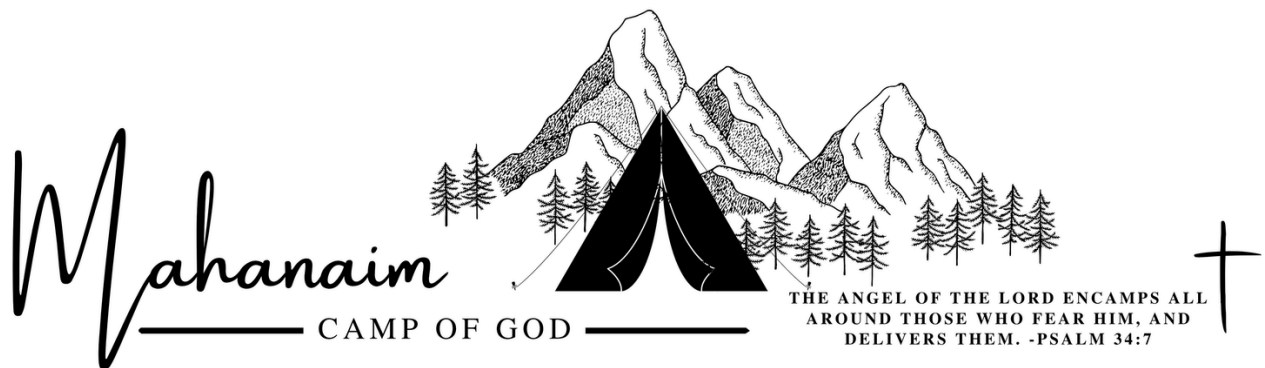


# Statement of Beliefs and Fundamental Articles of Faith of Our Church



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# Introduction

This Statement of Faith expresses the doctrinal convictions of our church and is founded upon the sixteen Historic Fundamental Doctrines of the Pentecostal faith. These doctrines are not regarded as human dogma, but as a faithful expression of the evangelical and apostolic Christian faith, firmly established upon the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and faithfully transmitted through His apostles under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that every doctrine, teaching, and Christian practice must be examined in the light of the Holy Scriptures and never according to personal interpretations, human opinions, traditions, or prejudices that distort the true meaning of God's Word (eisegesis). Therefore, we affirm that the Bible is the supreme, infallible, and final authority for the faith and conduct of every believer.

We recognize that Scripture is its own best interpreter. We believe that God's divine revelation has been fully recorded in the Holy Scriptures and that no new doctrinal revelation is given today to replace, supplement, or supersede the revelation already provided by God. Rather, the Holy Spirit illuminates believers to understand, apply, and faithfully live according to the truth already revealed in Scripture, just as our Lord Jesus Christ promised:

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth... He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."  
(John 16:13-14, NKJV).

We further believe that the proper interpretation of Scripture must follow sound hermeneutical principles, allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture. Therefore, we study every biblical passage in light of:

- Its historical context.
- Its literary context.
- The original languages (Hebrew for the Old Testament and Greek for the New Testament).
- The inspired author's purpose.
- The original audience.
- The harmony of the passage with the whole counsel of Scripture.

These principles provide the foundation for sound biblical exegesis, protecting the Church from subjective interpretations while preserving the integrity of God's inspired Word. In doing so, we embrace the Apostle Paul's exhortation:

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."  
(2 Timothy 2:15, NKJV).

Likewise, we embrace Paul's instruction to Timothy:

"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."  
(1 Timothy 4:16, NKJV).

For these reasons, our church is committed to teaching, preaching, defending, and living according to the Holy Scriptures, recognizing them as the inspired, infallible, sufficient, and final authority in all matters of faith, doctrine, and Christian living.

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH AND FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

### **I. The Inspiration of the Scriptures**

We believe that the Holy Scriptures, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, are the divinely inspired Word of God. They were written by holy men of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and are the supreme authority for Christian faith, doctrine, and conduct.

**Scriptural Basis:** 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Psalm 119:160.

### **III. The One True God**

We believe in one living and true God, eternal and Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has revealed Himself as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God alone is worthy of all worship, honor, and obedience.

**Scriptural Basis:** Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10–11; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 17:3; 1 John 5:6–8

### **III. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe in His sinless life, His miracles, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His glorious return.

**Scriptural Basis:** John 1:1–14; Matthew 1:23; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:1–3.

### **IV. The Fall of Humanity**

We believe that humanity was created good and upright in the image of God. However, through Adam's voluntary transgression, sin entered the world. As a result, all humanity inherited a sinful nature and became separated from God, making redemption necessary.

**Scriptural Basis:** Genesis 1:26–27; Genesis 3:1–24; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23.

### **V. The Salvation of Humanity**

We believe that salvation is provided solely by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Genuine repentance, faith in Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are essential for receiving eternal life.

**Scriptural Basis:** John 3:3–7; Romans 10:9–10; Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5.



## **VI. The Ordinances of the Church**

We believe that the ordinances established by the Lord for His Church are:

1. Water baptism by immersion for believers.
2. The Lord's Supper as a memorial of His death until He comes.

**Scriptural Basis:** Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26.

## **VII. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

We believe that all believers have the right to seek and receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, a post-conversion experience that empowers the Christian for service, witness, and a victorious spiritual life.

**Scriptural Basis:** Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:1–4.

## **VIII. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues as the Spirit enables believers to speak, as occurred in the early Church.

**Scriptural Basis:** Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:6.

## **IX. Sanctification**

We believe that sanctification is an initial act that occurs at conversion and a continuous process by which the believer is set apart for God and progressively transformed into the image of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Scriptural Basis:** Romans 12:1–2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 12:14.

## **X. The Church and Its Mission**

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ and is composed of all born-again believers. Its primary mission is to glorify God, evangelize the world, make disciples, and equip the saints for the work of ministry.

**Scriptural Basis:** Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15; Ephesians 4:11–13.

## **XI. Ministry**

We believe that God has established various ministries and spiritual gifts for the edification of the Church, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the equipping of believers.

**Scriptural Basis:** Ephesians 4:11–12; 1 Corinthians 12:27–31; Romans 12:4–8.



## **XII. Divine Healing**

We believe that divine healing was provided in the atoning work of Christ and that God continues to heal today according to His will and mercy in response to faith and prayer.

**Scriptural Basis:** Isaiah 53:4–5; Matthew 8:16–17; James 5:14–16.

## **XIII. The Blessed Hope**

We believe in the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to gather His Church. This promise constitutes the blessed hope of all believers.

**Scriptural Basis:** John 14:1–3; 1 Corinthians 15:51–52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; Titus 2:13.

## **XIV. The Millennial Kingdom of Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ will personally return to earth to establish His millennial kingdom. During that time, He will reign in righteousness and peace, fulfilling the promises made to His people.

**Scriptural Basis:** Zechariah 14:5; Revelation 20:1–6; Isaiah 11:6–9.

## **XV. The Final Judgment**

We believe that there will be a final judgment in which all the dead will stand before God. Those who have rejected God's grace will be judged according to their works and will be eternally separated from His presence.

**Scriptural Basis:** Revelation 20:11–15; Romans 14:10–12; Hebrews 9:27.

## **XVI. New Heavens and New Earth**

We believe in God's promise to create new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will dwell. The redeemed will eternally enjoy the presence of God in perfect fellowship, joy, and glory.

**Scriptural Basis:** Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1–4; Revelation 22:1–5.

### **Final Statement:**

These doctrines constitute the fundamental beliefs of our church. We recognize the Holy Scriptures as our only infallible rule of faith and conduct, and we affirm that Jesus Christ is the center of our faith, our salvation, and our eternal hope.