

LifeLinks Doctrinal Statement

I. The Word of God

- i. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.
- ii. We accept it in its entirety as the Word of God in its original manuscripts, Holy, inspired, infallible, and our source of Spiritual light and truth.
- iii. It is our source of revelation of God, the knowledge of salvation, the origin of all things and of the hereafter.
- iv. It is the final Court of Appeal on all points of doctrine, life and Godliness (2Timothy 3¹⁶⁻¹⁷, 2Peter 1²¹, Hebrews 4¹²⁻¹³).
- v. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament is the inspired Word of God. The Doctrine and Beliefs of this Fellowship are contained and limited to the Bible.

II. The Person of God

- i. We believe in one God, manifested as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal in existence.
- ii. We believe God to be the Creator of all things and Author of Eternal Redemption.
- iii. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the only all-sufficient Saviour. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be God manifest in the flesh, as the very Son of God, the Creator of all things with the Father and as the appointed Judge of all men (Colossians 1¹²⁻¹⁹, Acts 17³¹).
- iv. We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His vicarious death on behalf of lost humanity, His appointed burial, His bodily resurrection, His ascension on high, His High-Priestly ministry in the Heavens and His physical return to the earth to receive the righteous, both living and dead, and to execute judgement upon the wicked.
- v. We acknowledge the Holy Spirit as Comforter, the agency of regeneration, the Revealer of Christ and His work on the cross and the Distributor of gifts and graces upon the Church.

III. The Two Ordinances

We believe that Christ observed, established and commanded the Church to observe two ordinances:

- i. Water baptism by immersion, of confessed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, as practiced in the New Testament Church (Acts 2³⁸). This act is a visible representation of our death, burial and resurrection with Christ.
- ii. The Lord's Supper, as a means of fellowship in the Spiritual body of Christ and to partake of the Spiritual benefits provided for New Covenant believers.

IV. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- i. We believe in the infilling of the Holy Spirit, subsequent to the New Birth, with the Biblical evidence of speaking with other tongues and/or prophecy and the enduement with power to witness and the accompanying gifts and graces (Acts 1⁸, 10⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶, 19¹⁻⁶, 1Corinthians 12⁵⁻¹¹, Romans 5⁵).

V. The Universal Church

- i. We believe that every born-again believer is a member of the Body of Christ, His Church (Colossians 1¹⁸, Ephesians 1²⁰⁻²³, 1Corinthians 12¹²⁻¹³, Ephesians 4¹¹⁻¹⁶).

VI. Divine healing

- i. We believe that divine healing is part of God's provision for mankind and that through the gifts of healing, the laying-on of hands, the anointing with oil or by simple faith alone, physical healing and deliverance from pain are privileges of humanity throughout the Gospel Age (Mark 16¹⁷⁻¹⁸, 1 Corinthians 2⁹⁻¹⁰, 1 Peter 2²⁴, James 5¹³⁻¹⁶).

VII. Evangelism

- i. We recognise the highest obligation of the Saved is to spread the Gospel to the lost world.
- ii. This may be accompanied by preaching the Word, praying, living according to the tenets of the Bible, and the sacrificial giving of the Saints (Acts 1⁸, Matthew 28¹⁸⁻²⁰, Matthew 3⁸⁻¹⁰, 1Corinthians 9⁷⁻²³).

VIII. The Second Coming of Christ

- i. We believe in the physical, personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ and the events pertinent to the following Scriptures (Acts 1¹¹, 1Thessalonians 4¹⁶⁻¹⁷, Titus 2¹²⁻¹⁴, 2Thessalonians 1⁷⁻¹⁰).

IX. The Christ-Like Life

- i. We believe that all Christians are called into a life of separation from sinful practices and that they should take every opportunity to promote righteousness and Godliness (James 4⁴, Romans 12¹⁻², 1John 2¹⁵⁻¹⁷, 2Corinthians 6¹³⁻¹⁸, Romans 13¹⁻¹⁰).

X. The Laying-on of Hands

- i. We believe that the laying-on of hands, as practiced in the New Testament, is an operation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit for the dedication of children, ordination of ministries, sending out of ministries (Acts 13³ - Paul and Barnabas), healing of the sick, baptism in the Holy Spirit and the reception of spiritual gifts.
- ii. We believe through the laying-on of hands, prayer and prophecy that spiritual gifts and ministries are imparted or confirmed in Spirit-filled believers.

XI. Ongoing Revelation

- i. We recognise that God is continually restoring further truths to His Church; we therefore place no limit on further revelation. However, each new understanding is to be reviewed in the light of God's Word and shall be in conformity to the principles of the written Word of God. The Apostolic Council, with prayer and fasting and seeking the Lord for confirmation, shall consider such changes.

XII. Ascension Gifts of Christ

- i. In view of our recognition of the Restoration to the Church of the five-fold ministries (as referred to by Ephesians 4¹¹) of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers in the universal Church, we further recognise their ministries within the context of the local Church, when separated and consecrated by a recognised local Church body. Travelling ministries will be recognised in our local Churches when related Biblically to a recognised Ministry Team or when responsible to a local Church that is part of the Fellowship.