

# Doctrine

The **Foursquare Declaration of Faith** lays out the basic doctrine of The Foursquare Church and was drafted by Foursquare founder Aimee Semple McPherson. An abbreviated version is shown below.

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## **The Holy Scriptures**

We believe the Bible is God-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16,17).

## **The Eternal Godhead**

We believe God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

## **The Fall of Man**

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from innocence and purity (Romans 5:12).

## **The Plan of Salvation**

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

## **Salvation Through Grace**

We believe that we have no righteousness and must come to God pleading the righteousness of Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

## **Repentance and Acceptance**

We believe that upon sincere repentance, and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (1 John 1:9).

## **The New Birth**

We believe that the change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

## **Daily Christian Living**

We believe that it is the will of God that we be sanctified daily, growing constantly in the faith (Hebrews 6:1).

## **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work (Matt. 28:19). We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of the bread and juice of the vine (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

## **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power; and that His in coming is after the same manner as in Bible days (Acts 2:4).

## **The Spirit-Filled Life**

We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily (Ephesians 4:30-32).

## **The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian; and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22).

## **Moderation**

We believe that the experience and daily walk of the believer should never lead him into extremes of fanaticism (Philippians 4:5).

## **Divine Healing**

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the physically sick in answer to the prayer of faith (James 5:14-16).

## **The Second Coming of Christ**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

## **Church Relationship**

We believe it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible Body of Christ (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:25).

## **Civil Government**

We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God (Romans 13:1-5).

## **The Final Judgement**

We believe that all shall stand some day before the judgement seat of God, and there receive eternal life or death (2 Corinthians 5:10).

## **Heaven**

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17).

## **Hell**

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as the Savior (Revelation 20:10,15).

## **Evangelism**

We believe that soul winning is the most important responsibility of the Church (James 5:20).

## **Tithes and Offerings**

We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by giving of tithes and free-will offerings (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7).