#### Six Foundations of the New Church

#### Jesus Christ is Now God

- Jehovah God Created Heaven and Earth (Genesis 1:1)
- Jehovah God Himself is and Always Has Been the Savior of the World (Isaiah 43:11; Hosea 13:4; Isaiah 47:4; Isaiah 63:16)
- Jesus Christ is Jehovah God (Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 25:9; Isaiah 40:3-5; John 1:1-14; Psalms 33:6; 1 John 5:20)
- Jesus was Born a Divine Soul in a Mortal Body and Mind (Luke 1:35)
- Jesus Made Himself Divine, one with His Soul, so that After Resurrection and Ascension He Was and Always Will be Jehovah God All the Way Down Even to His Body (John 14:6; Luke 24:39; John 14:9; John 3:25; Matthew 11:27; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 1:8-11)
- Jesus Christ is the Archetypal Human (Genesis 1:26-27)
- Saving Faith is Believing and Following the Example of Jesus Christ (John 3:36; John 15:4-5)
- Jesus Christ Made His Second Advent between 1745 and 1770 when He appeared to Emanuel Swedenborg and Commissioned Him as a Revelator of the Heavenly Doctrines. (John 16:12-15; Matthew 24; Revelation)

# God Reveals THE Truth With Authority

• The Written Revelations Given By God are Divine Truth Itself (John 6:63; Mark 13:31; Luke 16:17)

- The Written Text of Revelation Always Contains but does not Always Explicitly State the Spiritual Message from God (John 16:12; Matthew 5:17)
- It is the Job of Every Believer to Search the Scriptures for God's Message (Matthew 7:7-8; 21:21-22; 23:25-26)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) Contain Everything to be Believed and Lived (Matthew 22:35-40; Leviticus 22:31; John 14:15; John 15:10)

#### Charity and Faith One and the Same in Life

- There is Only One True Faith that Saves (Matthew 16:16-18; Ephesians 4:4-13)
- Saving Faith is Complete Confidence in the Lord God Jesus Christ and Trust that a Person who Lives a Good Life and Holds a Proper Belief is Saved by Him (John 11:25)
- Doing God's Will or Obeying God's Commands is Imperative for Faith and Salvation Even Though These Actions Can Not Make Anyone Deserve or Merit Heaven (John 3:27; John 15:4-8; John 13:17; Matthew 13:23; Matthew 7:24-26; Luke 10:27)

### You Were Created for Heaven

- Life Continues Through Death (John 14:19; John 11:25)
- Heaven is Full of People Who Love God and People (Micah 6:8; Luke 10:27)
- Hell is Full of People Who Love Themselves and Materialism (Psalms 9:17; Luke 12:5)
- Heaven and Hell are Both Eternal (Luke 16:26)

- Every Human Being is Created for Heaven (Luke 17:21)
- Angels in Heaven are Married to Eternity (Matthew 19:4-6)

#### God Will Renew Your Life if You Ask Him

- All Humans Have Free Will in Spiritual Matters – Otherwise the Word of God Would be Useless (Psalms 54:6; Isaiah 1:16-17; John 8:31-36; John 15:14-16)
- A Person Should Confess Their Sins to the Lord God Jesus Christ, Repent, and be Born Again to New Life in His Name (John 3:3; John 3:5; Luke 3:3-8; Mark 1:4; Mark 1:15; Luke 13:5; Luke 15:7; Matthew 10:39; Psalms 51:10)

## Two Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Supper

- Christian Baptism Replaces Circumcision (Deuteronomy 10:16; Galatians 5:6; 6:15)
- Baptism is an Introduction to the Community of Believers on Earth and in Heaven (Matthew 3:13)
- Baptism is in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-19)
- Baptism is a Sign and Remembrance that a Person is to be Born Again or Regenerated (John 3:5; Mark 16:16)
- Jesus Christ is Present and Opens Heaven to Those who Worthily Approach the Holy Supper (John 6:51-56)
- Holy Supper Links the Believer with the Lord God Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 8:3; John 6:27)

#### About the New Church:

The New Church is a Christian church based on the *Old Testament*, the *New Testament*, and the *Heavenly Doctrines*. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, lived and taught, was crucified, and rose again so that He could conquer hell, become completely one in all respects with His Soul, the Father (Jehovah God), and restore freedom to the human race. In Jesus Christ God is Human and Human is God – He is our visible, divine, human Creator and Redeemer, the Lord God Jesus Christ.

We believe that He has now fulfilled the prophecies of the book of Revelation and come again. This Second Advent is not the bodily coming, expected by many, but a coming in the Spirit of Truth which leads into all truth (John 16:13). His kingdom is not of this world. Therefore, just as He did not come in the expected manner (as a worldly king) the first time, so He has come in an unexpected manner (in the words of a written revelation) the second time, in the truth revealed in the Heavenly Doctrines. In 1745 Jesus Christ appeared to a Swede name Emanuel Swedenborg and commissioned him to write down everything that he would be taught over the next 27 years. The resulting volumes of Christian theology, the Heavenly Doctrines, reveal truth explaining: the spiritual message written by God into the stories of the Old and New Testaments, the nature of eternal life in heaven and eternal death in hell, the character of true marriage between one man and one woman, the character of God, the structure and function of the human mind, the constant work of the Divine Providence to save all people who believe in God and live well, and much, much more. In short, they contain all of the things which Jesus referred to when He told His disciples that there were still many things to tell them which they could not yet understand (John 16:12).

It is essential to the faith of the New Church that people acknowledge Jesus Christ as the one and only God, that they turn to Him alone in prayer and life, that they refrain from breaking His Commandments because evil is contrary to His will, and that they do what is good for others because charity is one of His gifts to the human race. All of this is to be done with the acknowledgement that without the Lord God Jesus Christ we are nothing, but with Him all things are possible. The New Church is Located At: The Swedenborg Chapel 138 Maynard Rd Sudbury, MA 01776

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