

INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.



DOCTRINAL POSITION

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"Providing today's ministers the freedom they want and the fellowship they need"

PURPOSE

We believe that God has made of one blood all nations (Acts 17:26), therefore, He is no respecter of persons but the blood of Jesus Christ His Son was shed for all men, (John 3:16). His church is composed of all who have been redeemed from sin by the blood and baptized into the one body by the one Spirit. It is our duty as members of this church to preach the gospel which tells of the unsearchable riches of Christ and to urge mankind to turn from sin to serve the living God.

As members of His church it is our hope and our aim to do all we can to assist fallen man in every continent to make peace with God and make sure of entering that pearly white city at the end of our sojourn on the earth.

We shall endeavor to recognize every man in the position that God has placed him in the body (His Church) and not put shackles of ecclesiasticism about him to hinder, not lords over him to rule him. We be brethren and will endeavor to conduct ourselves as such and to manifest that true spirit of brotherly love, for how can we love God whom we have not seen if we do not love our brother whom we have seen ? (I John 4:20).

There being a desire in the hearts of Spirit-filled ministers throughout the world of greater love, and closer fellowship among all God's people, a desire to be free from malice, hatred, envy and strife; and since there is a need for more cooperation, it is our purpose to form and promote an association of brethren, whose life is above reproach, who will live holy and who will preach the Bible truths with compassion, and who will give honor to whom honor is due and yet manifest the true spirit of humility, endeavoring to also keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace (Eph.4:3), until we all come to the unity of the faith. (Eph. 4:13).

We have therefore united ourselves into a body to be called the INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

No individual or individuals shall share in the profits, if any, of the Association, but all such monies, above operating expenses, shall be used in propagating the gospel. We are, therefore, a non-profit Association

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The Scriptures

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, infallible in its original writings. 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.

The Godhead

We believe in the one ever living, eternal God, infinite in power, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose, in His absolute, indivisible deity. That this one true God has revealed Himself as Father in creation, through His Son in redemption, and as the Holy Spirit by emanation. 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:19; Joel 2:28.

The Son of God

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. Gal. 4:4,5. In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Col. 2:9. That God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. 2 Cor. 5:19. That no man can come unto the Father but by and through the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood. That the Son of God is the only hope of the world. The man Christ Jesus is mediator between God and man. 1 Tim. 2:5.

The Fall of Man

We believe that in the beginning God created man innocent, pure, and holy, but through the sin of disobedience, Adam fell: hence by one man's disobedience, sin entered into the world. Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:12.

Repentance

We believe in repentance to God, confessing ourselves as sinners, receiving forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood atonement for sinners, witnessed by a definite change from sin to righteousness. Acts 17:30; 11:18,2:38,39.

Our Redemption

We believe our redemption has been accomplished solely by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made sin for us, dying in our form and stead, rising again from the dead, ascending with His glorified body to the right hand of God, and by believing in this finished work, we are justified before God, cleansed of all our sins and redeemed from the curse of the law. John 3:3; Rom. 5:1; Acts 13:39; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Gal. 2:16; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet 1:18,19; Tit 2:14; Rev. 5:9.

Water Baptism

We believe that water baptism (immersion) is for believers and should be administered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:38,10:48,19:5), thus fulfilling Matthew 28:19.

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit for believers, obtained by obedience (Act. 2:38; 39: 5:31,32), by asking (Luke 11:13), evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, as a distinct,

separate, and subsequent experience to conversion; also that it is the standard of the normal Christian experience since Pentecost.

Divine Healing

We believe healing is in the atonement, that God is still the Healer of His people, and that the church should recognize and practice this ministry as directed by the Lord Himself and practiced by His Apostles. Ex. 15:26; Isa. 53:5; Mark 16:18; James 5:14; Heb. 13:8.

Communion

We believe that all followers of Christ should partake of communion, or the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of His death until He comes again. Luke 22:19,20; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-34.

Foot Washing

We believe in and practice foot washing. John 13:2-17; 1 Tim. 5:9,10.

Tithes

We believe tithing is God's financial plan to provide for His work, and has been since the days of Abraham. Tithing came with faith under Abraham; Moses' law enjoined it, and Israel practiced it, when she was right with God; Jesus endorsed it (Matt 23:23), and Paul said to lay by in store as God had prospered you. Do not rob God of His portion, i.e., tithes and offerings (Read Mal. 3).

The Gifts of the Spirit

We believe the nine gifts of the Spirit should be manifested in the church today, and that all Spirit-filled believers should earnestly covet the best gifts for the edification and upbuilding of the church. 1Cor.12:8-11; 1 Cor. 14:1.

The Fruit of the Spirit

We believe the Spirit-filled believers will produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and their walk will be according to godliness and holy living. Gal. 5:22,23; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 1:16; Tit. 2:11-13; 2 Cor. 7:1.

Second Coming of Christ

We believe that Jesus is coming again in person just as He went away. This was clearly set forth by the Lord Jesus Himself and was preached and taught in the early Christian church by the Apostles. Hence the children of God today are looking forward to the glorious event Matt. 24; Acts 1:11; Acts 3: 19-21; 1 Cor. 11:26; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thess. 4:14-17. We believe there shall be a great tribulation which shall be followed by a better day on earth, and that for a thousand years there shall be peace on earth, good will toward men. Isa. 65:17-25; Dan. 7:27; Heb. 2:14; Rom. 11:25-27; Rev. 20:1-5.

Rewards

We believe the Bible clearly teaches a distinct judgment for believers only, spoken of in the Scripture as the "judgment seat of Christ" where believers' works shall be judged and rewards given. 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Rev. 20:4-6.

The Final Judgment

We believe that there will be a great and final judgment as recorded in the Word of God. Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:11-15. This is the judgment of the unjust where all the wicked are judged and all those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone, which God has prepared for the devil and his angels, Satan himself being cast in first. Matt 25:41; Rev. 20:7-15; 21:8.