

## **Emmanuel Free Church**

Membership Class

*Session 5: Doctrine*

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

*We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and to indwell, guide, instruct, gift, and empower the believer for godly living and service. We believe that certain ministries of the Holy Spirit, including tongues and signs and wonders, to have been for the purpose of authenticating the message of the Apostles, and therefore were limited to the Apostolic Age. (Jn. 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 12:11; 13:8-10; Eph. 1:13-14)*

- Glorify the Lord Jesus Christ - all ministry points to Christ to glorify Him
- Activity during this age - lead men to glorify Christ, convict men, regenerate them when they believe, indwell, guide, instruct, gift and empower believers for godly living and service
- Cessationism - certain gifts of the Spirit do not operate anymore since the age of the Apostles (e.g., tongues, miracle workings, healings, signs and wonders, etc.)

### **MAN**

*We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, and is therefore lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (Gen. 1:27; 3:1-6; Rom. 5:12, 19; 1 Pet. 3:18)*

- Created - not evolved
- In God's image - God's likeness and image; not physical but spiritual; self-consciousness; morality; volition; emotion; capacity for fellowship with God; dominion over earthly creation

- Fell into sin - rebelled against God's command; committed sin against God personally; sin entered into and corrupted the human nature; result is spiritual death and eventual physical death
- Necessity of regeneration - dead in sins and need spiritual life (regeneration/born again/ reborn); condemned for sins and need deliverance from God's wrath/pardon/Salvation