the everyday lifestyle of winning others to Him.
- We partner with members to help them reach neighbors through impactful services that speak to the heart.

**References:** Proverbs 11:30 | John 1:43-45 | John 4:28-30

8. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We see prayer as a **primary catalyst** for maturity in both individual Christians and the church as a whole.
- Prayer should be **daily and normal**, practiced in our worship services and private devotions.
- We offer resources and encouragement for **personal** and **corporate** prayer.
- We know we need God's **supernatural presence** to bring real transformation in our world.
- Our aspiration is to become a true **house of prayer**, believing this is a vital hallmark of any committed church or believer.

**References:** Philippians 4:6-7 | Mark 11:17 | Ephesians 6:18 | 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

9. Faro Church is a place for \_\_\_\_\_

- We view the church as a **living, God-ordained organism**, not just a business or institution—extending to the ends of the earth.
- We embrace the **C<sup>4</sup> movement**: ignited at the **Core** (C<sup>1</sup>), extending to the **Church** (C<sup>2</sup>), flowing into the **Community** (C<sup>3</sup>), and spreading across the **Cosmos** (C<sup>4</sup>).
- Our purpose is to **reach** the lost and **disciple** believers, both organically and intentionally, wherever they are found.
- We strive to offer spiritual and financial support to missionaries locally, globally, and in the “global village.”
- We believe in founding and growing healthy churches at home and abroad, fulfilling Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.

**References:** Acts 1:8 | Acts 8:4 | Matthew 28:19-20 | Romans 10:13-14

## PART 2: FOUNDATIONAL STEPS

### SALVATION: Life's Greatest Treasure

1. Who \_\_\_\_\_ is

**God is \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.” (1 John 4:16 | NLT)*

**God is \_\_\_\_\_ (absolutely pure)**

*“<sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15-16 | NLT)*

**God is \_\_\_\_\_ (a good judge)**

*“<sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you”  
(2 Thessalonians 1:6 | NIV)*

2. Who \_\_\_\_\_ are

**We were created good but became \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”  
(Romans 3:23 | NLT)*

**We deserve \_\_\_\_\_ (physical and spiritual)**

*“<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23 | NLT)*

**We are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (morally bankrupt)**

*“<sup>6</sup> We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.” (Isaiah 64:6 | NLT)*

3. The significance of \_\_\_\_\_

**Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, who also became man.**

*“<sup>1</sup> In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1 | NLT)*

*“<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”  
(John 1:14 | NLT)*

**Christ died as our \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>24</sup> He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.” (1 Peter 2:24 | NLT)*

**Christ offers His forgiveness as a \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” (Ephesians 2:8-9 | NLT)*

**4. Our RESPONSIBILITY**

**You and I must \_\_\_\_\_ and ask Christ to be our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“<sup>13</sup> For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” (Romans 10:13 | NLT)*

*“<sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” (1 John 1:9 | NLT)*

*“<sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12 | NLT)*

**5. The result is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit**

*“<sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 | NLT)*

**DISCIPLESHIP: Life’s Greatest Journey**

*“<sup>7</sup> Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. <sup>8</sup> “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”” (1 Timothy 4:7-8 | NLT)*

**1. A consistent intake of \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment <sup>3</sup> now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.” (1 Peter 2:2-3 | NLT)*

*“<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11 | NLT)*

**S** \_\_\_\_\_

**O** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ (How will I be different because of what I just read?)

**P** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Develop a habit of consistent \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25 | NLT)*

**3. Develop a habit of consistent \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>17</sup> Never stop praying.” (1Thessalonians 5:17 | NLT)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ what you already know

*“<sup>22</sup> But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” (James 1:22 | NLT)*

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Life’s Greatest Resource**

*“<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.” (1 Corinthians 12:4 | NLT)*

1. You are designed to be \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>13</sup> You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.” (Psalm 139:13-14 | NLT)*

2. You are endowed with \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>10</sup> God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10 | NLT)*

3. Your gifts are designed to be \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.” (Romans 12:6-8 | NLT)*

**STEWARDSHIP: Life’s Greatest Investment**

**What is STEWARDSHIP?**

*“<sup>21</sup> The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’” (Matthew 25:21 | NLT)*

1. Invest your \_\_\_\_\_ wisely

*“<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.” (Ephesians 5:15-16 | NLT)*

2. Pay your \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. <sup>10</sup> Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.” (Proverbs 3:9 | NLT)*

3. Use your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for God

*“<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” (Romans 12:1 | NLT)*

4. Why should we give?

a. *Makes you* \_\_\_\_\_ *like* \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>16</sup> For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son...”*  
(John 3:16 | NLT)

b. *Draws you* \_\_\_\_\_ *to* \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*  
(Matthew 6:21 | NLT)

c. *Blesses* \_\_\_\_\_ *in return*

*“<sup>25</sup> The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”*  
(Proverbs 11:25 | NLT)

**EVANGELISM: Life’s Greatest Commission**

*“<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”*  
(Mark 16:15 | NLT)

**Three Ways to be an Ambassador for Jesus!**

1. Be a \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8 | NLT)

2. Build God-honoring \_\_\_\_\_

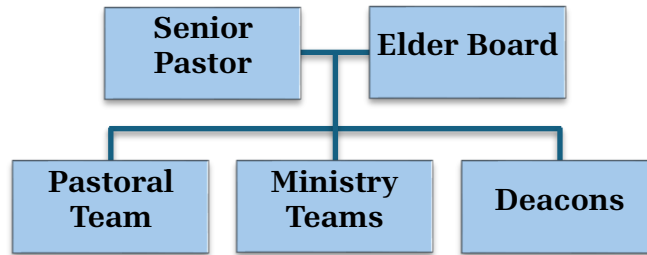
*“<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11 | NLT)

3. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ !

*“<sup>1</sup> So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.”* (Hebrews 2:1 | NLT)

## PART 3: THE STRUCTURE AND DOCTRINE

### FARO CHURCH STRUCTURE



Joshua Pinto is the co-founder pastor of Faro Church. He holds degrees from LABI College, the Latin American Theological Seminary, the Latin University of Theology, and Vanguard University, plus an honorary doctorate from LABI. His biblical insight and compassionate leadership inspire diverse, bilingual communities.



Steve Pinto is the co-founder pastor of Faro Church. He holds degrees from LABI College, Vanguard University, Liberty University, and a Doctor of Ministry from Capital Seminary. A dynamic speaker and professor, he specializes in leadership, discipleship, and expository preaching.



Jacqueline Fung has served as the Children's Ministry Pastor at Faro Church since its planting in 2002. She developed leadership skills in high school and continued through college, earning Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education and an Administrative Credential from Azusa Pacific University.



Omar Téllez is Administrative and Pastoral Care Pastor at Faro Church. He holds a BA in Business Administration and Information Systems from Vanguard University, an MA in Formational Leadership from Lancaster Bible College, and an Associate's in Ministerial Studies from LABI. He is passionate about serving God and others.



Pastor Aurelio Fernández leads Golden Years Ministry, dedicated to serving senior church members. As a founding member of Faro Church and an Ameritas elder, he imparts unwavering wisdom, compassion, and deep love for the Lord, while showcasing natural leadership and genuine hospitality.

## **A SYNOPSIS OF FARO CHURCH'S HISTORY**

- 2001** Small Bible study is started in Mission Viejo, CA. Among many others, the Marroquin, Canon, Bran, Fernandez, and Pinto families were present.
- 2002** The small group grew and began to meet at Mission Hills Community Church in Rancho Santa Margarita on Saturday Nights.
- Joshua Pinto is named Senior Pastor.
- The Board of Elders is established (Joshua Pinto, Aldemar Canon, Chris Bran, Juan Carlos Rada, Rene Marroquin, Teofilo Pinto, and Aurelio Fernandez)
- Later that same year, Faro Church began to meet at Canyon Hills Community Church's administrative office building in Lake Forest.
- For the first time, Faro began to meet on Sunday mornings.
- On November 21, 2002, "Centro Evangelistico Faro a las Naciones" was launched and incorporated as an official non-denominational church.
- 2003** Pastor Steve is ordained as Associate/Youth Pastor and joins the Board of Elders.
- Pastor Jacqie is licensed as Children's Pastor.
- 2004** Faro launches a second Sunday service.
- 2005** Faro Church signs its first lease and operates in its own building (20918 Bake Pkwy. Suite #108). CA an Somos Nueva Creación
- 2006** Acquires lease of additional building for children ministry use (20914 Bake Pkwy. Suite #104).
- 2007** Pastor Henry Thomas is licensed as Faro's Media Pastor.
- Pastor Ricardo Trinidad is licensed as Faro's Worship Pastor.
- Becomes affiliated with Assemblies of God SoCal Network.
- 2008** Faro Church membership is officially launched with 79 Members.
- LABI extensions launched.
- Faro launches a third Sunday service.
- Pastor Krystal Baca is licensed as Youth Pastor.
- 2009** Pastor Steve Pinto is hired as full-time Associate Pastor.
- Faro presents its first DCAT Conference Training for church members.
- 2010** Faro outgrows current facilities, plans to remodel main building and seeks additional space.

- 2011** Pastor Ricardo Trinidad is hired as full-time Worship Pastor.  
Faro Church acquires lease of youth/administrative building and expands main sanctuary (20918 Bake Pkwy. Suite #112).
- 2012** Pastor Joshua Pinto is hired as full-time Senior Pastor.  
Pastor Omar Tellez is commissioned as Young Adult Pastor.  
Pastor Araceli Godoy is commissioned as Jr. High Pastor.  
Faro celebrates its 10th year anniversary.
- 2013** Faro Church acquires a five-year lease of present location on (15 & 17 Spectrum Pointe Drive).
- 2014** Faro Church commissions new Worship Pastor Tony Deras and Creative Arts Pastor Beto Castillo.
- 2016** Re-structured leadership: Pastor Mauricio: Ministries; Pastor Roy: Youth; Pastor Araceli: Outreach; Pastor Omar: Administrative; Pastor Henry: Creative Arts; Pastor Beto: Spiritual Formation; Pastor Roger: Executive.
- 2017** Faro Church celebrates their 15th Anniversary.
- 2018** Faro Church begins planning for Community Development Center and launches Faro CDC.
- 2019** Faro church begins the initiative to parent churches, plant churches and partnerships with churches.
- 2020** Faro Church parents its first three churches, Generations Church in Irvine, CA; Rooted Church in Sylmar, CA and Somos Nueva Creacion, in Chihuahua, Mexico.  
Faro begins food pantry to serve community.
- 2022** Faro celebrates its 20th year anniversary.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

### *A Biblical Understanding of Local Church Membership*

1. Submit to and honor a \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible clearly instructs Christians to **submit** to and **respect** their spiritual leaders. Their role is to watch over our souls and remain accountable to God. By cooperating joyfully, we allow them to serve without grief, which ultimately benefits everyone.

*“<sup>17</sup> Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.”* (Hebrews 13:17 | NLT)

2. The pastoral body is to care for \_\_\_\_\_ people

Scripture also instructs pastors to **shepherd** a specific flock entrusted to their care. They should serve willingly, not out of obligation or personal gain, but with an eager heart—modeling exemplary leadership that blesses those assigned to them.

*“<sup>2</sup> Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. <sup>3</sup> Don’t lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.”* (1 Peter 5:2-3 | NLT)

3. Serve as a basis for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The church as a body provides a framework for **discipline** and **accountability**. We are responsible for addressing sin among believers and encouraging them toward repentance and growth.

*“<sup>12</sup> It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.”* (1 Corinthians 5:12 | NLT)

4. God’s plan is that we would belong to \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the New Testament, we see believers committed to **local congregations** and identified as their members. If you remain outside of membership, you may still be a guest—missing out on the maturity, protection, accountability, and personal care that come with truly **belonging** to the church family.

**References:** Acts 2:37-47 | Acts 6:1-6 | Romans 16:1-16 | 1 Timothy 5:3-16

5. Member must be “\_\_\_\_\_”

Being on mission means living out the church’s **vision** and **beliefs**—in action, attitude, and heart. As members, we function **together** as the church: we sacrifice time, talents, and treasure, care for one another, and submit to God-ordained leadership. In doing so, we help fulfill the calling God has given our congregation.

**References:** Matthew 28:19-20 | Romans 12:4-8 | 1 Corinthians 3:9 | Ephesians 4:11-16 | 2 Corinthians 5:20 | 1 Peter 2:9 | Philippians 1:27

## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

### *Our Doctrine:*

#### 1. The Inspiration of the \_\_\_\_\_

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

Biblical References: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | 2 Peter 1:21

#### 2. There Is Only \_\_\_\_\_ -Revealed In Three Persons

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM,” the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Biblical References: Deuteronomy 6:4 | Isaiah 43:10-11 | Matthew 28:19 | Luke 3:22

#### 3. Deity of the \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God.

The Scriptures declare:

- His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23 | Luke 1:31, 35)
- His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26 | 1 Peter 2:22)
- His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3 | 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6 | Luke 24:39 | 1 Corinthians 15:4)

His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33 | Philippians 2:9-11 | Hebrews 1:3)

#### 4. The Fall of \_\_\_\_\_

Man was created good and upright; for God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God.

Biblical References: Genesis 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6 | Romans 5:12-19

#### 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man

Man’s only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life. (Luke 24:47 | John 3:3 | Romans 10:13-15 | Ephesians 2:8 | Titus 2:11; 3:5-7)

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. (Romans 8:16)

The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24 | Titus 2:12).

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church

- **Baptism in Water:** The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19 | Mark 16:16 | Acts 10:47, 48 | Romans 6:4)
- **Holy Communion:** The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements — bread and the fruit of the vine — is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4), a memorial of his suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

7. The Baptism in the \_\_\_\_\_

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit 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 enduement 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; Acts 1:8 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-31)

This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9)

With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as:

- an overflowing fullness to God and dedication to His work, Acts 2:42
- and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost, Mark 16:20

8. The Work of \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God. (Romans 12:1-2 | 1 Thessalonians 5:23 | Hebrews 13:12)

The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by the faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 6:1-11; 6:13; 8:1-2; 8:13 | Galatians 2:20 | Philippians 2:12-13 | 1 Peter 1:5)

## **9. The Church and Its \_\_\_\_\_**

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:22 | Hebrews 12:23)

Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, and to demonstrate His love and compassion for all the world, the priority reason for being part of the Church is:

- To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world. (Acts 1:8 | Matthew 28:19-20 | Mark 16:15-16)
- To be a corporate body in which man may worship God. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son. (Ephesians 4:11-16 | 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12)
- To be a people who demonstrate God's love and compassion for all the world. (Psalms 112:9 | Galatians 2:10; 6:10 | James 1:27)

## **10. Scripturally Ordained Church \_\_\_\_\_**

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the purpose of leading the Church in:

- Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20)
- Worship of God (John 4:23-24)
- Building a Body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion. (Psalms 112:9 | Galatians 2:10; 6:10 | James 1:27)

## **11. Divine \_\_\_\_\_**

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement and is the privilege of all believers.

Biblical References: Isaiah 53:4-5 | Matthew 8:16-17 | James 5:14-16

## **12. The Blessed \_\_\_\_\_**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church.

Biblical References: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 | Romans 8:23 | Titus 2:13 | 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

**13. The \_\_\_\_\_ Reign of Christ**

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5 | Matthew 24:27, 30 | Revelation 1:7 | Revelation 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21-22 | Zephaniah 3:19-20 | Romans 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9 | Psalm 72:3-8 | Micah 4:3-4).

**14. The Final \_\_\_\_\_**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

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

**15. New \_\_\_\_\_ and a New \_\_\_\_\_**

“We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

Biblical References: 2 Peter 3:13 | Revelation 21 | Revelation 22





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