

The Beliefs in the Lord's Recovery

Scripture Verses:

- 2 Tim. 3: 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 1 Cor. 15:3-4 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures;

- I. We believe that the Holy Bible is the complete divine revelation verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit—2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.**
- II. We believe that God is the only one Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—co-existing equally from eternity to eternity—1 Tim. 2:5a; Matt. 28:19.**
- III. We believe that the Son of God, even God Himself, became incarnated to be a man by the name of Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, that He might be our Redeemer and Savior—John 1:1, 14; Matt. 1:18, 20-21.**
- IV. We believe that Jesus, a genuine man, lived on this earth for thirty-three and a half years to make God the Father known to men—Phil. 2:7-8.**
- V. We believe that Jesus the Christ anointed by God with His Holy Spirit, died on the cross for our sins and shed His blood for the accomplishment of our redemption—1 Pet. 2:24; Eph.1:7a.**
- VI. We believe that Jesus Christ, after being buried for three days, resurrected from the dead physically and spiritually and that, in resurrection, He has become the life-giving Spirit to impart Himself into us as our life and our everything—1 Cor. 15:45b; John 3:16.**
- VII. We believe that after His resurrection Christ ascended to the heavens and that God has made Him the Lord of all—Acts 1:9; 2:33, 36.**
- VIII. We believe that after His ascension Christ poured down the Spirit of God to baptize His chosen members into one Body and that the Spirit of God, who is also the Spirit of Christ, is moving on this earth today to convict sinners, to regenerate God's chosen people, to dwell in the members of Christ for their growth in life, and to build up the Body of Christ for His full expression—1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:4; 10:44-47; John 16:8; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:21-22.**
- IX. We believe that at the end of this age Christ will come back to take up His members, to judge the world, to take possession of the earth, and to establish His eternal kingdom—Acts 1:9, 11; 1 Thes. 4:15-17.**
- X. We believe that the overcoming saints will reign with Christ in the millennium and that all the believers in Christ will participate in the divine blessings in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth for eternity—Matt. 13:43; Rev. 21:6-7; 22:5.**

Reference Books: *The Beliefs and Practices of the Local Churches*, Message one.

Excerpts from the Ministry:**The Beliefs and Practices of the Local Churches**

Preface

Because an increasing number of people, both Christians and non-Christians, are seeking information concerning the local churches, we have prepared this booklet, as a basic introduction to our beliefs and practices. As children of the light, we are thankful for this opportunity to bear public testimony to what we believe, teach, and practice. We have many other publications available on various important Scripture subjects, including the experience of Christ, regeneration, transformation, the growth in life, the church, the kingdom, the Triune God, the purpose of God, and the human spirit. Detailed studies of many books of the Bible are available as well. We welcome all inquiries that spring from a sincere desire to know the truth.

We want it to be known by all that the Christians in the local churches are absolute for the common faith and are the most orthodox of Christians. We have received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. He is living in us as our life, and He is everything to us. We love Him, we serve Him, and we are seeking to bring many others to a living knowledge of Himself. We are meeting together in various localities simply as blood-washed, born-again, Spirit-filled Christians without any denominational affiliation, because we seek to give testimony to the unity of the Body of Christ. We welcome all true believers, and we seek fellowship with them as our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our sincere and earnest desire that the Lord's testimony on this earth may be spread and greatly strengthened in order that His Bride may be prepared for His soon return. May the Lord honor and vindicate His own work on this earth in these days.

Our Belief

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Our Standing

- I. We stand on the Holy Scriptures, not according to any traditional interpretation, but according to the pure Word of God.
- II. We stand on Christ, the living rock, the foundation stone, the Head of the Body, and the life and reality of the church.
- III. We stand on the genuine unity of the Body of Christ. We are not sectarian, nor denominational, nor non-denominational, nor interdenominational.
- IV. We stand on the ground of the oneness of all believers in each locality; we recognize all the blood-redeemed and Spirit-regenerated believers in Christ as members of the one church in each city.

Our Mission

- I. To preach the gospel of grace and of the kingdom to sinners that they may be saved.
- II. To minister the life supply to believers that they may grow in Christ.
- III. To establish the church in each city that the believers may become a local corporate expression of Christ in practicality.
- IV. To release the living and rich word of God from the Holy Scriptures that the believers may be nourished to grow and mature.
- V. To build up the Body of Christ so that the Bride may be prepared for the Bridegroom.

Our Hope

- I. We hope that as many as are ordained by God to eternal life will believe in the Lord Jesus.
- II. We hope that all regenerated Christians will seek the growth in life, not the mere increase of knowledge.
- III. We hope that all seeking Christians will see the vision of the church and come into the practical church life in their locality.
- IV. We hope that the Lord will have a remnant of overcomers that His Bride may be prepared.
- V. We hope that the coming back of the Lord will be hastened by our growth and that we may participate in the blessed rapture and in His coming kingdom. (*The Beliefs and Practices of the Local Churches*, pp. 1-5.)

Questions:

- 1. Why do we need to state the beliefs of the Lord's recovery?
- 2. What are the main points of our beliefs in the Lord's recovery ?
- 3. Try to explain the stand, the mission and the hope of the Lord's recovery.

