16 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS (Assemblies of God 16 Fundamental Truths)

- 1. The Bible is inspired by God and is "the infallible, autoreactive rule of faith and conduct."
- 2. There is only one true God who exists as a Trinity.
- 3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and, as the second person of the Trinity, is God.
- 4. Man was created good by God but was separated from God through original sin.
- 5. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 6. There are two ordinances. Believer's baptism by immersion is a declaration to the world that the believer has died and been raised together with Christ, becoming a new creation. The Lord's Supper is a symbol expressing the believer's sharing in the divine nature of Christ, a memorial of Christ's suffering and death, and a prophecy of Christ's second coming.
- 7. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a separate and subsequent experience following conversion. Spirit baptism brings empowerment to live an overcoming Christian life and to be an effective witness.
- 8. Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 9. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil and of dedication unto God. It occurs when the believer identifies with and has faith in Christ's death and resurrection.
- 10. The Church's mission is to seek and save all who are lost in sin; the Church is the Body of Christ and consists of all people who accept Christ, regardless of Christian denomination.
- 11. Divinely called and scripturally-ordained ministers serve the Church.
- 12. Divine healing of the sick is provided for in the atonement.
- 13. The "imminent and blessed hope' of the Church is its rapture preceding the bodily return of Christ to earth.
- 14. The rapture of the Church will be followed by the visible return of Christ and his reign on earth for a thousand years.
- 15. There will be a final judgment and eternal damnation for the "wicked dead".
- 16. There will be future new heavens and a new earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness."