



The Apostolic Faith

While other faiths teach that adherence to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit message is the way to salvation, the Apostolic faith is the only faith that preaches that Jesus alone is the only door to salvation and eternal life. But it is not the only faith that teaches exclusively the message of Acts 2:38. I personally know of other churches that teach Acts 2:38 and follow the strict adherence to that scripture. They often keep the name of their original church names such as: Baptist, Methodist, etc. That is because the Apostolic faith is not a true denomination, but a living and breathing body.

It is not our intention to diminish any personal relationship you may have with our Lord. Neither do we desire to convince you of our own personal ideas or the creeds of any denomination. We simply desire to share the truth as it is written. Only by claiming the Bible as our sole authority can any of us be confident of our salvation, for it is the Word of God and not the traditions of men that will judge us all in the end.

There is much confusion about the Apostolic faith. Let me first state that this is not a denomination.

Denomination in the strictest sense of the word means: a class or group. The Apostolic faith cannot be classified as a group. It is the living and breathing church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

While the faith is called Apostolic, meaning that it is the same faith that the Apostles received from the Lord Jesus Christ, it cannot be implied that this faith was owned by the Apostles. This faith belonged, belongs, and will always belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

The Apostolic faith contends that there is only one gospel and only one door of salvation.

Galatians 1:6-12 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Apostolic faith states:

- (1) The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ;
- (2) Justification is by faith;
- (3) Salvation is by grace through faith and not by good works;
- (4) Salvation changes both our standing with Christ and our sinful nature;
- (5) Salvation occurs when a person believes in Jesus, is baptized into Christ, and receives the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and there is no other foundation.

The Apostolic faith states (with the Bible as it's authority):

(1) The Bible is the infallible Word of God and the authority for salvation and Christian living.;

(2) There is one God, who has revealed Himself as our Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and as the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God manifested in flesh. He is both God and man.;

(3) Everyone has sinned and needs salvation. Salvation comes by grace through faith based on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Our basic and fundamental doctrine shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.;

(4) The saving gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. We obey the gospel by repentance (death to sin), water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ (burial), and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit (resurrection).;

(5) As Christians we are to love God and others. We should live a holy life inwardly and outwardly, and worship God joyfully. The supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including healing, are for the church today.;

(6) Jesus Christ is coming again to catch away His church. In the end will be the final resurrection and the final judgment. The righteous will inherit eternal life, and the unrighteous eternal death.

Scripture references:

- (1) II Timothy 3:16.
- (2) Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:4-6; Colossians 2:9; I Timothy 3:16.
- (3) Romans 3:23-25; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:20,21; Mark 16:16; Titus 3:5;
- (4) I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 2:4, 37-39; Romans 6:3-4.
- (5) Mark 12:28-31; II Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14; I Corinthians 12:8-10.
- (6) I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:11-15.

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