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The term “Foursquare” stands for the four-fold ministry of



**Jesus Christ as the Savior**  
(Rom. 10:9)



**Baptizer with the Holy Spirit** (Luke 3:16)



**Healer** (1 Pet. 2:24)



**Coming King** (Acts 1:11)

The Foursquare Church, officially the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, was founded in Los Angeles, Calif., by Aimee Semple McPherson in 1923.

Upon opening the doors of Angelus Temple in Los Angeles in 1923, Aimee Semple McPherson developed an extensive social ministry, feeding more than 1.5 million people during the Great Depression.

Today, there are tens of thousands of Foursquare churches and meeting places across the globe.

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*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday  
and today and forever”*

—Heb. 13:8 (NKJV)

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## A Simplified Guide to Foursquare Beliefs

The Foursquare Church promotes unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials and charity in all things.

# The Foursquare Church Believes:

## **BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers believers, and that the Holy Spirit's incoming follows the same pattern that is described in the New Testament (Acts 2:4).

## **WATER BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that baptism by immersion in water is an outward sign of an inward work (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4). We believe in commemorating the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of bread and fruit of the vine (1 Cor. 11:24, 25).

## **CHURCH RELATIONSHIP**

We believe that followers of Christ have a sacred duty to identify with the visible church of Jesus Christ and should meet regularly with fellow believers (Heb. 10:24, 25).

## **CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that laws and ordinances come from God's ultimate authority and should be upheld, except when they are in opposition to the revealed will of God (Rom. 13:1-5).

## **DAILY CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe that it is the will of God for believers to walk in progressive sanctification, growing continuously in the faith (Heb. 6:1).

## **DIVINE HEALING**

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

## **EVANGELISM**

We believe that the church's primary responsibilities are taking the gospel to the entire world and making disciples (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20).

## **THE ETERNAL GODHEAD**

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

## **THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that man is created in the image of God but, by voluntary disobedience, fell from perfection—thereby imbuing humanity with sinfulness (Rom. 5:12).

## **THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon Christians (1 Cor. 12:1-11) and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (Gal. 5:22-25).

## **HEAVEN**

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

## **HELL**

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as Savior (Rev. 20:11-15).

## **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

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

## **THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

We believe every person will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal life or death (Rev. 20:11-15; Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).

## **MODERATION**

We believe that people who follow Christ should avoid the extremes of fanaticism and pursue lives of balance and moderation, demonstrating gentleness and patience (Phil. 4:5, KJV; Col. 3:12, 13).

## **THE NEW BIRTH**

We believe that a genuine change takes place in people who accept Christ as Savior; believers allow Christ's life to be lived through them (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20).

## **REPENTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

We believe that, upon sincere repentance and a wholehearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (Rom. 10:8-10; 1 John 1:9).

## **THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION**

We believe that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us—pardoning all who believe in Him (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

## **SALVATION THROUGH GRACE**

We believe that we receive salvation when we come to God through faith in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. Salvation is God's gift to us (Eph. 2:8).

## **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Titus 2:11-13).

## **THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**

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

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We believe the method ordained by God for the support and spread of His cause is giving tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:7).

