

Doctrinal Statement Of the Children's Gospel Hour/Cedar Lake Camp

I.

We believe that the Bible, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament, are the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, and infallible. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life

II.

We believe the following regarding the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ:
That Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and thus became fully man without ceasing in any way to be God.

That Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is fully attested by His literal, physical, resurrection from the dead.

That Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, He is, as our High Priest, both intercessor and advocate.

That Jesus Christ is coming again to set up His kingdom, His coming is personal, premillennial and imminent.

III.

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, and at the moment of conversion regenerates believers, baptizing them into the body of Christ, indwelling them, and sealing them at that same instant. He then continues His ministry in the lives of believers by guiding them into all truth, and equipping them for ministry through His gifts. However, we do not believe that all believers have all the gifts, nor that all the gifts are necessarily for all times. We do not believe that speaking in tongues is the evidence of either the initial receiving of the Holy Spirit, nor of His fullness in the believer's life. It is our privilege and responsibility to be filled with (submit) to the Holy Spirit.

IV.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, incurred both physical and spiritual death, and was alienated from God. Therefore, man is totally depraved and of himself is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

V.

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received only through personal faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all who receive Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God. We

believe that all who truly believe in Christ are kept by the power of God, and cannot be lost. We further believe that this security does not give believers a license to sin.

VI.

We believe that God does miraculously heal today, but He does not always heal, and He is not obliged to heal, but heals according to His own will. We do not accept the teaching that in this present age the divine healing of the body can always be claimed “in the atonement” as part of our salvation.

VII.

We believe that all believers should live in a manner that will bring honor, and not reproach to our Savior and Lord. God commands us to separate from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations.

VIII.

We believe that the Lord’s “Great Commission”, to give the Gospel to every creature in all the world is still incumbent on every believer.

IX.

We believe that Satan is a person, and an angel, a created being of God. As the author of sin, the cause of the fall, and the declared enemy of God and man, he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire.

X.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust- that all the redeemed of God will spend eternity in conscious enjoyment of God’s presence, and that the impenitent unbelievers who have refused God’s mercy will spend eternity in the everlasting conscious suffering.

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