



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Exploring Our Foundational Truths



**THE SPIRIT HELPS
YOU TO SERVE**

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ELIM'S FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible, as originally given, to be without error, the fully inspired and infallible Word of God and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

THE TRINITY

We believe that the Godhead exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and that these three are one God, sovereign in creation, providence and redemption.

THE SAVIOUR

We believe in the true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His real and complete humanity, in His sinless life, in His authoritative teaching, in His substitutionary and atoning sacrifice through His blood shed, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His heavenly intercession and His second advent to receive His Church.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son and the necessity of His work in conviction of sin, repentance, regeneration and sanctification, and that the believer is also promised an endowment of power as the gift of Christ through the baptism in the Holy Spirit with signs following. Through this endowment, the believer is empowered for fuller participation in the ministry of the Church, its worship, evangelism and service.

MANKIND

We believe in the universal sinfulness of all men since the Fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

SALVATION

We believe in the necessity for salvation of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by which the sinner is pardoned and accepted as righteous in God's sight. This justification is imputed by the grace of God because of the atoning work of Christ, is received by faith alone and is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit and a holy life.

THE CHURCH

We believe in the spiritual unity and the priesthood of all believers in Christ and that these comprise the universal Church, the Body of Christ.

THE MINISTRY

We believe in the ministries that Christ has set in His Church, namely, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers and in the present operation of the manifold Gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament.

THE ORDINANCES

We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion in water in obedience to the command of Christ and in the commemoration of Christ's death by the observance of the Lord's Supper until His return.

THE COMMISSION

We believe that the Gospel embraces the needs of the whole man and that the Church is therefore commissioned to preach the Gospel to the world, and to fulfil a ministry of healing and deliverance to the spiritual and physical needs of mankind.

THE COMING KING

We believe in the personal, physical and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to reign in power and glory.

THE FUTURE STATE

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the final judgement of the world, the eternal conscious bliss of the righteous and the eternal conscious punishment of the wicked.



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*Whoever believes
in me will do the
works I have
been doing, and
they will do even
greater things
than these...*

JOHN 14:12

*So Christ himself
gave the
apostles, the
prophets, the
evangelists, the
pastors and
teachers, to
equip his people
for works of
service, so that
the body of Christ
may be built up.*

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Ephesians 4:11-12**
- Romans 12:6-8**
- 1 Corinthians
12:8-10**

**1. START YOUR
SERVE**

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them...they chose Stephen...also Philip...

ACTS 6:2-3,5

2. STRETCH YOUR SERVE

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed.

ACTS 8:5-7

3. SHARE YOUR SERVE

Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

ACTS 21:8-9

RESPOND

- **Start your serve**
- **Stretch your serve**
- **Share your serve**

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