What the Foursquare Church Believes

In Essentials – Unity
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In All Things – Charity

“JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER!”
Hebrews 13:8

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1. **The Holy Scriptures**
   We believe that the Bible is God-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

2. **The Eternal Godhead**
   We believe that God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

3. **The Fall of Man**
   We believe that man is created in the image of God but that by voluntary disobedience fell from perfection, thereby imputing sinfulness to all human beings (Romans 5:12).

4. **The Plan of Salvation**
   We believe that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, signing the pardon for all who believe in Him (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

5. **Salvation through Grace**
   We believe that we receive salvation when we come to God through faith in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross; salvation is God’s gift to us (Ephesians 2:8).

6. **Repentance and Acceptance**
   We believe that, upon sincere repentance and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (Romans 10:8-10; 1 John 1:9).

7. **The New Birth**
   We believe that a very real change takes place in people who accept Christ as Savior; believers allow Christ’s life to be lived through them (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

8. **Daily Christian Life**
   We believe that it is the will of God for believers to walk in progressive sanctification, growing continuously in the faith (Hebrews 6:1).

9. **Baptism and the Lord’s Supper**
   We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4). We believe in the commemoration of the Lord’s Supper by the symbolical use of bread and the fruit of the vine (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

10. **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**
    We believe that the baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers believers and that the Holy Spirit’s incoming follows the same pattern that is described in the New Testament (Acts 2:4).

11. **The Spirit-filled Life**
    We believe that it is the will of God for us to daily walk in the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

12. **The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit**
    We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon Christians (1 Corinthians 12:1-11), and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (Galatians 5:22-25).

13. **Moderation**
    We believe that people who follow Christ should live balanced lives of balance and moderation, demonstrating gentleness and patience (Philippians 4:5, KJV; Colossians 3:12, 13).

14. **Divine Healing**
    We believe that flowers come from God’s ultimate author-ity (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20). We believe that, upon sincere repentance and acceptance, a very real change takes place in people who accept Christ as Savior (John 3:16, 17; Titus 2:11-13).

15. **The Second Coming of Christ**
    We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Titus 2:11-13).

16. **Church Relationship**
    We believe that followers of Christ have a sacred duty to identify with the visible church of Jesus Christ and should meet regularly with fellow believers (Hebrews 10:24, 25).

17. **Civil Government**
    We believe that laws and ordinances come from God’s ultimate author-ity and should be upheld, except when they are in opposition to the revealed will of God (Romans 13:1-5).

18. **The Final Judgment**
    We believe every person will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal life or death (Revelation 20:11-15; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

19. **Heaven**
    We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17).

20. **Hell**
    We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as Savior (Revelation 20:10-15).

21. **Evangelism**
    We believe that the church’s primary responsibility is taking the gospel to the entire world and making disciples (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20).

22. **Tithes and Offerings**
    We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is giving tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7).

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**Did you know…?**

The term “Foursquare” stands for the four-fold ministry of Jesus Christ as the Savior (Romans 10:9), Baptizer with the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16), Healer (1 Peter 2:24), and Coming King (Acts 1:11).

The Foursquare Church, officially the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, was founded in Los Angeles, California, by Aimee Semple McPherson in 1923.

Amid the revival days of the early 1900s, this fellowship of believers was born, determined to proclaim the solid scriptural core of Pentecostal renewal, avoiding the extremes of fanaticism on one hand and materialism on the other.

God, in His grace, has allowed us to grow from the one local fellowship to more than 65,000 churches and meeting places in approximately 140 countries. These numbers are rapidly increasing.

We have no desire to compete or compare. We rejoice with every body of believers which lifts the bloodstained banner of Jesus Christ. The Foursquare Church is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) and, as a Pentecostal Church, is affiliated with the Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA) and the Pentecostal World Fellowship.