

NEXT STEPS

LEARNING HOW TO MOVE FORWARD



Colossians 3:1-2

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

NEXT STEPS

Linked UP Next Steps guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you. Next Steps is made up of three steps that equip you to 1) live in fellowship with God and become a part of His family, 2) discover your place in God's family, 3) serve on the Dream Team at Linked UP Church and in the community at large to make a difference in the lives of others.

Step 1 – Connect To God/Family

Learn how to personally develop the believer's lifestyle and understand the "why" behind Connect Groups. Both will help you establish a rock solid relationship with God and others. Step 1 takes place the first Sunday of every month.

Step 2 – Connect To Purpose

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and see how your design reveals your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. Step 2 takes place the second Sunday of every month.

Step 3 – Connect To Community

Explore the opportunities available at Linked UP to live out your purpose and serve others by using your God-given gifts. Step 3 takes place the third Sunday of every month.

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NEXT STEPS 1

Connect To God/Family

Live in Fellowship with God and His Family



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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO NEXT STEPS

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Linked UP Church! Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, we want to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

Meet Our Senior Leader: Pastor Joel Gregory:

Joel Gregory is the Founding and Senior Pastor of Linked UP Church in Powder Springs, Georgia. Since its inception in 2014, Linked UP Church has been focused on the vision of Connecting people to God, Family, Purpose, and Community. Today, Linked UP Church and the message of Jesus Christ reaches thousands of households.

Joel has served in ministry for over 25 years. The various positions include College Campus Minister, Youth Pastor, Director of Education, Assistant Pastor, and Pastor of Faith Christian Center in Orlando, Florida and Smyrna, Georgia. His leadership has influenced growth, community impact and efficient functions within those various capacities.

Joel graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1989 and the School of Ministry School in Detroit, Michigan in 1993. His background in Division One athletics, coaching, service, management, and business grants him a unique kind of leadership which places great emphasis on unity, commitment, honor, and integrity. He is passionate about God, family and serving people with God's love and truth. His greatest joy is seeing people walk in their God-given victory! Currently, Pastor Joel leads a thriving congregation where the Word of God is taught uncompromisingly with great conviction and transparent simplicity. Pastor Joel is committed to serving the Metro-Atlanta area with youth programs, educational and career advancement opportunities, and various outreach programs that will not only help the community at large but to motivate individuals within the community to better themselves for the benefit of others.

Joel is best known as a loving husband and proud father, who firmly understands that his first ministry is to his family. In 1997, Joel married his best friend, Patricia, and they are the proud parents of two fun-loving young adult children.

OUR PURPOSE

“So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ – that’s where the action is. See things from His perspective.” Colossians 3:1-2 (MSG)

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT: WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

The purpose statement of Linked UP Church is derived from the entire third chapter of the book of Colossians. (Colossians 3:1-24)

Linked UP Church exists to reach people with the message of Jesus Christ by connecting them to God, Family, Purpose, and Community/Workplace.

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. **Pray**_____.

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” Matthew 9:37-38

2. **Go**_____.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’ And He said, ‘Go, and tell this people ...’” Isaiah 6:8-9

3. **Give**_____.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21



STEP 1: CONNECT TO GOD AND FAMILY

Live in Fellowship with God and His Family

THE GOAL OF STEP 1

That I will commit to a lifestyle of developing spiritual maturity and healthy community to stay passionately in love with Jesus.

Life-giving habits result from the simple disciplines of establishing a plan of action, making those actions a priority, and involving other people in the process.

CONNECT TO GOD – Weekend Services.

We consider reaching people one of our greatest responsibilities. Our weekend services are designed to reach all people regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey.

WEEKEND SERVICES

1. Celebration.

*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’”
Psalm 122:1*

*“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4:23-24*

2. Inspiration.

“But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.” 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

3. Preparation.

“And He (God) Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12

4. Salvation.

“For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”
Romans 10:13-14

HOW TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST:

1. Accept the personal Responsibility.
2. Build a personal Relationship.
3. Share your personal Story.
4. Give a personal Invitation.

A LIFE OF BIBLE STUDY

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A vibrant relationship with God is sustained through Bible study and prayer.

1. I must accept its authority.

We believe that the Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant.

- **Receive** God’s Word with an open heart.

“But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy... Therefore take heed how you hear.” Luke 8:13-18

- **Respond** to God’s word with obedience.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”
James 1:22

2. I must absorb its truths.

- **Hearing** God's Word.

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
Romans 10:17

- **Reading** God's Word.

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."
Revelation 1:3

- **Studying** God's Word.

"...they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." Acts 17:11

- **Memorizing** God's Word.

"Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart."
Proverbs 7:2-3

- **Meditating** on God's Word.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bring forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm 1:2-3

3. I must **apply** its principles.

"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:17

- Read your Bible daily.
- Gather one truth from your reading to reflect on.
- Record what you learn in a journal or share it with someone.

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

A LIFE OF PRAYER

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Jesus exemplified a personal relationship with God through prayer that gave Him great strength. Every person who has ever been effective in service for God has developed this habit. The only way to be a healthy Christian is to spend time with God daily through prayer.

1. In my daily prayer time, I am:

- **Giving** devotion to God.

"And in every work that he (Hezekiah) began in the service of the house of God...he did it with all his heart. So he prospered." 2 Chronicles 31:21

- **Getting** direction from God.

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation." Psalm 25:4-5

- **Growing** in my relationship with God.

"O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:25-26

2. Use Prayer Models Found in the New Testament

Must Maximize the Power of Prayer

Forty-eight times in the book of Acts, it says, "They prayed." We will have the power the early church experienced when we pray like the early church prayed.

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

Prayer Model of the Early Church

- **A - Adoration** Focus directly on God, adoring Him for Who He is: His names, His character, His roles, etc. Worship and praise God with your heart, mind, and voice. (1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Psalms 8:1-9, 19:1-11, 63:1-4, 100:1-5, 150:1-6)

- C - Confidence** All of us who live for Jesus Christ have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of us. If we believe this to be true, then how could we not be confident about coming boldly before the Lord? God's Word instructs us to do so. (1 John 5:14-15; Hebrews 4:14-16, 10:23, 11:6)
- T - Thanksgiving** Give thanks for what God has done. Thank Him for salvation, the many blessings in your life, protection, provision, open doors, opportunities, and anything good He has done for you. (1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6)
- S - Supplication** Prayers of specific requests. They can be oral or written. This is the time to ask God for His divine help to meet needs, solve problems, work in another believer's life, etc. (Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)

A LIFE OF BEING SPIRIT-LED

"(May) the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Having close relationships with other people is only part of God's plan for our lives. He desires to be our most intimate friend.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63

1. The Holy Spirit is a person.

"... I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever." John 14:16

2. The Third Person in the Triune Nature of God.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." John 14:26

3. The Promise.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49 (KJV)

4. The Gift

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ROLE IN OUR LIVES?

1. The Holy Spirit **Comforts** us.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.” John 14:16 (KJV)

2. The Holy Spirit **Convicts** us.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:” John 16:7-8 (KJV)

3. The Holy Spirit helps us produce Christ like **Character**.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

4. The Holy Spirit enables us to receive **Power**.

“But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (KJV)

5. The Holy Spirit equips us with **Spiritual Gifts**.

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

6. The Holy Spirit provides us with **Spiritual Direction**.

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh: Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, Your young men shall see **visions**, Your old men shall dream **dreams**. And on My menservants and on My maidservants will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath...And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:17-21*

HOW DO I RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Promise

⁴⁹ “And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49 (KJV)

2. The Gift

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you . Acts 2:38 (KJV)

3. Ask to Receive

⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

¹⁰ For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:9, 10 & 13 (KJV)

4. The Power

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8 (KJV)

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF RECEIVING HOLY SPIRIT

1. Bible Evidence of Speaking in Tongues

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto

God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
1 Corinthians 14:2 (KJV)

Prayer: *Father, your Word says that the Holy Spirit is a gift. Because He is a gift, I don't have to work for Him; all I need to do is receive Him. So, Father, I receive, right now, as an act of my will and my faith, the Holy Spirit, with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues. Father, I thank you that I have received the gift of Holy Spirit right now in the name of Jesus, Amen.*

2. Relating to Him Daily.

"The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you." 2 Corinthians 13:14
(MSG)

3. Releasing your Spiritual Gifts with confidence.

"Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel." 1 Corinthians 14:12

A LIFE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:25

God never intended for us to go through life alone. Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of being in community. In fact, authentic life-change happens in the context of relationships.

CONNECT TO FAMILY – Connect Groups

Real life change happens in the context of relationships – connect groups. In the Bible, they worshipped in the temple, but ministry happened house to house.

"(You know) how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house." Acts 20:20

CONNECT GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to Connect.

"To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Corinthians 9:22

2. A place to Protect.

5. Outreach.

I need people with whom I can share my story.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

HOW DO I GET CONNECTED WITH A CONNECT GROUP

1. Find a Group

- Find a group by contacting the church office, visiting our website (www.linkedupchurch.com) or emailing connectgroups@linkedupchurch.com.
- Contact the leader.
- If you desire to lead a group, attend Connect Group Leader Orientation and get equipped to lead a group that you are passionate about.

2. Commit for a Semester at a Time

New groups start two semesters each year: Spring (February – May) and Fall (September – December). Most groups are open to new members throughout the semester.

3. Experience a Life Change

You'll never fully experience what Linked UP Church has to offer until you connect in a connect group! Connect groups were vital to the first century church's growth, and they are just as vital now.

Life is not meant to be lived alone. In fact, God hates loneliness. You were created to experience life with other people, and that's why at Linked UP Church, we encourage you to get into a connect group.

A connect group is a group of three or more people who gather weekly, biweekly, or monthly during Spring and Fall Semesters in a home, workplace, or online. In a group you'll hang out, study the Word, and pray together.

Groups come in all shapes and sizes – Married Couples, Singles, Men, Women, College, Prayer, Workplace, Young Adults, Forever Young – the list goes on. No matter where you are in life, there's a group for you.

Ready to dive in? Find a group that fits you or start one of your own.

A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

The Gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God’s generous nature towards mankind. The Bible consistently teaches that God blesses us so that we may bless others.

THREE AREAS OF GIVING

1. Give of our time.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16

2. Give of our talents.

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

3. Give of our treasure.

BENEFITS OF GIVING

1. Giving draws us closer to God.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

2. Giving is the antidote to materialism.

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

3. Giving strengthens our faith.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding... Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats (presses) will overflow with new wine.” Proverbs 3:5, 9-10

“Give and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

4. Giving is an investment in eternity.

“Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life!” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY IS:

1. Willing

“For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart...” 2 Corinthians 9:7a

2. Cheerful

“...for God loves a cheerful giver!” 2 Corinthians 9:7b

3. Sacrificial

“For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.” 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

4. Expectant

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“...but they first gave themselves to the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 8:5

APPENDIX

LINKED UP CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DOCTRINE

The Scriptures Inspired

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:21, Hebrews 4:12)

The One True Godhead

The triune Godhead is comprised of three (3) separate and distinct personalities: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed, and function as one entity. Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with The Father and The Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 43:10-11, Matthew 28:19, Luke 3:22, 1 John 5:7)

Man, His Fall, and Redemption

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." (Genesis 1:26) However, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. Man's only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. (Genesis 1:27; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-21)

The Salvation of Man

Redemption

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalm 103:3), being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. For by grace are we saved through faith, which we are preaching, "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:8-10; 3:23-26, John 3:3, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 3:5-7)

Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:24, Titus 2:12) “And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.”

(1 John 3:23)

Faith and Works

Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity. (Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Corinthians 3:8, Revelation 22:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10)

Water Baptism

The ordinance of baptism by immersion should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord. In doing so, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. (Matthew 28:19, Acts 10:47-48, Romans 6:4)

The Lord's Supper

“And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me...’ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:24-25, 28)

The Promise of the Father

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9)

The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6; 1:8)

The Church

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Every believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven.

(Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22, Hebrews 12:23)

Total Prosperity

The Lord delights in the total prosperity of believers, including:

- Spiritual

(3 John 1:2, John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 2:9);

- Mental

(2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 12:2, Isaiah 26:3);

- Physical

(3 John 1:2, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24);

- Financial

(Malachi 3:10-11, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Deuteronomy 28:1-14); and

- Social

(Proverbs 3:4).

Blessed Hope

Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 2 Thessalonians 2:1)

The Lake of Fire

Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15)

The Millennial Reign of Jesus

The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His Saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised. (Romans 11:25-27, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-7)
After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelation 21)

APPENDIX

Linked UP Church Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning; the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 1:18-32).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Linked UP Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Linked UP Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Linked UP Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31, Galatians 6:1-5). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with Scripture nor the doctrines of Linked UP Church.

