

3. BIBLICAL AND DOCTRINAL BASIS

3.1 Biblical Basis

The basic Biblical tenet upon which HCFI was founded, is: "As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

3.2 Biblical Precepts

3.2.1 The purpose, objectives and work of HCFI in the health field is guided by the following Biblical precepts:

- Prayer is an essential spiritual activity, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Evangelism is vital, Mark 16:15
- Disciple making is essential, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2
- 3.2.2** Emphasis is placed on:
 - The Lordship of Jesus Christ, Philippians 2:11 - The empowering and guidance of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8, John 16:13-15
 - The spiritual impact of unity amongst believers in Christ, John 17:21-23
 - The interdependence of the members of the Body of Christ, 1 Corinthians 12
 - The recognition of structures and related authority, 1 Corinthians 12:5, 18
 - The promotion of Biblical principles, Romans 14:17, 1 John 5:3
 - The vital role and position of the local church, Ephesians 4

3.3 Doctrinal Basis

The Doctrinal Basis of the HCFI shall consist of the essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity, including

- The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead;
- The person of our Lord Jesus Christ as very God and very Man, born of the virgin Mary, His real and sinless humanity, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven;
- The Divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Holy Scripture in all matters of faith and conduct;
- The guilt and depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall;
- The substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His resurrection, as the only way of salvation from sin through repentance and faith;
- The necessity for the new birth by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in the believer for sanctification and service;

- The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the judgment to come for the just and for the unjust;
- The resurrection of the body and eternal life; - Hell as a place of eternal punishment for all who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Heaven as a place of everlasting blessedness for all who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. HCFI Constitution Version 2017 5

In brief, the HCFI places a strong emphasis upon the Deity of Jesus Christ and His Atonement; regeneration by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling fullness in the believer for personal victory and fruitfulness; the supreme authority of the Scriptures and the importance of personal and group evangelism.

No alteration of the Doctrinal Basis will be permitted at any time, without the unanimous agreement of the entire International Board and Global Action Team (GLAT).

The Doctrinal Basis must be adhered to assiduously in the HCFI and in the National Fellowships.

3.4 Interdenominational Policy

HCFI is evangelical and interdenominational in character and is not controlled by any one denomination. Controversial doctrines are avoided and thus cordial relations are maintained with Bible-believing evangelical churches and missions.