

## What We Believe

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

- We believe the Scriptures are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
- We believe there is only One True God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
- We believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, as God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
- We believe though originally good, Man Willingly Fell to Sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
- We believe every person can have restored fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (accepting Christ's offer of forgiveness for sin).
- We believe and practice two ordinances—
  1. Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and
  2. Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
- We believe the baptism in 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.
- 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.
- We believe sanctification initially occurs at salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more like Christ.
- We believe the Church has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.

- We believe a divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the Church. The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, and to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church.
- We believe divine healing of the sick is a privilege for Christians today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins).
- We believe in The Blessed Hope—When Jesus Raptures His Church Prior to His Return to Earth (the second coming). At this future moment in time