

Weeknight Bible Study

June 23, 2022

Fundamental Beliefs of the United Church of God (Booklet)

United Church of God, SF Bay Area



Check-In Goals:

1. Fellowship in a Spiritually Uplifting focus in God's Word
2. Hear from All Participants as equally as possible

Please limit comments to no more than 2 minutes until everyone has had an opportunity to speak.

3. Discuss / Highlight / Collect Wisdom... In a God Led Discussion.

Belief Statement:

#18. Tithing

Fundamental Belief Statement:

We believe in tithing as a way of honoring God with our substance and as a means of serving Him in the preaching of the gospel, the care of the Church, attending the festivals and helping the needy (Proverbs 3:9-10; Genesis 14:17-20; 1 Corinthians 9:7-14; Numbers 18:21; Deuteronomy 14:22-29).

Booklet section...

<https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/fundamental-beliefs-of-the-united-church-of-god/tithing>

Booklet section audio...

<https://www.ucg.org/system/storage/serve/1345066/18-tithing.mp3>

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Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; (10) So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Genesis 14:17-20 NKJV And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. (18) Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. (19) And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; (20) And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

1 Corinthians 9:7-14 NKJV Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? (8) Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? (9) For it is written in the law of Moses, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE AN OX WHILE IT TREADS OUT THE GRAIN." Is it oxen God is concerned about? (10) Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. (11) If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? (12) If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. (13) Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? (14) Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

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Numbers 18:21 NKJV "Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

Deuteronomy 14:22-29 NKJV "You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. (23) And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. (24) But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, (25) then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. (26) And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. (27) You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. (28) "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates. (29) And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

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One extra citation...

Malachi 3:8-11 NLT “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. (9) You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. (10) Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! (11) Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

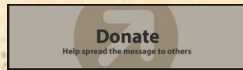
Belief Discussion:

Fundamental #18. Tithing

- > It is important to understand the original term of Tithe being defined as a 10th. It's not arbitrary... He asks for a tenth of our increase.
- > We tithe for the Support (THE WORK/MISSION) of the Church, to celebrate the Festivals & to provide for the needs of others.
- > It is a joy and encouragement to see the funds we have given used to spread the Gospel! (e.g. Magazine)
- > When we Tithe we come to truly see we can NOT out give God! When we step out on faith to obey He ALWAYS provides!!
- > God views it as us cheating (robbing) Him when we don't Tithe...
- > We need to recognize always that God is the source of our blessing...
- > The joy of abundance when we can rejoice before God with the commanded Tithe we have saved is wonderful!
- > The weightier matters of the law... **Matthew 23:23** in support of Tithing but encouragement also to take our pursuit of God's Way to a higher level than just the physical.
- > One of purposes of the Second Tithe... is that we may learn to fear the Lord our God always.
Deuteronomy 14:23
- > Where our treasure is... there our heart will be also... God is looking for our heart to be toward Him & His Work!! **Matthew 6:21**

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<https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/what-does-the-bible-teach-about-tithing/questions-and-answers-about-tithing>

> Questions and Answers Article “Is tithing really a part of New Testament teaching?”

<https://www.ucg.org/the-good-news/questions-and-answers-is-tithing-really-a-part-of-new-testament-teaching>

> Booklet Section: “Does the Bible Describe More Than One Tithe?”

[excerpt from What Does the Bible Teach About Tithing?]

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> UCG Sermon “Faithful Tithing” [2 Parts]

By Tim Pebworth [Part 1...](#) & [Part 2...](#)

> BT Magazine “Tithing: Where Is Your Treasure?”

By Darris McNeely <https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/tithing-where-is-your-treasure>

> Beyond Today TV “Tithing: God's Financial Key to Success”

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<https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-television-program/tithing-gods-financial-key-to-success>

> Beyond Today TV “The Coming Financial Squeeze”

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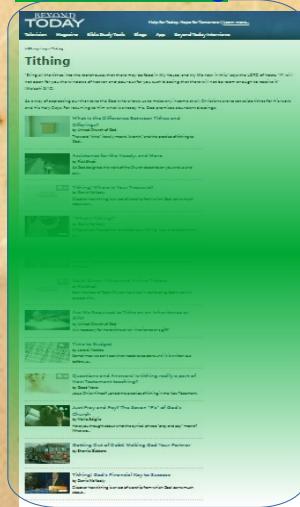
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