



“Finding your identity in Christ”

DOCTRINES OF THE TENT CHURCH

1. We believe that the Bible, as we have it in the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments is divinely inspired and the only infallible and authoritative word of God. **(II Tim 3:16, II Pet. 1:20-21, Matt. 5:18, I Cor. 2:13)**
2. We believe that there is one God, Creator and Lord of the universe, eternally existent in three persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is God the Son incarnate, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, truly man. He died on the cross of Calvary as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. He was buried, rose from the dead bodily, and ascended into heaven, where He is now the interceding High Priest, at the right hand of the Father. **(Jn.1:14, Lk. 1:34, Jn. 3:16, Phil. 2:5-8, I Cor. 15:3-5)**
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God. He fell into sin and was consequently separated from God. All men are sinners, both by birth and choice. As a result, man is by nature depraved, under condemnation and unable to attain to divine righteousness. **(Gen. 1:26, Ezek. 18:4, Rom. 3:10-18, 5:12-18)**
5. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and complete work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only basis for the remission of sins **(Eph. 2-8, 9, Heb. 9:12, 22, Rom. 5:11, Acts 4:12)**. While it is essentially spiritual in nature, the benefits of salvation embrace the needs of the total person – spirit, soul and body. **(I Pet. 2:24, III Jn. 2, II Cor. 8:9, I Thess. 5:23)**
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit is instrumental in:-
 1. Regeneration – that is the new birth of every person who responds to God’s word and accepts Christ as Saviour and Lord. **(Jn. 3:3-8, Rom. 10:9-10)**
 2. The experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit **(Acts 2:1-4, 19:1-6)**
 3. Sanctification – a life of separation from the world to live a life of holiness, producing the fruit of the Spirit **(Heb 12:14, II Cor 7:1, Gal 5:22)**.
 4. The operation of the gifts and ministries of the Spirit as manifested in the early church **(I Cor. 12:14)**
 5. Divine healing of the spirit, soul & body **(Jas. 5:14, Mk. 16:18)**
 6. Deliverance from the power and influence of evil spirits **(Mk. 16:17)**
7. We believe in the reality and personality of Satan and the eternal judgment of him and his angels. **(Lk. 4:1-13, Eph. 6:12, Matt. 25:41)**
8. We believe that the Church is
 1. The redeemed community of God’s people for all time.
 2. The priesthood of all believers. Jesus Christ is both the Head and the Chief Cornerstone of the Church.
9. We believe that the essential functions of the Church are
 1. To worship the Lord in spirit and in truth **(Jn. 4:23-24)**
 2. To build itself up in love and unity of the faith and grow up in all aspects in to Christ, the Head of the church **(Eph. 4:11-16)**
 3. To actively engage in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ among all nations. **(Acts. 1:8, Matt. 28:19-20)**
10. We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion for believers **(Matt. 28-19, Acts. 2:36-38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:1-15)**
11. We believe in the Communion, commonly known as the Lord’s Supper, or the breaking of bread as instituted by the Lord for believers **(Matt. 26:26-29, I Cor.11:23-30)**
12. We believe in giving of our substance to the Lord as part of Spiritual worship. The Bible teaches that our tithes and offerings must be brought into the storehouse (local church), which is then used for the work and support of the ministry. **(I Chron. 16:28, Mal 3:10, I Cor. 16:2, Matt. 23:23)**
13. We believe in the resurrection from the dead of believers to eternal life and unbelievers to eternal judgment. **(I Cor. 15:50-54, I Thess. 4:16-17, II Thess. 1:8-9)**.
14. We believe that Jesus Christ will return to this earth personally, visible and bodily in power and glory to establish His Kingdom. **(Jn. 14:3, I Thess 4:16-17, Acts 1:11)**