

OUR CHURCH AND WHAT WE STAND FOR

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Our church formed around sixty years ago during one of the early outpourings of the Holy Spirit in Australia. As time went by two distinct types of spirit filled groups formed. Some groups determined that believing or accepting Christ was New Testament salvation and that the anointing of the Holy Spirit was an optional extra. The others believed that the anointing of the Holy Spirit and water baptism was salvation and was evidenced by the prophesied sign of speaking in tongues (both groups adopted a large variety of beliefs, practices and prophetic understandings). Our church adopted the same belief that Peter spoke of on the day of Pentecost.

We believe the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, equals bible salvation (commonly known as eternal life).

ACT 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

&38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to **all that are afar off**, even as **many** as the Lord our God shall **call**. *Repentance, baptism and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues.*

We believe that all Christians have access to all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1Corinthians 12.

1COR 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be blameless* in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the soon return of Jesus Christ who is coming back to redeem the overcomers.

1THE 4:6 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

We believe the bible identifies modern nations and predicts the state of the world just before the return of Christ.

GEN 12:2 And I will make of thee a **great** nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy **name great**; and thou shalt be a blessing: *The prophecies to Abraham and Jacob, fulfilled in modern day British Commonwealth.*

The Us of America is also identified, but space does not permit a demonstration here.

MAT 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

1THE 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

We believe that we are called to peach the gospel to the unsaved and teach the gospel to each other.

MAT 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

HEB 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is **called** To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. *God wants us to treat each other as family, to build lasting and supportive relationships.*

These are a few very basic but essential beliefs that we subscribe to.