

# **OPEN DOOR COMMUNICATION MINISTRIES, INC.**

## **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

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Open Door Communication Ministries, Inc. was not created by the will or action of any denominational or ecclesiastical organization or order, but by the will of God. As such, the board of directors of this Ministry in an effort to conform it to the non-partisan, non-sectarian will of God as revealed in the biblical record, and to promote the spirit of cooperation and goodwill in the Body of Christ, declares this Ministry non-denominational in its government and relationships. Christians embracing a biblical worldview will be welcome to serve in any capacity with this Ministry subject to any other limits and/or requirements the board of directors may apply to such service.

Many issues divide the visible church along doctrinal lines. It is not therefore, the intent of this Ministry to purposely further contribute to the often ugly divisiveness that currently exists. However, since many will derive one where there is none, the following general doctrinal statement is offered so that it may at least be correctly understood what we stand for.

We, the board of directors of Open Door Communication Ministries, Inc., do hereby set forth this statement as representative of what we believe the necessary doctrinal positions of a Ministry such as this ought to be:

### **Scripture**

1. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God; it is the record of God's revelation to man. The canonical Old and New Testaments of the Bible are the supreme authority for Christian faith, life, discipline, work, mission and worldview.

### **God**

2. The Lord our God is One and is the sole Creator and Ruler over all that is created in Heaven and the physical universe. God is revealed to us in Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and yet, as One. God the Father is Head over all.

### **Jesus Christ**

3. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man. He was born of a virgin by the will of God the Father and power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Son of God and Messiah that was and is to come as foretold by the prophets of Israel from ancient times in the Bible.

He surrendered His life on a Roman cross at the time of the Jewish Passover A.D. 33 in substitution for all men, who, by their sins and rebellion were destined without recourse to death. Jesus' death on the cross satisfied God's wrath to the degree that all who believe on Him will be saved from death, the penalty for rebellion against God. Those who do not accept Jesus and thus His atoning death, will suffer the full wrath of God on themselves at the judgment.

Jesus rose on the third day after His burial and returned to Heaven some forty days later to sit victoriously at the right hand of the Father, make intercession for His

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followers and await the Father's command to come back to earth to gather them to glorious immortality as well as judge the world in righteousness.

### **Holy Spirit**

4. The Holy Spirit is given to believers at the point of their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit is the Christian's Comforter, Counselor, Teacher and source of power to live Christ-like lives, yielding fruit acceptable to God the Father.

The Holy Spirit also empowers each Christian with supernatural gifts to be used in performing the mission commandments of Christ and the building up of the church in love. The evidences of the Spirit's empowerment through spiritual gifts may or may not appear at the moment of salvation. Whatever the case may be, the Spirit is sovereign!

### **Christians**

5. Christians are those who have repented from their sins and trusted in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, been indwelt and brought to new spiritual life by the Holy Spirit. As opportunity affords, they immediately follow Christ in water baptism. Christians are followers of and called to obey Jesus as Lord; serving as His witnesses to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **The Church**

6. Christians are assembled together universally by the Holy Spirit as the Church. The Church exists currently both in Heaven where Christians who have departed their bodies go to be with Christ and on earth comprising those who have yet to depart. Those on earth come together in local assemblies to worship, be taught and equipped for service, fellowship, carryout and support the work Christ has commissioned His Church in the New Testament Scriptures.

### **The Kingdom**

7. At God the Father's perfect moment, Jesus Christ will return to the earth to formally install the eternal Kingdom of God. At that time He will assemble His saints by bodily resurrections that were with Him in Heaven and transform the remainder alive on earth. They will reign with Him in the Kingdom of God from that time on and forever.