



Sermon Series: 16 Fundamental Truths

Message Title: Truth #4 – The Fall of Man

Truth #5 – The Salvation of Man

Truth #6 – The Ordinances of the Church

Scriptures: Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-19; Lk. 24-44-47; Eph. 2:1-10;
Eph. 4:17-31; Matt. 28:19-20; 2Peter 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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What are the 16 Fundamental Truths?

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| #1. The Scriptures Inspired | #2. The One True God |
| #3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ | #4. The Fall of Man |
| #5. The Salvation of Man | #6. The Ordinances of the Church |
| #7. Baptism in the Holy Spirit | |
| #8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit | |
| #9. Sanctification | #10. The Church and Its Mission |
| #11. The Ministry | #12. Divine Healing |
| #13. The Blessed Hope | #14. The Millennial Reign of Christ |
| #15. The Final Judgment | #16. The New Heavens & New Earth |

Truth #4 - The FALL of Man:

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. **Gen. 1:26,27; Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3; Romans 5:12-19**

Truth #5 - The SALVATION of Man:

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through **repentance** toward God and **faith** toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God, according to the hope of eternal life. **Luke 24:44-47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 2:11; Titus 3:4-7.**

The Experience of Salvation

Salvation is received as a person (1) repents before God for their sins and sinful nature/inclinations, and (2) believes or has faith in the fact that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings forgiveness for their sins.

The Evidences of Salvation

The **inward evidence** of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit.

Romans 8:16

The **outward evidence** to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. **Ephesians 4:17-31; Titus 2:12-14**

Truth #6 - The Ordinances of the Church:

Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by **immersion** is commanded by the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. **Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:3-4.**

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements --bread and the fruit of the vine-- is the symbol expressing our sharing the **divine nature** of our Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Peter 1:3-4**), a memorial of his **suffering and death** (**1 Corinthians 11:26**), and a prophecy of His **second coming** (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**), and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. Do you remember when your journey with Jesus began? Share your salvation story! What was the catalyst for you to decide to follow Jesus? How has your life, heart, decisions, and view of the world transformed since then?
2. Recall a time you were able to share about your salvation experience? How did the person(s) react to your new life in Christ? Have you every been used by God to help someone else start a journey with Jesus? What was that experience like?
3. Have you been baptized? Share your baptism story with someone this week! Have you ever received communion? What are your thoughts/impressions about communion?

SERMON NOTES:
