



Statement of Faith

These are the non-negotiable tenets of faith that all Assemblies of God churches adhere to. This list is derived from the official Statement of Fundamental Truths.

- 1. We believe the SCRIPTURES are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind** (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26*).
- 2. We believe there is only ONE TRUE GOD revealed in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity)—these three are co-equal and co-eternal** (*1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11*).
- 3. We believe in the DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST who is both God and man** (*John 1:1, 14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5*).
- 4. We believe though originally good, MAN WILLINGLY FELL INTO SIN—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world** (*Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21*).
- 5. We believe every person can have restored FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH SALVATION—trusting Christ, through repentance and faith, to be our personal Savior** (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22*).
- 6. We believe and practice TWO ORDINANCES—(a.) Water baptism by immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation** (*Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38*), and (b.) Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25*).
- 7. We believe the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is a special experience following salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times** (*Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Timothy 1:5-16, 4:14; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40*).
- 8. We believe the INITIAL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues as experienced on the day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles** (*Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39; 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47; 11:15-17; 19:1-6*).
- 9. We believe SANCTIFICATION INITIALLY OCCURS AT SALVATION and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive life-long process of separating from evil as believers continually become closer to God and become more Christ-like** (*1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11*).
- 10. We believe the CHURCH HAS A MISSION to seek and to save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption through the sacrificial death of His Son Jesus Christ** (*Acts 15:22; with Matthew 16:18; 18:15-20*).

11. We believe a divinely called and scripturally ordained **MINISTRY SERVES THE CHURCH**. The bible teaches that each of us in leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ (*Mark 16:15-20*), to worship Him with other believers (*John 4:23-24*), to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church (*Ephesians 4:11-16*) and to meet human need with ministries of love and compassion (*Psalms 112:9; Galatians 2:10; 6:10*).
12. We believe **DIVINE HEALING** of the sick is a privilege for Christians today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (*Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16*).
13. We believe 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. (*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Romans 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52*).
14. We believe that Christ's Second Coming will be followed by the **MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST** Who will reign with His saints on the earth for one thousand years (*Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 20:1-6*).
15. We believe in the **FINAL JUDGMENT** in which the wicked will be judged and cast into the hell with the devil and his angels and the righteous will be rewarded and received into heaven with Christ forever (*Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8*).
16. We believe and look forward to a **NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH** that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on earth. "And so we shall forever be with the Lord." (*2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21, 22*).

IN ADDITION TO THESE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS....

17. We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman (*Genesis 2:24; 19:5; 26:9-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4*).
18. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (*Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23*).
19. We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made (*Genesis 14:20; Proverbs 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 John 3:17*).
20. We believe that every believer in Christ must be subject to God's authority in a specific church for spiritual protection and long-term fruitfulness (*Hebrews 13:17*).