

WEST END GOSPEL HALL, WHITBURN: ABOUT US

The following are some of the key truths and practices of the people who gather to The Lords Name in the West End Gospel Hall, Whitburn:

1. We adhere uncompromisingly to the fundamentals of the Christian Faith

- Such doctrines as:
- a) The Divine inspiration of Holy Scripture, the Bible (II Timothy 3 v 16)
 - b) Our God is 3 eternally equal Persons in one Godhead (I John 5 v 7)
 - c) The virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 1 vv 26-38)
 - d) The literal death & bodily resurrection of our Lord (I Corinthians 15)
 - e) The universe created by God's spoken word (Hebrews 11 v 3)

2. We preach a full and sound Gospel to all

- Proclaiming that:
- a) All have sinned therefore need to be saved (Romans 3 v 23)
 - b) All must repent of their sins before God (Acts 3 v 19)
 - c) Christ died for our sins and rose again (I Corinthians 15 v 3- 4)
 - d) Salvation is only found in The Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4 v 12)
 - e) Eternal Life is received by Faith through Grace (John 3 v 16)
 - f) Eternal punishment for rejecting God's Son (John 3 v 36)
 - g) Once saved we are forever saved (John 10 v 28- 29)

3. We acknowledge the importance of Christian Baptism

- This involves:
- a) Only born again believers are baptised (Acts 8 v 37)
 - b) Only baptism by total immersion is practised (Acts 8 v 38)
 - c) Declaration of our walking in newness of life (Romans 6 v 4)
 - d) Living our lives no longer practising sin (Romans 6 v 6)

4. We acknowledge the importance of 'The Breaking of Bread' to remember HIM

- This involves:
- a) Only baptised believers breaking bread (Acts 2 v 41- 42)
 - b) Breaking Bread every first day of the week (Acts 20 v 7)
 - c) The gathering purpose is remembrance (I Corinthians 11 v 23- 25)
 - d) Being open for witnessing by others (I Corinthians 11 v 26)
 - e) Never participating lightly or impurely (I Corinthians 11 v 27- 29)

5. We lay emphasis on the individual responsibility of each assembly & it's members

- This means:
- a) Having no regional or national organisation (Revelation 1- 3)
 - b) Each assembly having its own leaders/overseers (Acts 20 v 28)
 - c) The assembly is accountable only to Christ (Hebrews 13 v 17)
 - d) Recognising the roles of audible men & silent women (I Timothy 2)
 - e) Honouring the headship of Christ (I Corinthians 11 v 1- 16)
 - f) Exercising all the gifts given to all the men (Ephesians 4 v 11- 13)
 - g) Accepting that the sign gifts have ceased (I Corinthians 13 v 8)

6. We appreciate the distinctive Christian hope of The Lords coming again

- Believing:
- a) The certainty of his coming (John 14 v 3)
 - b) The change in us at his coming (Philippians 3 v 21)
 - c) The catching up of living & raised believers (I Thessalonians 4 v 16- 17)
 - d) This coming is before any 'Tribulation Period' (I Thessalonians 1 v 10)