

Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of Mountainside Community Church of Newport, New Hampshire, do hereby declare and establish this Constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith (the Christian faith) to govern the body in an orderly manner, and to maintain the autonomy of this church in freedom of action in relation to other churches and organizations.

Article One

NAME

This body shall be known as “North Newport Union Chapel Association”, but shall work under the name of “Mountainside Community Church”, located in Newport, New Hampshire. This document may also refer to this name as Mountainside Ministries.

Article Two

OBJECTIVES

- To be a dynamic spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to communicate the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in our church, community, and throughout the world, which is the mission of this church.
- To be a worshiping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His person, and responding in obedience to His leadership (to experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers, and to help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man).
- To be a church that ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and the world in Jesus’ name.
- To be a church whose purpose is to be Christ like in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the lordship of Christ.

Article Three

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

- We affirm that the Holy Bible is God’s revelation to mankind, and that it is inspired by God, it is without error [in the original manuscripts], it is an accurate record of the history of God’s interaction with mankind as well as the future of mankind. It depicts the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Savior of all mankind, our Lord Jesus Christ, and is therefore the sole basis for our faith.
- We regard the scriptures of the Holy Bible as authoritative in all matters of faith, practice, and principle.
- The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Article Four

PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

We confirm that our primary purpose is the communication of the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to all persons as stated in Romans 1:16-17¹. We endeavor to equip and enable everyone for this purpose through the provision of worship, education, service, and fellowship as described in Ephesians 4: 11-16².

Article Five

GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH

- The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who comprise it, owing allegiance only to its head and founder, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Persons duly received by the members shall constitute the membership. These members shall be individuals who have in common with the members their spiritual union with the Lord Jesus Christ and their agreement on the principles of faith contained in this document. These members, so bound together, regard one another as having equal rank and privilege as well as equal responsibility and obligation in fulfilling the purpose of this church as stated in Galatians 3:26-28³.
- All internal or external groups created and empowered by the church shall report to and be accountable only to the church, unless otherwise specified by church action under authority of this constitution.
- At the same time, this body recognizes the rightful place of the state and pledges itself to the support of federal, state, and local governments in accordance with Romans 12:1-8⁴ and I Peter 2:13-17⁵.

Article Six

RELATIONSHIPS

This Church is subject to the control of no other civil or ecclesiastical body. However we recognize the benefits and sustain the obligations of mutual cooperation, which are common among Mountainside Ministries, associations and conventions. As practical, this body agrees to cooperate with Mountainside Ministries.

Article Seven

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, modified or repealed under the following circumstances: the proposal must be read at one regular business meeting. The proposal must then be presented at the next regular business meeting for action by the church. The proposal must be approved by two-thirds majority vote of total members voting in the affirmative.

Article Eight

SOLE AUTHORITY

- There shall be no worship, education, service by members or fellowship conducted which conflicts with this constitution. (The church shall not conduct any business transaction contrary to the Constitution).
- All rules, regulations, bylaws and policies previously approved, if any, by this Church, in conflict with this Constitution are each and all hereby repealed, set aside and superseded.
- This Constitution shall be and is, hereby established as the sole “Constitution” for this Church. No rules, regulations, bylaws or policies may be established which conflict with this constitution.

Article Nine

CHURCH COVENANT

- Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter covenant with one another as one body in Christ.
- We endeavor therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and to the spreading of the gospel through all nations.
- We also endeavor to maintain family and private devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.
- We further endeavor to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.
- We moreover endeavor that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word.

Article Ten

RATIFICATION

This constitution is hereby ordained and established for Mountainside Community Church of Newport, New Hampshire by vote of the membership on _____, 20____.

Moderator/Pastor

(Scriptures referenced in the articles of this document are provided for review in the Appendix.)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: General

This is a sovereign and democratic church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains the exclusive right of self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church. The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

Section 2: Candidacy

Any person may offer themselves as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the church at any regular church service for membership in any of the following ways:

- (1) By profession of faith and desire for baptism according to the policies of this church.
- (2) By promise of a letter of recommendation from another church.

Should there be any dissent concerning any candidate, such dissent shall be referred to the elder board for investigation and recommendation to the church within thirty (30) days of acquiring the membership request. A three-fourths vote of the elder board shall be required to appoint such candidates to membership.

Section 3: New Member Orientation

New members of this church are expected to participate in the church's new member orientation class.

Section 4: Rights of Members

- 1) Every member of the church is eligible for consideration by the leadership as candidates for offices within the church.
- 2) Every member of the church may participate in the ordinances of the church as administered by the church.

Section 5: Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) death of the member, (2) transfer by letter of recommendation to another church, (3) exclusion by action of this church, or (4) erasure upon request or proof of membership in a church of another denomination.

Section 6: Discipline

It shall be the practice of this church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff, deacons and elders will be available for counsel and guidance. The attitude of members toward one another shall be guided by a concern for redemption and restoration rather than punishment.

Should some serious condition exist which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare and harmony of the church the pastor and elders will take prayerful and reasonable measures to resolve the problem following the principles found in Matthew 18:15-17⁶.

If it becomes necessary for the church to take action to exclude a member, a two-thirds vote of the elder board is required with ratification of two-thirds of the general membership; and the church may proceed to declare the person to no longer be in the membership of the church. All such proceedings shall be bathed in prayer and exhibit a spirit of Christian kindness and patience.

The church may restore to membership any person previously excluded upon request of the excluded person, and by vote of the elder board upon evidence of the excluded person's repentance.

Should there be a conflict within the church that involves issues between pastor, staff, deacons, elders and the church membership that could destroy or hinder the work of the church, the church will call for an outside mediator to work with the parties involved to make every reasonable attempt to resolve the conflict. The church should request a mediator before the problem escalates to the point it causes a break in the unity, harmony and fellowship of the congregation.

ARTICLE TWO

CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

All who serve as leaders in the church and those who serve on church committees must be members of this church.

Section 1: Church Leaders

Leadership committee (See Article 5):

The leadership committee is comprised of all the "Ministers of the gospel" and the elders within the church body.

Church leaders are not elected positions, but are appointed in accordance with the call of the Holy Spirit as defined in the scriptures.

Leadership within this Church body is not hierarchical in terms of authority. All leaders (and all members of the church) are all members of the body of Christ. No one member is "more important" than another. Leadership within the Body of Christ is there only to provide focus and direction to the body as well as to redress failure to adhere to scripture.

The leaders of this church shall be twofold. First are the "*Ministers of the gospel*" (Eph 4:11-12)⁷: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The second group would include *elders and deacons*.

1) Ministers of the gospel.

a) Apostles

Definition:

Apostles are the "guardians" of church doctrine.

Responsibilities:

To Ensure that "Sound Doctrine" is being practiced in the Church

Recognition of and appointment:

Apostles must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the "Ministers of the Gospel"

(Acts 13:1-3)⁸

Qualifications:
(1 Timothy 3:1–7)⁹

b) Prophets

Definition:

Prophets assist in addressing church wide or personal failure to adhere to church doctrine.

Responsibilities:

To speak correction and guidance to the Church as God directs.

Recognition of and appointment:

Prophets must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the “Ministers of the Gospel” (Acts 13:1–3)¹⁰

Qualifications:
(1 Timothy 3:1–7)¹¹

c) Evangelists

Definition:

Evangelists are tasked with the work of bringing the gospel to the local community via the church.

Responsibilities:

Evangelists proclaim God’s word. They are sent out and supported by the church, so that people may come to know Jesus. This is different from personal testimony as this person is sent out representing the Church body.

Recognition of and appointment:

Evangelists must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the “Ministers of the Gospel” (Acts 13:1–3)¹²

Qualifications:
(1 Timothy 3:1–7)¹³

d) Pastors

Definition:

Pastors are the shepherds of the church. They are charged with bringing the body together much like a conductor of an orchestra.

Responsibilities:

The pastor is responsible for leading the church to function as a New Testament church. The pastor has the responsibility to instruct and equip the congregation, the organizations, and the church staff to perform their tasks. The pastor will be expected to delegate appropriate responsibilities to others

to insure the work of the church is done in a manner consistent with the teachings of the bible.

The pastor is leader of pastoral ministries in the church. As such he works with the deacons, elders and the church staff to:

- (1) lead the church to carry out the mission and purpose of the church,
- (2) the proclamation of the gospel both inside and outside the church,
- (3) to provide appropriate care for both church members and persons in the community.

Recognition of and appointment:

Pastors must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the “Ministers of the Gospel” (Acts 13:1–3)¹⁴

Qualifications:

(1 Timothy 3:1–7)¹⁵

e) Teachers

Definition:

The teachers are responsible for the equipping of the saints.

Responsibilities:

Teachers train the saints in the study of scripture and discipleship.

Recognition of and appointment:

Elders must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the “Ministers of the Gospel” (Acts 13:1–3)¹⁶

Qualifications:

(1 Timothy 3:1–7)¹⁷

2) Elders and deacons

A) Elders

Definition:

Elders are the Men who are responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of the Church. They work closely with the Ministers of the Gospel and with the deacons to make sure that the Church is functioning as it should.

Responsibilities:

The elder’s task is to serve with the pastor and the “ministers of the gospel” in performing the ministry tasks of:

- (1) Leading the church in the achievement of its mission,
- (2) Proclaiming the gospel to believers and unbelievers, and

- (3) Caring for the church members and other persons in the community.

Church Committees

The elder board (the collection of all the elders within the church body) shall determine the number and types of committees that are needed to fulfill the mission of the church. All committee members shall be appointed by the elder board unless otherwise specified in these by-laws. Committee members shall serve on a three year rotation basis with one-third selected each year.

Committees of the church may include but are not limited to: Personnel Committee, Finance or Stewardship Committee, Missions Committee or Missions Development Council, Property and Space Committee, and any other regular and special committees as the church shall authorize.

- 1) The personnel committee assists the church in matters related to employed personnel administration, including those called by church actions. This committee shall assist in determining staff needs, employment, salaries, benefits, other compensation, policies, job descriptions, and personnel services.
- 2) The finance or stewardship committee develops and recommends an overall stewardship development plan, and a unified church budget. It advises and recommends in the administration of the gifts of church members and others, using sound principles of financial management. It works with the treasurer in the preparation and presentation to the church the required reports regarding the financial affairs of the church.
- 3) The property and space committee assists the church in matters related to properties administration. Its work includes such areas as maintain all church properties for ready use, recommending policies regarding use of properties, consulting with the personnel committee and the church staff regarding the need for, and the employment of, maintenance personnel, and regarding the assignment of supervisory responsibility to appropriate personnel.

Designated Positions

The elders shall be responsible for keeping a suitable record of all official actions of the church, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws. The elders shall be responsible for keeping a register of names of members, with dates of admission, dismissals, death or erasure, together with a record of baptisms. The elders shall issues of dismissal approved by the church, preserve on file all communications and written official reports, and give required notice of all meetings where notice is necessary, as indicated in these by-laws.

The elders should appoint annually a clerk to assist with keeping these records. The clerk shall be responsible for preparing the annual letter of the church. The elders may delegate some of the clerical responsibilities to a

church secretary or ministry assistant who will assist the elders. All church records are church property and shall be kept in the church office when an office is maintained.

The elders shall appoint annually a church treasurer as its financial officer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out, upon receipt of invoices or vouchers approved and signed by authorized personnel, all money or things of value paid or given to the church, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to provide to the church at each regular business meeting an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements during the period between business meetings. The treasurer's report and records shall be audited annually by an audit committee or public accountant. Upon completion of an audit at the end of the fiscal year and its acceptance and approval by the church membership, the records shall be delivered by the treasurer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve the account as a part of the permanent records of the church.

The elders shall appoint three or more trustees (Deacons) to serve as legal officers for the church. They shall hold in trust the church property. Upon a specific vote of the church membership authorizing each action, they shall have the power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any church property. When the signatures of the trustees are required, they shall sign legal documents related to the above items only upon the approval and at the direction of the church body in business meeting. Trustees shall serve on a rotation basis, with one new trustee being elected each year for a three year term.

Recognition of and appointment:

Elders must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board and/or the "Ministers of the Gospel" (Acts 13:1-3)¹⁸

Qualifications:

(1 Timothy 3:1-7)¹⁹

B) Deacons

Definition:

Deacons and Deaconesses as responsible for the day to day activities within the Church

Responsibilities:

Deacons shall be appointed by the leadership committee as the need for such positions is identified. A job description shall be written when the need for a new ministerial position is determined. These positions can include but are not limited to:

Prayer Team Leader, Music Ministry Leader, Clerk, Trustee, Men's Ministry Leader, Women's Ministry Leader, Youth Leader, Mission's Leader or any other position deemed necessary by the Leadership committee

Recognition of and appointment:

Deacons must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended by the elder board

(Acts 13:1-3)²⁰

Qualifications:

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)²¹

ARTICLE THREE

CHURCH PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONS (MINISTRIES)

The church shall maintain programs also known as Ministries of Bible teaching, church member training (Discipleship classes) as pertinent to her mission.

Church leader training, new member orientation; mission education, action and support; and music education, training, and performance. All ministries shall be guided and approved by the church body appointed leadership of the Church. The church shall either provide for the resources for these ministries or assist their respective leaders in securing the necessary resources.

ARTICLE FOUR

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The church Leadership Committee is comprised of all the "Ministers of the gospel" and elders within the church body. They shall serve the church by leading in the planning, coordination, conduction, and evaluation the ministries and programs of the church and its organizations.

The primary function of the Leadership Committee shall be to recommend to the church suggested objectives and church goals; to review and coordinate ministry and program plans, to recommend to the church the use of leadership, calendar time, and other resources according to program priorities; and to evaluate achievements in terms of church objectives and goals.

ARTICLE FIVE

CHURCH ORDINANCES

Section 1: Baptism

This church shall receive for baptism any person who has publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior during any worship service, and who indicates a commitment to follow Christ as Lord.

- 1) Baptism shall be by immersion in water
- 2) The pastor, or any one so designated by the church shall administer baptism
- 3) Baptism shall be administered as an act of worship during any worship service of the church

Section 2: The Lord's Supper

The church shall observe the Lord's Supper. Any individual who has made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ may partake in this sacrament. The pastor, elders and deacons shall administer the Lord's Supper.

ARTICLE SIX CHURCH MEETINGS

Section 1: Worship Services

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday morning. Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening small group(s) will be made available as the church grows.

Section 2: Special Services

Revival services and other church meetings essential to the advancement of the church's objectives shall be placed on the church calendar.

Section 3: Regular Business Meetings

The church shall hold an annual business meeting by publicly announcing the date and time during two (2) consecutive worship services that proceed the actual meeting by two (2) weeks, but no more than four (4) weeks.

Section 4: Special Business Meetings

The Leadership Committee may conduct business meetings to consider matters of special nature and significance. Notice of Special Called Business Meetings must be published and announced at least two weeks before the meeting is to take place, unless extreme urgency makes such notice impractical. The notice shall include the subject, date, time and place of said meeting.

Section 5: Quorum

The quorum consists of those 2/3 of the total Church members who are in actual attendance at church meeting as described in this article.

Section 6: Parliamentary Rules

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all business meetings of the church.

ARTICLE SEVEN CHURCH FINANCES

Section 1: Budget

- The finance committee, in consultation with the church Leadership committee, shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by item the amount

needed for local and other expenses. It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular proportionate gifts.

Section 2: Accounting Procedures

All funds received for any and all purposes shall pass through the church treasurer, or financial secretary, and be properly recorded. Those who have responsibility that involves actual handling of funds shall be bonded, the church paying the bond. (See Article Two; Section 1; 6), regarding the church treasurer. The church shall be a member of the “evangelical Finance Association”. A system of accounting that will adequately provide for the handling of all funds shall be the responsibility of the finance or stewardship committee. The treasurer or financial secretary shall provide an accurate accounting at the end of each year to those members who have contributed during the year.

ARTICLE EIGHT

CHURCH POLICY MANUAL

The church shall develop and keep updated a Church Policy Manual. This manual may be developed by a special committee or by the personnel committee as directed by the church. This manual should include church policies and procedures, organizational charts indicating lines of responsibility to be used in the administration of the church. The manual shall be maintained in the church office by the church secretary and made available for use by any member of the church. The church council, personnel committee or a special committee formed for that purpose, shall review the manual at least annually, and shall recommend changes for the church to consider at any regular or a called business meeting for that purpose. Any church member or church organization may initiate suggested changes in the manual. Addition, revision, or deletion of church policies requires: (1) the recommendation of the church officer or organization to whose areas of assignment the procedures or policies relate, (2) approval by the church council, and (3) approval by the church.

ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENTS

Changes in the constitution and by-laws may be made at any regular business meeting of the church provided each amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous business meeting and copies of the proposed amendment shall have been furnished to each member present at the time the amendments were first presented. Amendments to the constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote of church members present. Amendments to the by-laws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE TEN

DISSOLUTION

In the event the church ceases to exist any remaining assets shall be conveyed to a similar non-profit organization qualifying for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or as they may hereafter be amended.

NOTE: The ministers of the Gospel and/or Elders of the Church may wish to specify a preference regarding which entity would receive the assets of the church in the event of dissolution.

APPENDIX ONE

Statements of Faith

Word of God

- 2 Peter 1:20–21 (NASB95)

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Who is God

Exodus 3:14 (NASB95)

- 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Hebrews 1:8–12 (NASB95)

- 8 But of the Son *He says*, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS." And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

Mankind

Genesis 1:26–27 (NASB95)

- 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The Enemy

- Revelation 12:9 (NASB95)

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Sin and Salvation

- Romans 3:23 (NASB95)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- Romans 6:23 (NASB95)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Healing

James 5:14–16 (NASB95)

14 Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Discipleship

Matthew 16:24–27 (NASB95)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for

his soul? “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

Church

- Ephesians 1:20–23 (NASB95)

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Marriage

Genesis 2:22–24 (NASB95)

- 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Hebrews 13:4 (NASB95)

- 4 Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage bed is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 1:7–8 (NASB95)

- 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Ordinances

- 1 Peter 3:21–22 (NASB95)

21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NASB95)

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, *“This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”* In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”* For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Heaven and Hell

Psalm 9:15–18 (NASB95)

15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made; In the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught. The LORD has made Himself known; He has executed judgment. In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. The wicked will return to Sheol, *Even* all the nations who forget God. For the needy will not always be forgotten, Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.

John 14:1–3 (NASB95)

1 *“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

APPENDIX TWO

Scriptures referenced in this document

Romans 1:16–17 (NASB95)

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NASB95)

- 11 And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Galatians 3:26–28 (NASB95)

- 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:1–8 (NASB95)

- 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or

he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Peter 2:13–17 (NASB95)

- 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Matthew 18:15–17 (NASB95)

- 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Acts 13:1–3 (NASB95)

- 1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

1 Timothy 3:1–7 (NASB95)

- 1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:8–13 (NASB95)

- 8 Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, *and*

good managers of *their* children and their own households. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.