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STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible

Showers of Blessings Apostolic Church accepts as its creed discipline, rules of order and doctrine based on the word of God as taught and revealed by the Holy Ghost. We believe in the whole Bible, accepting that

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We believe that the whole Bible in the original is without error and is therefore the authority in matters of faith and practice.

We believe that the Bible contains the complete word of God and that God does not grant new revelations which contradict biblical truth

"Every word of God is pure...Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30: 5-6, KJV)

The Godhead

We believe that there is but one God, in essence and in person, from whom and in whom there is a divine threefold manifestation and relationship made known as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. These three are one God, having the same nature and attributes and are worthy of the same homage, confidence and obedience.

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life". (I John 5:20 KJV)

Salvation

We believe that salvation has been provided for all, through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness..." (I Peter 2:24, KJV)

"...God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5: 8, KJV)

We believe that all persons must repent of their sins.

We believe that all persons must be baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin. Water baptism signifies one's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4, NIV)

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27, NIV)

We believe that all persons must receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit givers utterance.

The Gifts of the Spirit

We believe that God has freely given supernatural abilities to people, through which believers are able to minister in specific situations. These gifts of the spirit serve to strengthen the church and also demonstrate Gods presence among His people.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD (ISAIAH 11:2)

Paul later expounded on this noting that the presence of the Spirit of the Lord will be evidenced through the "fruit of the Spirit"

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5: 22-23)