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The Assemblies of God have set forth their main doctrinal tenets in what they call their STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS comprising 16 articles. Article 7 of this Statement reads as follows:

"All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, 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 enduement 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; I Cor. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as an overflowing fulness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 12:28) an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 4:42), and a more active love for Christ for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

Article 8 makes the following assertions:

The Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.