

# What We Believe – The Upper Room Apostolic Cathedral

#### 1. We Believe in the Oneness of God

We believe that there is **only one God**, not three persons, but One who has revealed Himself as Father in Creation, Son in Redemption, and Holy Ghost in the Church.

- "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD." (Deut. 6:4)
- "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour." (Isa. 43:11)
- "Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel... I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isa. 44:6)
- "God was manifest in the flesh..." (1 Tim. 3:16)
- "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." (Col. 2:9)

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We reject Trinitarianism and hold firmly to the Apostolic doctrine of the Oneness of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

#### 2. We Believe in Holiness

Holiness is the standard of life for all believers. Without holiness, no one shall see the Lord (**Heb. 12:14**).

- In Behavior: "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." (1 Pet. 1:15–16)
- **In Dress:** "Women adorn themselves in modest apparel." (1 Tim. 2:9); "Let it be the hidden man of the heart." (1 Pet. 3:3–4)
- In Sanctification: "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy." (Lev. 20:7); "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." (Rom. 12:1)
- **In Separation:** "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." (2 Cor. 6:17)

# 3. We Believe in Dressing for Worship

We believe in giving God our **best** when we come into His presence. While salvation is not about outward clothing, our dress reflects the reverence and honor we give to the Lord in worship.

• "Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (Ps. 29:2)

• "Bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (1 Chron. 16:29)

# **Head Coverings for Women**

We uphold the practice of women covering their heads during worship as a sign of submission to God's order.

- "Every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head." (1 Cor. 11:5)
- "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." (1 Cor. 11:10)
- "If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." (1 Cor. 11:15)

### **Prayer Caps for Men**

Men are not permitted to wear hats such as **baseball caps or beanies** in the sanctuary, as this dishonors the biblical order. However, we do permit the wearing of **prayer caps (yarmulkes)** as a symbol of sincerity, reverence, and prayer. These do not represent a covering of authority over the man but a reminder of humility before God.

• "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head." (1 Cor. 11:4)

# **Tattoos and Markings**

We reject the practice of tattoos and body markings after coming into the knowledge of salvation, as our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost.

• "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD." (Lev. 19:28)

• "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost... and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19–20)

We believe the believer should glorify God in both body and spirit, which belong to Him.

#### **Our Culture of Holiness**

We welcome visitors just as they are. However, we believe that as people experience the presence of God and the preaching of truth, the culture of holiness will impact every area of life—including how we present ourselves before the Lord.

### 4. We Believe in Baptism in Jesus' Name

Baptism is essential for the remission of sins and must be done in the Name of Jesus Christ, not in titles.

- "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38)
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- "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
- (See Acts 8:16; 10:48; 19:5)

# 5. We Believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is for every believer and is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

• (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; 1 Cor. 3:16; Acts 1:8)

#### 6. We Believe in Apostolic Leadership

We acknowledge that God has raised up **Apostle Darren Farmer** as His man for this time, to preach, teach, and open the Scriptures by divine revelation.

• (Eph. 4:11–12; Heb. 13:17; Amos 3:7; Jer. 3:15)

# 7. We Believe in Prayer and Consecration

We are a praying church, committed to fasting, prayer, and consecration. Prayer is our lifeline to heaven.

• (Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 17:21; Ps. 55:17; Joel 1:14)

# 8. We Believe in God's Covenant of Marriage and Family

Marriage is a holy covenant between **one man and one woman**, established by God to reflect Christ and His Church.

• (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6; Eph. 5:23, 25)

# **Unholy Relationships Rejected**

- Homosexuality & Lesbianism: (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9)
- Polygamy: (1 Tim. 3:2)

- Adultery & Fornication: (**Heb. 13:4**)
- Molestation & Underage Sin: (Matt. 18:6)
- Pornography & Lust: (Matt. 5:28; Job 31:1)

#### **Our Belief on Divorce**

We believe in the sanctity of marriage and reject divorce except for the reasons permitted in Scripture.

- Jesus taught: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matt. 19:6)
- Divorce is only permitted in cases of:
  - Fornication/sexual immorality: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery." (Matt. 19:9)
  - **Unbelieving spouse departing:** "If the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases." (1 Cor. 7:15)

We do not accept divorce for irreconcilable differences, financial troubles, or cultural convenience. Marriage is a covenant until death.

#### 9. We Believe in Raising Our Children in Holiness

Children are a gift from God, entrusted to parents to raise in His fear and truth, not in the culture of the world.

• (Ps. 127:3; Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:7; Eph. 6:4)

- We reject the world's systems and commit to raising children in holiness.
- (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 6:17; Josh. 24:15)

### 10. We Believe in Prophets and Prophecy

We believe in the operation of prophecy as a true gift of the Holy Spirit, given for the edification, exhortation, and comfort of the church.

- "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." (1 Cor. 14:1)
- "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thess. 5:20–21)

### **Our Position on Prophecy**

- We believe prophecy must always align with the written Word of God.
- We reject false prophets, false prophecies, and any teaching or utterance that contradicts Scripture—whether in person, on social media, or in the world at large.
- "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)
- "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Pet. 1:21)

• "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7:15)

We take prophecy very seriously, and we test every word by the Spirit and the Scriptures. True prophecy will always glorify Jesus Christ and edify His body.

#### 11. We Believe in Restoration

We believe that when a believer has fallen into sin, God has made a way for **restoration** through repentance, forgiveness, and the loving correction of the body of Christ.

- "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Gal. 6:1)
- "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." (James 5:16)
- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
- "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1)

#### **Our Restoration Process**

- Restoration is not ignoring sin, but addressing it in truth and love.
- Restoration requires genuine repentance, confession, and turning back to holiness.

- The church responds not with condemnation, but with prayer, accountability, and spiritual guidance.
- We believe the goal is not only forgiveness but also full spiritual healing and reestablishing the believer in their walk with Christ.

At **The Upper Room Apostolic Cathedral**, we continue steadfastly in the Apostolic Doctrine:

- The Oneness of God in Christ Jesus
- Holiness in life and worship
- Baptism in Jesus' Name for the remission of sins
- The infilling of the Holy Ghost with tongues as the evidence
- Apostolic leadership through God's chosen vessel, Apostle Darren Farmer
- A life of prayer, fasting, consecration, and intercession
- Dressing for worship with reverence, women honoring God with head coverings, men permitted prayer caps of devotion, and rejecting tattoos as defilement of God's temple
- God's covenant order for marriage and family, rejecting unbiblical unions, sexual sin, and divorce except as allowed by Scripture

- Raising our children in holiness, apart from the world, to walk in truth
- Believing in true prophecy while rejecting all false prophets and false prophecies
- Restoring the fallen through love, correction, and the power of repentance in Jesus Christ

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)



#### **Statement of Faith**

We believe in the oneness of God. Father in creation, Son of redemption, and The Holy Ghost to the church. Our believe is that salvation is a requirement to eternal life by way of baptism in water, fully submerged, in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ and the infilling of The Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, as the Spirit of God gives utterance, and a lifestyle of Holiness and that which is pleasing unto God.