



## **Living Waters Ministries**

Minister R. Thomas Lambur

### **Our Tenets Of Faith And Doctrinal Explanations**

*Living Waters Ministries – Living Waters Fellowship - LWMORG* accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts these ***Basic Statements of Fundamental Truths, Doctrine Explanations.***

#### **We Believe:**

We believe that the basis for Christian fellowship is His agape love, which is called *the greatest*. God's love is the medium for Bible truths to be made known to men, living faith to work, the gifts of the Spirit to function, and our Christian witness to be made known to the unsaved world. (1 Corinthians 13, Gal 5:22) We believe that the marks of a maturing church are Faith, Hope, and Love. (Colossians 1:3-7) Therefore, we place a high emphasis on the teaching of God's Word that our Faith may grow. (Romans 10:17) Also, we live in anticipation of the return of Jesus, for He is our blessed Hope. (Titus 2:13) Finally, we desire the fullness of His Spirit in our lives, for the fruit of the Spirit is Love. We are to speak the truth in love. Faith works by love. The gifts of the Spirit function by love. By our love we witness to all men that we are His disciples. (Galatians 5:22)

#### **The Scriptures**

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God: true, immutable, steadfast, and unchangeable (2Tim.3:16-17). The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and write as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16, 1 Thess. 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable, for "reproof, correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Also see (1 Peter 2: 1-2). The Bible is the only infallible guide and rule of our faith and practice (Matt. 24:35; Psa.119:89; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

#### **The Persons of the Trinity - The Godhead**

We believe that God is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the three are coexistent, coeternal, equal in divine perfection (I John 5:7). Our God is one, but manifested in three distinct persons (personalities)-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (I John. 5:7), being co-equal (Phil. 2:6). God the Father is greater than all (John 14:28); the Source and Begetter and Sender of the Word (Logos) (John 1: 14; 16:28; John 14:28). The Father is God (I Peter 1: 2; Heb. 12:9) "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1: 18). The Son is the Word flesh-covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1: 1, John 1: 18, John 1: 14). Jesus is God in the flesh (I Tim.3: 16) The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal (John 14:16; 15:26). Being promised by Christ from the Father to all fully cleansed believers (John 14:16-17). The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5: 3-4).

#### **God**

We believe in the eternal omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and immutable triune God; maker of Heaven and Earth, and all that is in them; and in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, equal in every divine perfection and attribute, executing distinct, but harmonious offices, in the great work of redemption (1 John 5:7; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gen. 1:26; 1 Tim. 1:17).

#### **God The Father**

(Isa. 43:10; Isa. 44:8; John 3:16)

#### **God The Son**

Coexistent and coeternal with the Father, who, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary,

took upon Himself the form of man: and by His becoming obedient unto death, bearing the curse of sin, sickness and sorrow, redeemed us back to God. He arose the third day and ascended unto Heaven, where He sits on the right hand of God, the Father, where He lives to make intercession for us (John 1:1-3; Matt. 1:23; 1 Tim. 2:5; Eph. 2:18; Phil. 2:6-11).

### **God The Holy Spirit**

The third person of the Godhead, coexistent and equal with the Father. Sent by the Father, through the Son, to reprove the world of sin and prepare the bride of Christ (John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:8).

### **Man, His Fall and Redemption.**

We believe that man, created in the image of God, by voluntary disobediences fell into the depths of sin and iniquity, bequeathing sin's nature and consequences to all mankind, with their accompanying loss of intended meaning and purpose (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:12).

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God (Rom. 5:14; Rom. 3:10; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 3:8). Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Eph. 2:8).

The fall of man - (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:10; Rom. 3:23).

### **The Plan Of Redemption**

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, took our place, and with His life's blood purchased the pardon for ALL who BELIEVE IN HIM (Jn. 3:16; Tit. 2:14). We believe that Christ was the Lamb of God, foreordained from the foundation of the world, and by the shedding of His blood on the cross, made provision for salvation for ALL men (1 Pet. 1:19-20; Isa. 53:5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 7:25).

### **Salvation Through Grace**

We believe that salvation is wholly through grace; that no human righteousness or human merit can contribute to our receiving God's love and Cross merited favor (Eph.2:8).

### **Repentance And Acceptance**

We believe that, upon sincere repentance and whole-hearted acceptance of Christ as both Savior and Lord of a person's life, we are instantaneously justified and sanctified before God through Jesus' sacrificial death (Rom. 10:6-10; 1 Jn. 1:9).

### **Eternal Life and The New Birth**

We believe that the change that takes place in people at conversion is a very real one; that having received righteousness in Christ and having received of His Spirit, people will have new desires, interests, and pursuits in life (2 Corin. 5:17; Gal. 2:20).

Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced produces eternal life. (2 Cor. 7:10, 1 John 5:12, John 3:3-5).

We believe that because of man's total inability to save himself, salvation is by God's grace alone; is received through sincere godly repentance, and a wholehearted acceptance of Jesus Christ as his personal Savior; through being born again, he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new (John 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:24).

### **The Salvation of Men**

We believe that salvation represents both justification and sanctification as a wed-union. Both justification and sanctification have their distinctive roles of operation in the plan of salvation yet are inseparable. Therefore we exhort all to be saved, through repentance, faith, and living for Jesus! We believe do not believe that the bible teaches "Unconditional" eternal security, but we do believe in the "Eternal Security" of believers. When the believer has *properly placed their faith in Jesus Christ and The Cross* as their "Object of Faith," and *means of grace for salvation*, then the believer is "Securely In Christ." We believe there is a difference between *our "Standing" and our "State."* We are given our "*Standing*" by what Christ

has done for us at the Cross. We get our “*State*” from presenting ourselves to the Holy Spirit which brings our “*State*” up to our “*Standing*.”

### **Saving of the Soul**

We believe that after one is converted they change their thinking, after one is born again they must go through the process of renewing their mind in which the scriptures declare the saving of the soul (James 1:21; Hebrews 10:39). The scriptural purpose is that one would be free from sin and its wages. We understand many fall back into the torments of Satan because of not renewing their mind after they have been born again (1 Corinthians 9:27; 15:2).

### **Daily Christian Life**

We believe that it is the will of God that those who have been born again grow in sanctification, become partakers of His holiness, and daily grow stronger in faith, power, prayer, love, and service (2 Cor. 7:1)

### **Prayer**

Every believer should have a continual Word and prayer life (Joshua 1:8; 1 Timothy 4:15; 2:1-4; 1 John 5:14,15; John 16:24).

### **Universal Salvation**

We believe in Universal Salvation to all men through the Cross.

### **Jesus Christ and The Cross is Our “Object of Faith” or Trust**

All the promises of God were merited and purchased by Jesus Christ at the Cross through His blood shed. These promises includes: the fulfillment of all the names of God given in the prior Covenants now under the all inclusive One Covenant of Jesus Christ. All the benefits of salvation have been Paid In Full, which would include *physical healing* of the body (Isa.53) , and *all sufficiency* (supply)for all things in the boundaries of the calling of God on all the believers *have been supplied* by this one sacred act upon the Cross.

### **Understanding Types Of Grace Coming From The Cross of Jesus Christ**

The Grace of God represents different functioning types of grace:

Saving Grace – (Eph. 2:8) “ For by grace you have been saved through faith...” This kind of grace gets us saved.

Sanctifying Grace – (John 17:17; Heb. 12:15-16) “Sanctify them through your truth: your Word is truth.” “Looking diligently lest any man fail the grace of God...” 1Thess. 5:23 “And the very God of peace *sanctify you wholly*; and I pray God *your whole spirit and soul and body* be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This kind of grace saves us and keeps us saved;

Serving Grace – (2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Cor.1: 26; Romans 11:29; 2 Thess. 1:11; Phil. 3:14) “ Who has saved us, and *called us with a holy calling..*” “For you see *your calling*, brethren, how not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called..*” “*For the gifts and callings of God* are without repentance.” “...*worthy of this calling*, and *fulfill* all the good pleasure of His goodness, and *the work of faith* with power..” “*I press toward* the mark for *the high calling of God..*” This kind of grace brings about service for God. In summary, *Saving grace* comes to you, *Sanctifying grace* works in you, and *Serving grace* flows through you to make Jesus real to the world!

### **Jesus Christ The Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever**

We believe that Jesus is the same, that His promises are true, and that through faith believers can freely receive them (covenant benefits) into our lives.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

### **Faith**

You must have faith to please God (Hebrews 11:6). To have strong faith one would simply act and speak in accordance with God's inspired Word (Romans 4:17-20; Mark 2:5; Romans 10:17). Mankind can be redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13,14). The purpose of God's Kingdom come carries with

it a reversal of the curse was poverty, sickness, disease and spiritual death (Deuteronomy 28:15-22, 27,29; 35:61). Forget not all His benefits! By exercising one's faith all the blessings of the covenant and godliness can be manifested in one's life (2 Peter 1:2-4).

### **Lordship In Salvation** (His Lord's Rule & Reign in Our Lives)

Jesus is Lord of all, and the faith He demanded involves our unconditional surrender, steadfast commitment and continual obedience.

Matt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Those who truly love Christ have the continual longing to fulfill obedience to Him in all respects.

Heb 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness (sanctification), without which no man shall see the Lord"

Rom. 6:22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Behavior is the test and evidence of faith where a person's faith is made real to the fallen world. Genuine believers will persevere in the faith. Real faith produces a changed life. Salvation includes a transformation of the inner person, which shows in outward Christ-like character.

### **Perseverance In Our Faith**

Heb. 3:6 "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Col 1:23 "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel"

Mk. 13:13 "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

### **The Keeping Power of God's Grace in Our Lives**

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

There is given an absolute assurance to those who are "In Jesus Christ" who have placed their faith in the Cross for salvation!

### **Daily Christian Life**

We believe that having been cleansed by the blood, and quickened by the Spirit, it is God's will that we should be sanctified daily, and be made partakers of His holiness; walking not after the flesh but after the Spirit; forsaking the very appearance of evil, such as worldly dress, worldly amusements, worldly conversation, worldly habits, etc. (Rom. 8:1; Rom. 8:5; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15; 1 Thess. 5:22).

### **Moderation**

We believe Christians' moderation should be obvious to others and that relationship with Jesus should never lead people into extremes of fanaticism; their lives should model that of Christ in uprightness, balance, humility, and self-sacrifice (Col. 3:12,13; Phil. 4:5).

We believe that our moderation should be known to all men. The Christian should be sober, well balanced, and seasoned with love. His zeal should be governed by godly wisdom (Phil. 4:5; Eph. 4:14-15; 1 Cor. 13:5; Col. 3:12-13).

### **The Church**

The true Church is the body of Jesus Christ ( I Cor. 12:1-10), Christ being the Head of the Church (Col. 2:19). Its earthly constituents are men and women, born of the Spirit of God, living Holy lives, striving to do the will of God. To the Church is delegated the various gifts and offices of the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 12:1-10), necessary for the successful fulfillment of Christ's great commission to the Church as given to the disciples in (Matt. 28: 19 and Mark 16: 15-20).

### **Relationship To Fellowship**

We believe that it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with a congregation of believer (not matter how small) with whom we can fulfill the worshiping of God, the observation of the ordinances of Christ, exhort and support one another, praying for the needs of one another, labor for the salvation of others, work for the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom (Acts 4:18-20; Rom. 13:1-5).

We understand that from a scriptural standpoint fellowship in a spiritual sense is as food is to the physical body. Everyone needs close, Christian friends that will encourage and care for them (1 John 1:3).

### **Water Baptism**

We believe that baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is an essential response to Jesus' command, testifying to His Lordship as Christ and King of a person's life (Rom. 6:4).

Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 28:19, Rom. 6:4, Col. 2:12, Acts 8:36-39). The following recommendation regarding the water baptismal formula is adopted; to wit: "On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ., the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen." We believe that water baptism is subsequent to conversion, that it is *not* a saving ordinance, but an *outward sign of an inward work*.

### **Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire**

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit empowers believers to exalt Jesus, to live lives of holiness, and to be witnesses of God's saving grace; we expect the Spirit's incoming to be after the same manner as that in which He came upon believers in the days of the Early church (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).

We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows enabling ministry gifts upon believers, and that these gifts will build up the Body of Christ through edification and evangelism (1 Cor.12:1-11); as evidence of a Spirit-filled life, believers should show spiritual "fruit"; love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5:22-25).

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the New Birth. This experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance (Matt 3: 11, John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8, Acts 1:8; 2:4, 38,39; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:4; 1 Cor.3:16).

We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a definite experience, *not identical with conversion*. (Jn.20:22 chronological ref. for the new birth) The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a subsequent experience after the new birth given to equip them. The initial evidences of this experience is the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is given to endue the believer with power from on high; to give inspired demonstration and utterance in witnessing for Christ; to lead the believer into holiness and sobriety; to equip him for a practical, efficient, Spirit-filled soul winning ministry and service; that inasmuch as this is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, every believer has a right to expect His supernatural baptism to be after the same manner as recorded by the Word of God in early Bible days.

### **The Spirit-Filled Life Of Believers And Refilling His Spirit**

We believe that it is the will of God that believers walk in the Spirit moment by moment, serving the Lord and living lives of patience, love, truth, sincerity, and prayer (Eph.4:30-32; Gal. 5:16,25).

We believe in the empowerment of believers, that having a received the initial filling, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the believer should experience continual renewing of the power from on high; that the Holy Spirit is as a gentle dove, and as bold as a lion! It is the will of God that we *walk and abide in the Spirit* (Eph. 5:18; Acts 4:31; Eph. 4:30-32; 1Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:16-25; 1 John 2:6).

### **The Nine Grace Gifts - Manifestations (Effects), Fruits Of The Spirit, And Motivation Gifts**

We believe that for the edification of the saints and the up building of the church of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit has the following to bestow upon the individual believer according to 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons..."(NAS)

9 GRACE GIFTS - MANIFESTATIONS (EFFECTS) OF THE SPIRIT – I Corinthians  
12:8-11 – Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith, Gifts of Healing, Effecting of  
Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of Spirits, Various kinds of Tongues, Prophetic Tongues and

Interpretation, Private Devotional Prayer Tongues.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT – Galatians 5:22-23 – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.

OTHER MOTIVATION GIFTS – Romans 12:7-8 – Service, Teaching, Exhortation (Encouraging), Giving, Leading, Mercy.

We believe that Fruits of the Spirit should be cultivated in the life of every believer. And that the Holy Spirit bestows the gifts, and manifestations of the Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will; that they should be coveted earnestly by all spiritual believers and exercised in the spirit of love. When this happens the Holy Spirit places people in the ministries of the Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:7-11; 1 Cor. 12:31; Gal. 5:22-23; John 15:4; John 15:8).

### **Christ' Atonement Represents Wholeness To Mankind [Spirit – Soul – Body]**

We preaching and teaching the "Full Gospel" message of Christ' Atonement on the Cross.

Considering Isaiah 53 this passage, the atonement of Jesus Christ, restores man through a triune salvation. This means the Lord has provided a ministry to the "Whole" man by the Cross.

Christ' blood atonement *provides* the basis of ministry to all of mankind. – Spiritual healing, deliverance, regeneration. Soul of man – mental and emotional healing. Body of man – physical healing.

### **Lord's Supper**

We believe in the observing the Lord's Supper, receiving the broken bread and the fruit of the vine with joy and faith as we partake anew of the life and triumph of Christ' Cross (I Cor. 11:24-26).

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is a commandment of our Saviour; and being a memorial (reminder) of His death for us, is strictly *limited* to Christian believers (I Cor. 11: 24-30). We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper among all of God's people. The Lord's Supper is as a *type* of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as an ordinance showing forth the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, and a looking forward to the marriage supper of the Lamb. (1 Cor. 11:23-28; 2 Cor. 13:5; Luke 22:7-22).

### **Feet-Washing**

Following the Lord's Supper (John 13:1-18) the Lord said, "...ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

We believe that by this practice we shall keep ourselves humble before our Lord, following His example of servant hood toward our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Sanctification**

The Bible teaches that *without holiness (sanctification) no man can see the Lord*. We believe in the Doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return (Heb. 12:14; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:30).

### **Sovereignty Of God And God's Will**

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

"I AM That I AM" is the most Sovereign Name of God, however the Lord has magnified or exalted His WORD above that of *His Name* and *Sovereignty* and in doing so He has bonded Himself *by His Sovereignty* to His Covenant Word & Promises. Because of this we as believers regard God's Will as His Word. We believe that as the believer lays hold upon God's Word *in faith* and receives those benefits made so by His Cross that the Lord is *obligated to back up His Word to us...* He will *certainly perform* what He has already declared in His Word... making known what He will do and manifest!

Psalms 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits... [Believe Him at His Word]

### **Divine Healing**

We believe that divine healing is the power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick in answer to the prayer of faith; He, who does not change, is still willing and able to heal the body, as well as the soul and spirit in answer to faith (Mk. 16:17,18; Jas. 5:14-16).

Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands. It is *provided for in the atonement of Christ*, and is *the provision* made for every member of the Church today (Mark 16:18; James 5:14,15; 1 Peter 2:24; Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4,5).

We believe God does heal the sick today according to *His will* (Acts 3:16).

### **Five-Fold Ministry**

God through the Holy Ghost, definitely calls such as He desires to serve as apostles to the church, prophets, evangelist, pastors, and teachers (Eph. 4:11), *until we all come into the full stature of Christ*. God qualifies the ones called, with power, talents, wisdom and gifts pertaining to that office or offices (I Cor.7: 20). “Let every man in the same calling wherein he was called” (I Cor.7: 20).

### **Church Planting**

At no time in American history has the need for new churches been more urgent. Consider for a moment the following statistics. The church to population ratio is declining: In 1900, there were 27 churches for every 10,000 Americans. In 1950, there were 17 churches for every 10,000 Americans. In 1996, there were 11 churches for every 10,000 Americans. -- George Gallup, Church in the World Today From 1986-1996, the combined membership of all Protestant denominations declined by 9.5%, while the national population has increased by 11%. In the average year, half of all churches do not add one new member through conversion growth. Each year 3,500 to 4,000 churches close their doors for the last time. Only 1,100 to 1,500 are started each year. In other words, we lose 72.11 churches per week or 10.27 per day while gaining only 24.03 per week or 3.42 per day. -- Despite strong Christian heritage, the church in America is declining. Many older churches are showing signs of aging and decline, even closing. We believe and are committed to plant churches in locations which are in need of the gospel message and the effects of the kingdom.

### **Whole Counsel Of God**

Acts 20:27 “For I have not shunned to declare unto you *all the counsel of God*.”

Our prayer is that *ministry* which comes from LWCBI – **Living Waters Ministries – Living Waters Fellowship** will be according to the whole Word of God (the full counsel of God), not taking away or adding to the Word of God (Rev. 22:18-19).

### **Church Relationship**

We believe that every born again child of God should identify himself with the visible church of Jesus Christ, and should labor diligently, and contribute his temporal means toward the spreading of the gospel here on earth. We believe that all the tithes should be given into the storehouse of the Lord, which is the local church (Heb. 10:24-25; Ps. 111:1; Acts 2:47, 16:5; Rom. 12:5; Mal. 3:8-10; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Cor. 16:2).

### **Women Ministers**

The gifts and callings of God are without repentance, and the Holy Ghost divides upon each as He wills... (Joel 2: 28-29; Acts 8: 17-18). When called of God and anointed by the Holy Spirit, our women shall have the freedom to serve in the ministry as they are led by the Spirit (Acts 2: 18). We believe women’s ministry is to follow God’s divine order as a role in submission unto male headship in the Church.

### **Civil Government**

We believe that civil government is by divine appointment and that civil laws should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God according to Scripture (Acts 4:18-20; Rom. 13:1-5).

### **Evangelism**

We believe that soul winning is the “one big business” of the church on earth, and that every hinderance to worldwide evangelism should be removed (Jas. 5:20; Mk.16:15).

We believe that as long as conditions indicate that the coming of Jesus Christ draws near, we, His redeemed children, should put forth our utmost efforts to the delivery of the gospel to every kindred, tribe, and tongue; that soul winning is the chief mission of the Church upon the earth, and that therefore every hindrance and hairsplitting doctrine, which would tend to quench or dampen the flame of worldwide

evangelism, should be cut off and cast away as falling short of the Church's Great Commission (2 Tim. 4:1-2; Eph. 5:16; Prov.11:30; Ezek. 3:17-18; John 4: 35-37).

### **Missions**

We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to carry the gospel message (the Good News of Jesus) to the entire world is literal, imperative, and binding today; and that it is the supreme privilege and duty of the church of Jesus Christ to stress the cause of the worldwide missions. Furthermore, we believe that the very life and strength of the home church depends on its wholehearted sacrifice for, and support of, the world missions program (Matt. 9:38; Mark 16:15; Rev. 5:9; Rom. 10:13-15; James 5a;20; Ps. 2:8).

### **Jesus The Resurrection –**

#### **Resurrection of The Just and The Return of Our Lord – Catching Away & The Second Coming**

We believe that the return of Christ is personal and imminent; the certainty of His return and the fact that no man knows the exact hour of this return should prompt our evangelistic efforts.

We believe in the literal bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His resurrection He became the first fruits of the resurrection of the righteous (Matt. 28:1-7; 1 Cor. 15:1-20).

We believe in the Pre-Millennial (Pre-Trib.) coming of our Lord Jesus in the clouds, to catch away His Bride. The angels said to Jesus' disciples, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." His coming is imminent. *The Rapture* (Latin –rapiemur meaning "catching away") of the church is seen in the passage 2 Thess. 1-8 ....only he who now letteth will let, until he (the church) be taken out of the way. The *restrainer* - the Holy Spirit in the church which is His body on earth is *removed*. When He comes, "... the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be *caught up* together with them in the clouds, *to meet the Lord in the air* ..." (1 Thess. 4:16,17), (noted this is not the Lord on the mount of Olivette). Following the Tribulation, He shall return to earth as King of Kings (Acts 1:11),and Lord of Lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years (Rev. 20:6). We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal (literal body return), imminent and very soon according to Bible prophecy. (Titus 2:12-13; Matt. 24:36; 24:44).

### **Hell and Eternal Retribution**

We believe that hell is the place of darkness, deepest sorrow, and unquenchable fire, which was not prepared for man but for the devil and the fallen angels with him; yet it will become the place of eternal separation from God for all who reject Christ as Savior and Lord (Matt. 13:41-42; Rev.10:10,15).

We believe in the great white throne judgment of all. (Rev.20: 12), that every man will be judged according to their works. (Rev.20: 13-14). He shall separate the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25: 32, 33 ,34 and 41). The one who physically dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire, and therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting. The Lake of Fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting," used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the presence of God (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 19:20).

### **Final Judgment**

We believe that all shall stand before the judgment seat of God; the redeemed to be delivered unto eternal life (judgment seat of Christ), and the unrepentant unto everlasting punishment (bema seat) (Rev. 20:11,12; 2 Cor. 5:10) We believe in the final judgment of the wicked at the great white throne, when the dead, both small and great, shall be resurrected to stand before God to receive the reward of their deeds done in the flesh (Matt. 13: 41-43; Rev. 20:11-15).

### **Hell**

We believe hell is a literal place of outer darkness, bitter sorrow, remorse, and woe, prepared by God for the devil and his angels and that there, into a *lake that burns with fire and brimstone*, shall be cast the sinful workers of the flesh, unbelieving, wicked, the abominable, the murderers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, and those who have rejected the love of Jesus Christ, *whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life* (Gal. 5; Rev. 20:10, 14-15; Rev. 21:7-8; Rev. 14:10-11; Matt. 25:41; Mark 9:43-44).

### **Heaven**

We believe that heaven is the glorious habitation of the living God and the eternal home of born again believers (Jn.14:2; Rev.7:15-17), where Christ has gone to prepare a place for all His children, where they shall dwell eternally in happiness and security with Him (1 Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 21:4; 22:5; 7:15-17).

### **The Importance of Doctrine**

Jude 1: 3 “Beloved, when I gave *all diligence* to write unto you of *the common salvation*, it was needful for me to write unto you, and *exhort you* that ye should *earnestly contend for the faith* which was once delivered unto the saints.”

1 Timothy 4: 16 “*Take heed* unto thyself, and unto *the doctrine; continue in them*: for in doing this thou shall both *save thyself, and them that hear you.*”

### **Living Waters Ministries – Living Waters Fellowship – LWMORG**

We believe in preserving our Pentecostal -Charismatic heritage and distinctiveness and rejoice with every group of believers that shares a “like precious faith” in Jesus Christ. Living Waters Ministries was born in revival and has a constant passion to reach the lost. We at LWF proclaim the message of Holy Spirit-filled renewal in the manner and values of the New Testament apostolic mission and vision. It is this ministries aim to continue to stand “firm, steady, unswerving, and marked by boldness and conviction.” Our firm stand on our beliefs pertains to the revelation of the Full-Gospel Message of Jesus Christ as both Lord and Saviour.

End