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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981

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Registered no. : A0025815V

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA INC.

27TH AUGUST 1992

IS ON AND FROM THE

INCORPORATED UNDER THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981

Given under my hand at Melbourne this 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 1992.


Deputy/Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Associations

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981
ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA INC
STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

1. The name of the Incorporated Association is ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA INC. (hereinafter called "the Association").
2. The purposes for which the Association is established are:
 - i) To bring together Evangelical Christian people of Aboriginal and Islander descent from various parts of Australia for united fellowship and service. The term Aboriginal shall hereafter include reference to an Islander.
 - ii) To take the Gospel to all Australians, particularly emphasising evangelistic outreach to Aborigines.
 - iii) To encourage the establishment and development of local evangelical Churches with emphasis geared to reach Aborigines.
 - iv) To organise a national convention for the deepening of the spiritual life of Aboriginal Christians.
 - v) To help arrange special evangelistic, Bible teaching and children's missions etc. In member Churches and also in other areas where there are openings for such Ministry.
 - vi) To help fellowships and other groups where the Gospel is being preached to form local Churches.
 - vii) To advise and assist local Churches linked with the fellowship (when requested) in the calling of suitable Pastors and in such other ways as will assist make them to become more effective in their Gospel witness and Bible teaching ministries.
 - viii) To guide intending Pastors so that they may be given the necessary Bible training experience to be recognised as accredited Pastors by the fellowship for appointment to a church.
 - ix) To assist Pastors approved by the fellowship to get in touch with local Churches which may wish to call them to service their leaders. Such help would be available not only to new Pastors but to Pastors wishing to transfer from the Church they already serve.
 - x) To arrange means of co-operation between Churches which have already been formed so they can help and encourage one another.
 - xi) To encourage each member Church to have an increasing missionary interest and a greater burden to reach out in evangelistic effort.
 - xii) To seek when necessary to assist the member Churches into districts and to set up local committees for sub-Councils to allow the work to be done more effectively.
 - xiii) To help any Church affiliated with the fellowship (on the request of that Church) to help settle any dispute about matters of doctrine which may arise in that Church.

- xiv) To discipline if necessary any member Church which through wrong teaching or behaviour brings shame or harm to the Lord's name and His Church.
- xv) To operate in accordance with the following Doctrinal Statement:

"We believe:"

- a) In the unity of the Godhead, eternally existing in three persons, namely – the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. These being the same in substance and equal in power.
- b) In the full Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
- c) The Bible as originally given is the inspired Word of God completely free from error, and is our authority and standard.
- d) All men are born sinners and are lost and condemned. They are "at enmity with God" and "without strength" to do the will of God.
- e) In the Divine provision of full salvation by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the shedding of His blood. All who genuinely repent and believe in Jesus are eternally saved from the penalty and power of sin.
- f) In the work of the Holy Spirit in the conviction and conversion and consecration of a sinner.
- g) The Church is the company of all who have been born again of the Holy Spirit and have been formed into one body of which Christ is the Head.
- h) In the visible and bodily and personal return of Christ, to take the Church out of this world.
- i) In the final judgment and eternal punishment of unbelievers in hell.
- j) In the eternal consciousness of the soul and the resurrection of the body – the saved to everlasting, Divine fellowship, and the unbelievers to everlasting punishment.
- k) In the personality of the devil, who will finally be punished in eternal hell prepared by God for him and his fallen angels."

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981
ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA INC.

RULES

1. NAME

The name of the incorporated association is Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Australia Inc. (in these rules called "the Association").

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1. In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears "Aboriginal" means a person of Aboriginal or Islander descent.
"Financial year" means the year ending on 30th June.
"General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with these Rules.
"Member" means a member of the Association.
"The Act" means the Association Incorporation Act 1981.
"The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.
- 2.2. In these rules, a reference to the Secretary of an Association is a reference –
- a) Where a person holds office under these rules as Secretary of the Association – to that person; and
 - b) In any other case, to the public officer of the Association.
- 2.3. Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. Eligibility:
The following persons or groups are eligible for membership in the Association provided that they agree to the Statement of Purposes, Doctrinal Statement and Rules of the Association:
- a) Individual Evangelical Aboriginal Christians;
 - b) Evangelical Churches in which there are a majority of Aboriginal Christians;
 - c) Non-Aboriginal Evangelical Churches which have a direct ministry to Aborigines.
 - d) Individual Christians of non-Aboriginal descent who have a vital interest in the AEF program.
- 3.2. Application for Membership:
Applications for membership will be made and handled as follows:
Applications for individual membership are to be made by the individual to the National Secretary. The application should be accompanied by a reference from a missionary, pastor or any other Christian who is a member of the fellowship. In the application the applicant must state that he or she agrees with the Statement of Purposes, Doctrinal Statement and Rules of the Association and will adhere to them.

- 3.3. Applications from Churches are to be made by the Church Secretary to the National Secretary. Two copies of the Statement of Purposes and Rules will then be sent to the Church Secretary. One copy will be signed by the Church Secretary as evidence that the Church agrees to the Statement of Purposes, Doctrinal Statement and Rules and the copy shall be returned to the National Secretary. The other copy shall be retained by the Church. As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application the application will be considered and approved or rejected by the Federal Council. All those approved will be referred to a General Meeting of the Association for ratification and if agreed to, will be accepted into full membership.
- 3.4. The National Secretary shall enter the name of the member on the Register of Members kept by him and, upon the name being so entered the applicant becomes a member of the Association.
- 3.5. A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association:
 - a) Is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
 - b) Terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.

4. AFFILIATION FEES

- 4.1. There shall be affiliation fees as follows:
 - a) Individual members and member Churches shall pay a membership fee upon joining and thereafter the annual subscription fee. The membership fee and annual subscription fee may be fixed from time to time by the Federal Council.

5. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 5.1. The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.
- 5.2. The Secretary shall also keep and maintain a register of affiliated Councils.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.1. The Association shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- 6.2. The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Federal Council determines.
- 6.3. The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- 6.4. The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be –
 - a) To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;

- b) To receive from the Federal Council reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
 - c) To elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Federal Council in each alternate year at the Annual General Meeting; and
 - d) To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30 (3) of the Act.
- 6.5. The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
- 6.6. The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1. All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.
- 7.2. The Federal Council may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association and, where, but for this sub-clause, more than 15 months would lapse between annual general meetings, shall convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- 7.3. The Federal Council may convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- 7.4. The notice for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting.
- 7.5. A special general meeting convened in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Federal Council.

8. NOTICE OF MEETING

- 8.1. The National Secretary of the Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, cause to be sent to each member of the Association at his address appearing in the register of members, a notice by pre-paid post stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

9. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 9.1. All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- 9.2. No item of business shall be transacted at the general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- 9.3. Each individual member and one delegate from every member Church who is authorised in writing to act as a delegate for that member Church may attend a general meeting. The quorum at any general meeting shall be two-thirds of the total of individual members and Church delegates and in no case shall be less than ten (10) people.

- 9.4. If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to the members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

10. CHAIRMAN

- 10.1. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Association.
- 10.2. If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members and delegates present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENTS

- 11.1. The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 11.2. Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.
- 11.3. Except as provided in sub-clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

12. VOTING

- 12.1. A member Church may send two delegates to general meetings of the Association or Area Councils. These delegates will be members of the member Church authorised in writing to be a delegate to the meeting and where possible deacons or officers of the member Church. A member Church shall have one vote for each five members of the Church with a maximum of 10 votes for each member Church. An individual member shall have one vote at general meetings of the Association and at the Area Council.
- 12.2. A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Association is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, the resolution.
- 12.3. All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.
- 12.4. In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 12.5. If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairman may

direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

- 12.6. A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct

13. FEDERAL COUNCIL

- 13.1. There shall be a Federal Council of the Association.
- 13.2. The Federal Council will consist of twelve members elected to the Council for a two year term of office with the power for that Council to appoint up to six additional Federal Council members who shall have full rights as Council members for their two year term of appointment.
- 13.3. The members are to be representative of the total area of Australia.
- 13.4. Only member of Aboriginal descent shall be eligible to serve on the Federal Council.
- 13.5. Every second year the annual general meeting will elect the Officers of the Association who shall be:
- a) A President;
 - b) Two Vice-Presidents;
 - c) A Secretary;
 - d) A Public Officer;
 - e) A Treasurer;
 - f) And such other officers as a general meeting may determine are necessary.

These members shall form the Executive Committee.

14. PROCEEDINGS OF FEDERAL COUNCIL

- 14.1. The Federal Council shall meet at least once a year at such place and at such time as the Executive Committee may determine.
- 14.2. Additional meetings of the Federal Council may be convened by the President or by any five members of the Federal Council.
- 14.3. Notice shall be given to member of the Federal Council of any meetings specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 14.4. *Half plus 1 (4/1/19 Change T. Riches)*
~~Two-thirds~~ of the members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Federal Council.
- 14.5. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
- 14.6. At meetings of the Federal Council –
- a) A President or in his absence a Vice-President shall preside; or

- b) If the President or Vice Presidents are absent one of the remaining members of the Federal Council as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.

15. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 15.1. The Executive Committee will meet when and as necessary and regulate their own procedures. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day to day business of the Association between Federal Council meetings.

16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCIES

- 16.1. Members of the Federal Council will be elected every two years at the annual general meeting of the Fellowship.
- 16.2. All nominations for Federal Council must be submitted to the National Secretary at least one calendar month before an annual general meeting.
- 16.3. All members of the Federal and State Councils shall be individual members of the Association.
- 16.4. A nomination shall be in writing signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.
- 16.5. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- 16.6. The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at an annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.

17. VACANCIES

- 17.1. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary member of the committee becomes vacant if the officer or member
 - a) Ceases to be a member of the Association;
 - b) Becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
 - c) Resigns his office by notice in writing given to the secretary.
- 17.2. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of his appointment.

18. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- 18.1. The President shall preside at all Executive, Federal Council and National Meetings of the Association and promote the work of the Association.
- 18.2. The National Secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each Committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present

at Committee meetings. The Secretary shall be engaged in various administrative and other duties on behalf of the Association.

18.3. The Treasurer of the Association –

- a) Shall collect and receive all monies due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and
- b) Shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

18.4. The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (18.3) shall be available for inspection by members.

18.5. The Public Officer: The duties of the public officer shall be as those of the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981 Sections 24-28 inclusive.

19. STATE COUNCILS

19.1. State Councils may be established within the Association. The State Councils shall be made up of members and Church delegates from the respective States and Territories.

19.2. A State Council shall comprise Federal Council members drawn from the relevant area and such other members as shall be appointed by the members and delegates of the Association at their State annual general meeting.

20. ADVISORY COUNCILS

20.1. The Association in general meeting may appoint Federal and Area Advisory Councils as appropriate. Such council members may be appointed from Church denominations or evangelical missions. The Federal Council and Area Councils may determine the number of members on any Advisory Council.

21. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS

21.1. There shall be a women's fellowship in the eastern and western area. The women's fellowship may appoint its own Council and sub-committees to carry out evangelistic and missionary work within the framework of the Association.

21.2. The women's fellowship will comply with the Statement of Purposes, Rules and Statement of Faith of the Association and Doctrinal Statement of the Association. Any property of the women's fellowship will be the property of the Association.

21.3. Decisions made at meetings of the women's fellowship general and council meetings will be reported to the next meeting of the Federal Council. The Federal Council shall consider the purchase of property or disposal or rent or lease of any property required by the women's fellowship.

22. VETO POWER

22.1. The Federal Council shall have the power to veto the appointment of persons elected to Councils or committees of the Association or any decision of Councils or committees which in the opinion of the Federal Council is not in keeping with the policies of the Association.

23. FUNDS

- 23.1. The funds of the Association shall be banked in a bank account under the name of the Association with two of the three signatories being President, National Secretary, Treasurer or any other member of Federal Council nominated for that purpose. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by a least two authorised signatories.
- 23.2. The funds of the Association shall be derived from membership fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the committee determines.

24. AUDIT

- 24.1. The accounts, vouchers, receipts books of the Association shall be examined annually by auditors as may be appointed by a general meeting of the Fellowship. The Treasurer shall issue an audited annual financial statement to members of the Fellowship.

25. PROPERTY

- 25.1. The Association shall have power to purchase, rent, lease, transfer, insure, mortgage or acquire by gift any real estate or other property and dispose of same by a determination of the Federal Council.

26. ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

- 26.1. These rules and the statement of purposes of the Association shall not be altered except by a special resolution of the Association that is a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of such members of the Association as being entitled to vote so vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than twenty-one (21) days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given in accordance with these rules.
- 26.2. Rules 34 and 35 hereof shall not be altered without the consent of the Minister as required by Section 51 of the Act.

27. APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

- 27.1. The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Association as set forth in the statement of purposes of the Association. And no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or Committeemen or servants of the Association or to any member or Committeeman in return for services actually rendered to the Association or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of Committeeman or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member or Committeeman to the Association and nothing herein contained shall prevent any Committeeman of the Association being appointed to any salaried office of the Association or any office of the Association paid by fees. Provided further nothing herein shall prevent the bona fide relieving or assisting of member or the spouses, windows, widowers, families or relatives of members who are poor or in necessitous circumstances.

28. CUSTODY OF RECORDS

- 28.1. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the National Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

29. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN UNIONS OR EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIPS

- 29.1. The Association may affiliate with other national or international evangelical Christian bodies if they feel such act is desirable on approval of a general meeting of the Association.

30. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- 30.1. Membership of the Association shall be withdrawn by Federal Council:
- a) If a local Church, as a member, can no longer comply with the doctrinal basis of the Fellowship;
 - b) If a member is guilty of conduct which brings shame on the name of the Lord;
 - c) If a member becomes of unsound mind;
 - d) If the Federal Council upon proper enquiry and upon giving reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing determines to withdraw membership to individual members or member Churches.
- 30.2. Federal Council may determine to restore to membership a person whose membership has been withdrawn.

31. YOUTH

- 31.1. There shall be a National youth movement of the Association which may have a National Youth Council and State youth committees elected from younger members with such procedures as may be determined by the Federal Council.
- 31.2. Members of the National Youth Movement must be Christians who agree to the Statement of Purposes, Doctrinal Statement and Rules of the Association.
- 31.3. The Director of the National Youth Council shall be a member of the Federal Council.
- 31.4. The Youth Co-ordinator shall be a member of the Association and shall be appointed by the Director of the National Youth Council.

32. CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

- 32.1. The Association shall have power to establish a Christian Leadership Training program in Australia.
- 32.2. Any colleges established will be non-denominational. Students will be required to serve with the Association during training.
- 32.3. Such colleges shall have power to draw up rules of training and conduct which are consistent with the Statement of Purposes and Rules of the Association.

33. SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- 33.1. There shall be an Association Social Welfare and Educational Department with the following purposes:
- a) To assist adults and children living in underprivileged circumstances wherever possible and as the Federal Council deems appropriate.
 - b) To initiate and maintain our own proposals, plans, rules and properties designed to advance the health, housing, education, moral, spiritual and social well-being of Aboriginal adults, children and other members of the community;
 - c) To provide and maintain a hostel or hostels to provide accommodation for students or workers in needy circumstances.
- 33.2. The Directors of the Social Welfare and Education Department shall be appointed from members of the Association or from such other persons as the Federal Council deems appropriate.
- 33.3. All personnel for the management of property of the Social Welfare and Education Department shall be appointed by the Federal Council.
- 33.4. All property of the Social Welfare and Education Department shall be the property of the Association and vested in the Association.
- 33.5. The Federal Council shall have power to veto, suspend, dissolve, remove or restrict its personnel or authorities, councils or committees involved in the work of the Social Welfare and Education Department for any proved misconduct or any offence or immoral act or action inconsistent with the policies of the Fellowship or the Statement of Purposes, Doctrinal Statement or Rules of the Association having made proper enquiry and having given the opportunity of a fair hearing.

34. TRADING

- 34.1. The Association may trade subject to the conditions set out in Section 51 of the Association Incorporation Act.

35. WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

- 35.1. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association and whose Memorandum of Association or constitution shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of its dissolution and in default thereof by application to the Supreme Court for determination.

36. COMMON SEAL

- 36.1. The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

- 36.2. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the Public Officer of the Association.

37. BENEDICTION

- 37.1. Jude 24-25:
"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

AMMENDMENT TO DOCTRINAL STATEMENT 2.14
STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:-

- a) In the unity of the Godhead, eternally existing in three persons, namely – the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. These being the same in substance and equal in power.
2 Cor. 13:14, John 17:21-23
- b) In the full Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. *Heb. 1:3,8, Col. 2:9, Luke 1:31, 35, 2 Peter 2:22*
- c) The bible as originally given is the inspired Word of God completely free from error, and is our authority and standard. *2 Tim, 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21*
- d) All men are born sinner and are lost and condemned. They are “at enmity with God” and “without strength” to do the Will of God. *Rom. 3:23, Rom, 5:15, Gal. 3:22*
- e) In the Divine provision of full salvation by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the shedding of His blood. All who genuinely repent and believe in Jesus are eternally saved from the penalty and power of sin. *1 John 1:9, Eph. 2:8, John 5:24, Rom. 5:9*
- f) In the work of the Holy Spirit in the conviction and conversion and consecration of a sinner. *John 3:5-7, 2 Thess. 2:13, Rom. 8:14-16*
- g) The Church is the company of all who have been born again of the Holy Spirit and have been formed into one body of which Christ is the Head. *Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22-23*
- h) In the visible and bodily and personal return of Christ, to take the Church out of this world. *John 14:1-3, Acts 1:11, John 11 25-26*
- i) In the final judgment and eternal punishment of unbelievers in hell. *Rom. 6:23, Matt. 25-46*
- j) In the eternal consciousness of the soul and the resurrection of the body – the saved to everlasting, Divine fellowship, and the unbelievers to everlasting punishment. *Matt. 25:31-46, Rom. 6:23, John 3:36, John 5:24, John 17:24*
- k) In the personality of the devil, who will finally be punished in eternal hell prepared by God for him and his fallen angels. *1 Peter 5:8, Eph. 6:11-12*
- l) In the divinely appointed ordinances of baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper. *Matt. 28:19, Acts 8:36-38, 1 Cor. 11:26*