

**The General Council of the Assemblies of God
A Study Guide for the Doctrine Exam**

The only resource permitted while taking this exam is a Bible without a concordance or notes.

Doctrinal Topics

You will be tested on the following doctrinal topics and the Assemblies of God view on these topics. You will find the following book by William Menzies and Stanley Horton, *Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective* (Logion Press, fourth revised printing 2018), to be very helpful. The page numbers for these topics are provided to you.

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Real-Life Ministry Scenarios

The following passages provide biblical guidance for what real life ministry scenarios? (All Scripture quotations are from the New International Version (2011).

James 5:14–16 Isaiah 53:4–5	<p>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:14–16</p> <p>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4–5</p>
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<p>1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 1 Corinthians 15:51–52</p>	<p>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17</p> <p>Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51–52</p>
<p>Matthew 25:46 Revelation 20:11–15</p>	<p>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Matthew 25:46</p> <p>Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11–15</p>
<p>Matthew 28:19–20 2 Timothy 2:2</p>	<p>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20</p> <p>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2</p>
<p>Romans 10:9–13 Ephesians 2:8–9</p>	<p>If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:9–13</p> <p>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8–9</p>
<p>Acts 2:4; 10:44–46; 19:1–7</p>	<p>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4</p> <p>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Acts 10:44–46</p> <p>While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Acts 19:1–7</p>

Definition of Terms

You will be tested on these terms. A definition for each term is provided.

Amillennial	The rejection of the belief that Jesus will have a literal, thousand-year-long, physical reign on the earth.
Apocrypha	Books written during the period between the Book of Malachi and the birth of Jesus. The Jews did not include them in the Hebrew Bible and the Protestant Reformers rejected them as not being inspired.
Arianism	A third century A.D. heresy denying the divinity of Christ.
Autographs	The original, handwritten manuscripts produced by the human authors of Scripture. These were probably circulated and copied so many times that they wore out. None of them are now known to exist. However, copies from close to the time they were written do exist.
Calvinism	John Calvin (1509–1564) taught God's absolute sovereignty demanded absolute predestination of those who should be saved and who should be lost.
Canon	The list of books accepted by the Church as Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit.
Deism	A belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene and is disinterested towards the created universe.
Eternal	Lasting or existing forever; without end or beginning.
Immutable	Unchanging over time or unable to be changed.
Incarnation	The act by which the eternal Son of God became a human being without giving up His deity.
Justification	God's act of declaring and accepting persons as righteous in His sight—just as if they had never sinned.
Millennial Reign	The thousand-year reign of Christ on earth.
Omnipotent	Having unlimited power; able to do anything.
Omnipresent	God is everywhere present and nothing is hidden from Him.
Omniscient	Knowing everything.
Polytheism	The belief in or worship of more than one god.
Postmillennial	Refers to the teaching that the millennium is the Church Age or an extension of the Church Age, with Christ ruling but not personally present.
Premillennial	Teaches that Jesus will personally return at the end of the Church Age and will establish His kingdom on earth for a thousand years.
Ransom	The price Jesus paid for the salvation of humankind.
Reconciliation	The bringing of people to God in a restored fellowship.
Redemption	Refers to Christ paying the penalty for sins by His death on the cross and the shedding of His blood.

Regeneration	The Holy Spirit's work of giving new life to the sinner who repents and believes in Jesus.
Repentance	From the Greek <i>metanoia</i> , "a change of mind." That is, a change of basic attitudes toward God and Christ that involves a turning away from sin and a seeking of God's rule and righteousness.
Sabellianism	Followers of Sabellius (third century A.D.), who taught that God is one Person who revealed Himself in three forms, modes, or manifestations, in succession.
Sanctification	The work of the Holy Spirit that separates believers from sin and evil and dedicates them to the worship and service of the Lord. There is an initial act of sanctification at conversion and a continuing process of sanctification as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit in putting to death wrong desires.
Vicarious	Totally for the benefit of another, or as a substitute for another.
Virgin Birth	The birth of Jesus Christ brought about by God's creative act through the Holy Spirit so that Mary became His mother without Him having a human father.

The Statement of Fundamental Truths

You will be asked to list in order from memory each of the sixteen items from the Statement of Fundamental Truths and then support each by giving *two* relevant Scripture references. You may use this table to assist your study for this requirement on the Doctrine Exam.

	Statement of Fundamental Truths	Scripture References
1	The Scriptures Inspired	2 Timothy 3:15–17 1 Thessalonians 2:13 2 Peter 1:21
2	The One True God	Deuteronomy 6:4 Isaiah 43:10–11 Matthew 28:19 Luke 3:22
3	The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ	Matthew 1:23; 28:6 Luke 1:31, 35; 24:39 Hebrews 1:3; 7:26 1 Peter 2:22 Acts 1:9, 11; 2:22, 33; 10:38 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 2 Corinthians 5:21 Philippians 2:9–11
4	The Fall of Man	Genesis 1:26–27; 2:17; 3:6 Romans 5:12–19

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5	The Salvation of Man	Luke 24:47 John 3:3 Romans 8:16; 10:13–15 Ephesians 2:8; 4:24 Titus 2:11–12; 3:5–7
6	The Ordinances of the Church	<i>Baptism in Water:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 28:19 • Mark 16:16 • Acts 10:47–48 • Romans 6:4 <i>Holy Communion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Peter 1:4 • 1 Corinthians 11:26
7	The Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Luke 24:49 Acts 1:4, 8; 2:42–43; 4:8; 8:12–17; 10:44–46; 11:14–16; 15:7–9 1 Corinthians 12:1–31 John 7:37–39 Mark 16:20 Hebrews 12:28
8	The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:4 1 Corinthians 12:4–10, 28
9	Sanctification	Romans 12:1–2; 6:1–11, 13; 8:1–2, 13 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Hebrews 12:14; 13:12 1 Peter 1:5, 15–16 Galatians 2:20 Philippians 2:12–13
10	The Church and Its Mission	Ephesians 1:22–23; 2:22; 4:11–16 Hebrews 2:3–4; 12:23 Acts 1:8; 4:29–31 Matthew 25:37–40; 28:19–20 Mark 16:15–20 1 Corinthians 2:10–16; 12–14 Psalm 112:9 Galatians 2:10; 5:22–26; 6:10 James 1:27 Colossians 1:29

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11	The Ministry	Mark 16:15–20 John 4:23–24 Ephesians 4:11, 16 Psalm 112:9 Galatians 2:10; 6:10 James 1:27
12	Divine Healing	Isaiah 53:4–5 Matthew 8:16–17 James 5:14–16
13	The Blessed Hope	1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 Romans 8:23 Titus 2:13 1 Corinthians 15:51–52
14	The Millennial Reign of Christ	Zechariah 14:5 Matthew 24:27–30 Revelation 1:7; 19:11–14; 20:1–6 Ezekiel 37:21–22 Zephaniah 3:19–20 Romans 11:26–27 Isaiah 11:6–9 Psalm 72:3–8 Micah 4:3–4
15	The Final Judgment	Matthew 25:46 Mark 9:43–48 Revelation 19:20; 20:11–15; 21:8
16	The New Heavens and the New Earth	2 Peter 3:13 Revelation 21–22



THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

THE BIBLE IS OUR ALL-SUFFICIENT RULE FOR FAITH AND PRACTICE. THIS STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS IS INTENDED SIMPLY AS A BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG US (I.E., THAT WE ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10; ACTS 2:42). THE PHRASEOLOGY EMPLOYED IN THIS STATEMENT IS NOT INSPIRED OR CONTENDED FOR, BUT THE TRUTH SET FORTH IS HELD TO BE ESSENTIAL TO A FULL-GOSPEL MINISTRY. NO CLAIM IS MADE THAT IT CONTAINS ALL BIBLICAL TRUTH, ONLY THAT IT COVERS OUR NEED AS TO THESE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

1. THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED

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 (2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17; 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13; 2 PETER 1:21).

2. THE ONE TRUE GOD

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 (DEUTERONOMY 6:4; ISAIAH 43:10,11; MATTHEW 28:19; LUKE 3:22).

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

(A) TERMS DEFINED

THE TERMS *TRINITY* AND *PERSONS*, AS RELATED TO THE GODHEAD, WHILE NOT FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURES, ARE WORDS IN HARMONY WITH SCRIPTURE, WHEREBY WE MAY CONVEY TO OTHERS OUR IMMEDIATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST RESPECTING THE BEING OF GOD, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM —GODS MANY AND LORDS MANY.|| WE THEREFORE MAY SPEAK WITH PROPRIETY OF THE LORD OUR GOD, WHO IS ONE LORD, AS A TRINITY OR AS ONE BEING OF THREE PERSONS, AND STILL BE ABSOLUTELY SCRIPTURAL (EXAMPLES, MATTHEW 28:19; 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14; JOHN 14:16,17).

(B) DISTINCTION AND RELATIONSHIP IN THE GODHEAD

CHRIST TAUGHT A DISTINCTION OF PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD WHICH HE EXPRESSED IN SPECIFIC TERMS OF RELATIONSHIP, AS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, BUT THAT THIS DISTINCTION AND RELATIONSHIP, AS TO ITS MODE IS INSCRUTABLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE, BECAUSE UNEXPLAINED (LUKE 1:35; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:24; MATTHEW 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14; 1 JOHN 1:3,4).



(C) UNITY OF THE ONE BEING OF FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

ACCORDINGLY, THEREFORE, THERE IS **THAT** IN THE FATHER WHICH CONSTITUTES HIM **THE FATHER** AND NOT THE SON; THERE IS **THAT** IN THE SON WHICH CONSTITUTES HIM **THE SON** AND NOT THE FATHER; AND THERE IS **THAT** IN THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH CONSTITUTES HIM **THE HOLY SPIRIT** AND NOT EITHER THE FATHER OR THE SON. WHEREFORE, THE FATHER IS THE BEGETTER; THE SON IS THE BEGOTTEN; AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE PROCEEDING FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON. THEREFORE, BECAUSE THESE THREE PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD ARE IN A STATE OF UNITY, THERE IS BUT ONE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND HIS NAME ONE (JOHN 1:18; 15:26; 17:11,21; ZECHARIAH 14:9).

(D) IDENTITY AND COOPERATION IN THE GODHEAD

THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE NEVER **IDENTICAL** AS TO **PERSON**; NOR **CONFUSED** AS TO **RELATION**; NOR **DIVIDED** IN RESPECT TO THE GODHEAD; NOR **OPPOSED** AS TO **COOPERATION**. THE SON IS **IN** THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS **IN** THE SON AS TO RELATIONSHIP. THE SON IS **WITH** THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS **WITH** THE SON, AS TO FELLOWSHIP. THE FATHER IS NOT **FROM** THE SON, BUT THE SON IS **FROM** THE FATHER, AS TO AUTHORITY. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON PROCEEDING, AS TO NATURE, RELATIONSHIP, COOPERATION, AND AUTHORITY. HENCE, NO PERSON IN THE GODHEAD EITHER EXISTS OR WORKS SEPARATELY OR INDEPENDENTLY OF THE OTHERS (JOHN 5:17-30,32,37; 8:17,18).

(E) THE TITLE, LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE APPELLATION *LORD JESUS CHRIST* IS A PROPER NAME. IT IS NEVER APPLIED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT EITHER TO THE FATHER OR TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT THEREFORE BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE **SON OF GOD** (ROMANS 1:1-3,7; 2 JOHN 3).

(F) THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, GOD WITH US

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AS TO HIS DIVINE AND ETERNAL NATURE, IS THE PROPER AND ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, BUT AS TO HIS HUMAN NATURE, HE IS THE PROPER SON OF MAN. HE IS, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE BOTH GOD AND MAN; WHO BECAUSE HE IS GOD AND MAN, IS —IMMANUEL, **||** GOD WITH US (MATTHEW 1:23; 1 JOHN 4:2,10,14; REVELATION 1:13,17).

(G) THE TITLE, SON OF GOD

SINCE THE NAME *IMMANUEL* EMBRACES BOTH GOD AND MAN, IN THE ONE PERSON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE TITLE *SON OF GOD* DESCRIBES HIS PROPER DEITY, AND THE TITLE *SON OF MAN*, HIS PROPER HUMANITY. THEREFORE, THE TITLE *SON OF GOD* BELONGS TO THE ORDER OF ETERNITY, AND THE TITLE *SON OF MAN* TO THE **ORDER OF TIME** (MATTHEW 1:21-23; 2 JOHN 3; 1 JOHN 3:8; HEBREWS 7:3; 1:1-13).

(H) TRANSGRESSION OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

WHEREFORE, IT IS A TRANSGRESSION OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST TO SAY THAT JESUS CHRIST DERIVED THE TITLE *SON OF GOD* SOLELY FROM THE FACT OF THE INCARNATION, OR BECAUSE OF HIS RELATION TO THE ECONOMY OF REDEMPTION. THEREFORE, TO DENY THAT THE FATHER IS A REAL AND ETERNAL FATHER, AND THAT THE SON IS A REAL AND ETERNAL SON, IS A DENIAL OF THE DISTINCTION AND RELATIONSHIP IN THE BEING OF GOD; A DENIAL OF THE FATHER AND THE SON; AND A DISPLACEMENT OF THE TRUTH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH (2 JOHN 9; JOHN 1:1,2,14,18,29,49; 1 JOHN 2:22,23; 4:1-5; HEBREWS 12:2).

(I) EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS LORD

THE SON OF GOD, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, HAVING BY HIMSELF PURGED OUR SINS, SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH, ANGELS AND PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS HAVING BEEN MADE SUBJECT UNTO HIM. AND HAVING BEEN MADE BOTH LORD AND CHRIST, HE SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, MIGHT BOW OUR KNEES AND CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER UNTIL THE END, WHEN THE SON SHALL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE FATHER THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL (HEBREWS 1:3; 1 PETER 3:22; ACTS 2:32-36; ROMANS 14:11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:24-28).

(J) EQUAL HONOR TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON

WHEREFORE, SINCE THE FATHER HAS DELIVERED ALL JUDGMENT UNTO THE SON, IT IS NOT ONLY THE EXPRESS DUTY OF ALL IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH TO BOW THE KNEE, BUT IT IS AN UNSPEAKABLE JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ASCRIBE UNTO THE SON ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY, AND TO GIVE HIM ALL THE HONOR AND THE GLORY CONTAINED IN ALL THE NAMES AND TITLES OF THE GODHEAD EXCEPT THOSE WHICH EXPRESS RELATIONSHIP (SEE PARAGRAPHS B, C, AND D), AND THUS HONOR THE SON EVEN AS WE HONOR THE FATHER (JOHN 5:22,23; 1 PETER 1:8; REVELATION 5:6-14; PHILIPPIANS 2:8,9; REVELATION 7:9,10; 4:8-11).

3. THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD. THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE:

- A. HIS VIRGIN BIRTH (MATTHEW 1:23; LUKE 1:31,35).
- B. HIS SINLESS LIFE (HEBREWS 7:26; 1 PETER 2:22).
- C. HIS MIRACLES (ACTS 2:22; 10:38).
- D. HIS SUBSTITUTIONARY WORK ON THE CROSS (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).
- E. HIS BODILY RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD (MATTHEW 28:6; LUKE 24:39; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:4).
- F. 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

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 (GENESIS 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; ROMANS 5:12-19).

5. THE SALVATION OF MAN

MAN'S ONLY HOPE OF REDEMPTION IS THROUGH THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD.

- A. **CONDITIONS TO SALVATION.** 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).
- B. **THE EVIDENCES OF SALVATION.** 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 ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

A. BAPTISM IN WATER. THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM BY IMMERSION IS COMMANDED IN THE SCRIPTURES. ALL WHO REPENT AND BELIEVE ON CHRIST AS SAVIOR 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).

B. 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 HOLY SPIRIT

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 1:4,8; 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 OF THE SPIRIT (JOHN 7:37-39; ACTS 4:8), A DEEPENED REVERENCE FOR GOD (ACTS 2:43; HEBREWS 12:28), AN INTENSIFIED CONSECRATION 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 INITIAL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE BAPTISM OF BELIEVERS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WITNESSED BY THE INITIAL PHYSICAL SIGN OF SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD GIVES THEM UTTERANCE (ACTS 2:4). THE SPEAKING IN TONGUES IN THIS INSTANCE IS THE SAME IN ESSENCE AS THE GIFT OF TONGUES (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-10,28), BUT DIFFERENT IN PURPOSE AND USE.

9. SANCTIFICATION

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). 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 FAITH RECKONING DAILY UPON THE FACT OF THAT UNION, AND BY OFFERING EVERY FACULTY CONTINUALLY TO THE DOMINION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (ROMANS 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; GALATIANS 2:20; PHILIPPIANS 2:12,13; 1 PETER 1:5).



10. THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN (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 WORSHIPED 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 OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD AS PART OF THE CHURCH IS:

- A. TO BE AN AGENCY OF GOD FOR EVANGELIZING THE WORLD (ACTS 1:8; MATTHEW 28:19,20; MARK 16:15,16).
- B. TO BE A CORPORATE BODY IN WHICH MAN MAY WORSHIP GOD (1 CORINTHIANS 12:13).
- C. 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).
- D. TO BE A PEOPLE WHO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR ALL THE WORLD (PSALM 112:9; GALATIANS 2:10; 6:10; JAMES 1:27).

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EXISTS EXPRESSLY TO GIVE CONTINUING EMPHASIS TO THIS REASON FOR BEING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT APOSTOLIC PATTERN BY TEACHING AND ENCOURAGING BELIEVERS TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS EXPERIENCE:

- A. ENABLES THEM TO EVANGELIZE IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT WITH ACCOMPANYING SUPERNATURAL SIGNS (MARK 16:15-20; ACTS 4:29-31; HEBREWS 2:3,4).
- B. ADDS A NECESSARY DIMENSION TO A WORSHIPFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-16; 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14).
- C. ENABLES THEM TO RESPOND TO THE FULL WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EXPRESSION OF FRUIT AND GIFTS AND MINISTRIES AS IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND CARE FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY OF THE WORLD (GALATIANS 5:22-26; MATTHEW 25:37-40; GALATIANS 6:10; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:12; EPHESIANS 4:11,12; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28; COLOSSIANS 1:29).

11. THE MINISTRY

A DIVINELY CALLED AND SCRIPTURALLY ORDAINED MINISTRY HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR LORD FOR THE FOURFOLD PURPOSE OF LEADING THE CHURCH IN: (1) EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD (MARK 16:15-20), (2) WORSHIP OF GOD (JOHN 4:23,24), (3) BUILDING A BODY OF SAINTS BEING PERFECTED IN THE IMAGE OF HIS SON (EPHESIANS 4:11,16), AND (4) MEETING HUMAN NEED WITH MINISTRIES OF LOVE AND COMPASSION (PSALM 112:9; GALATIANS 2:10; 6:10; JAMES 1:27).

12. DIVINE HEALING

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 (ISAIAH 53:4,5; MATTHEW 8:16,17; JAMES 5:14-16).

13. THE BLESSED HOPE

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. THE MILLENNIAL 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; 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).

15. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

THERE WILL BE A FINAL JUDGMENT IN WHICH THE WICKED DEAD WILL BE RAISED AND JUDGED ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. WHOSEVER 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 BURNETH WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH (MATTHEW 25:46; MARK 9:43-48; REVELATION 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

16. THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

—We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21,22).