

OUR WORK

The church was to embody the true teaching of Jesus' mission on earth as the Messiah of God, emphasizing that salvation of soul is a matter between each individual and God, through sincere prayer to receive His redeeming Love, and that this Love when received into the human soul bestows at-onement with the Heavenly Father and transformation, little by little, into His Divine Nature. Responsibility for one's salvation, therefore, rests with each individual soul and cannot be bestowed arbitrarily by a church decree or by the supported "sacrifice" by God of one of His creatures.

The church was to seek to reach mankind with the Truth of the Divine Love through its publications, combined with journalistic activities, talks and lectures, as well as radio broadcasts. Through Dr. Samuels, Jesus pointed out that a definite place, or congregation seated in one place of worship, was not necessary, for in our modern world the concept of a church of the air, or a church developed through journalistic activity, such as a magazine, already existed. Its membership, then, would be scattered throughout the world, and would be served through the mailing out of the church's publications.

Based on these guidelines given them by Jesus, Drs. Stone and Samuels and Rev. Gibson dedicated themselves over the next 25 years to the success of the church.

In December 1985, through their earnest desire to carry on the invaluable work accomplished through the Church of the New Birth, several ministers of the church, devoted to the teachings and turning to Jesus as their divine leader, incorporated the Foundation Church of Divine Truth. And, thus, through prayer for the Father's Divine Love and the guidance of Jesus, revelation of the Truths of God's Divine Love continue to be received through mediums whose soul development qualifies them to receive spiritual truth. ■

The Foundation Church of Divine Truth exists solely for the purpose of spreading the Truths of God's Divine Love.

Membership is open to all who spiritually and morally uphold the purpose of the church. Because no dues or initiation fees are required, the church is completely dependent upon the sale of its publications and the good will offerings of those who are interested in its teachings.

Through word of mouth and advertising, the church seeks to reach as many seeking souls as possible with the glad tidings of God's rebestowal of His Divine Love upon His children and Its availability to our human hearts and souls.

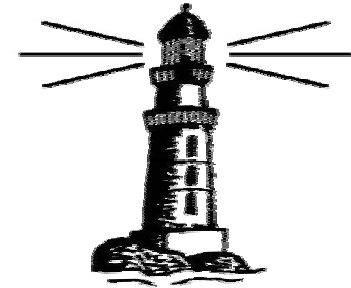
Members are encouraged to form study groups in their homes for the purpose of sharing their enthusiasm for the teachings while furthering their studies and joining together for worship. The group experience furnishes excellent opportunities to exchange thoughts and feelings about the teachings as well as sharing the prayer effort that brings the Divine Blessings of Love and Goodness from the Heavenly Father into the daily lives of His children. Study groups may be led by one or more members of the church, who do not need to be ordained ministers.

A ministerial ordination program is offered to those who experience and earnest desire to help spread the great Truths of Divine Love and Immortality in one or more areas of ministering, teaching, lecturing, healing, spirit-to-mortal communication, or spiritual consultation and guidance in alignment with the teachings and policies of the church.

The church recognizes, and prayerfully supports, the spiritual work being accomplished by unaffiliated individuals and groups who are also spreading these vital teachings. ■

A through-the-mail, non-profit Christian Spiritualist church incorporated in Washington, D.C. in December 1985 for the sole purpose of spreading the Truths of God's Divine Love.

**FOUNDATION CHURCH
OF
DIVINE TRUTH**
INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS



GOD IS LOVE!

The ONE GREAT TRUTH that is the foundation of our salvation is the New Birth, and the fact that the Divine Love of God is waiting for all of us to let It enter our souls and make us at-one with Him.

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OUR HISTORY

In the year 1914, a Washington, D.C. attorney named James E. Padgett learned that he possessed the gift of automatic writing. At first he was incredulous that through this gift he could receive communications from his departed wife, Helen. But soon became apparent that Helen was writing him details of their life together that only the two of them could know. His enthusiasm, and his happiness in knowing Helen was very much alive and often with him, inspired him to allow others who had made the transition from mortal to spirit to also write.

He was soon convinced that a great world of spirit exists where our friends and loved ones have every opportunity to progress above what is called the *earth plane* into the higher spheres of love and light where happiness exists beyond all mortal conception.

Through Mr. Padgett's grandmother, Ann Rollins, Helen learned of the Celestial Heavens – the Divine Kingdom of God that Jesus of Nazareth had come to earth to disclose, and where he was now Master and Prince of Peace. Ann Rollins had progressed to this Kingdom and was helping Helen to pray for the inflowing into her soul of God's Divine Love and, thereby, undergo the soul transformation that would fit her to inhabit these Celestial Spheres.

The enthusiasm of these two loved ones for this wonderful provision of the Heavenly Father determined them to bring Jesus of Nazareth to Mr. Padgett for the purpose of convincing him of Divine Love's reality and transforming power.

Soon, Jesus was communicating with Mr. Padgett and was urging him to pray earnestly for the inflowing of the Divine Love into his soul. Jesus explained that the Love would elevate Mr. Padgett's soul and mind to that degree that he and his Celestial co-workers could form a rapport with Mr. Padgett that would enable them to deliver through him the highest religious Truths available to mankind.

The revelations which James Padgett began to receive from Jesus and his Celestial co-workers were later designated by Jesus as his Second Coming to earth. He was bringing to light, once again, the New Covenant of the Heart between God and man – the glad tidings of the availability of His Divine Essence to man's soul, as foretold in the prophecies of the Old Testament of the Bible. The Heavenly Father, through the Gift of His Divine Love, was offering His children a foundation for living that would not only cleanse their souls of sin and error but would transform their souls, little by little, into His Eternal Nature of Love, thus assuring them of immortal life in the Celestial Heavens of His Universe.

From 1914 until 1923, the year of his passing to the spirit world, Mr. Padgett received over 2500 messages, the contents of which provide answers to the questions of many who have been confused by contradictions in the Bible and have felt a need for straightforward answers that combine the common sense of natural law with the goodness of love that fulfills the higher, spiritual laws.

Close friends of Mr. Padgett worked with him throughout the remainder of his life on earth to transcribe the eagerly-awaited messages. One of these, Dr. Leslie R. Stone, became the first to have them published in book form, in 1940. Another close associate, Eugene Morgan, worked with the spirits inhabiting the lower earth planes in order that they might receive the Love and Light of the Divine Essence into their souls. Before their passing, both gentlemen were responsible for thousands of spirits leaving these lower planes and finding their homes in the Celestial Heavens.

In 1954, Dr. Stone was joined in his work by Dr. Daniel G. Samuels and Rev. John Paul Gibson. The three worked closely together to preserve the original writings received by James Padgett, while important new messages from Jesus were being delivered through Dr. Samuels (who had been chosen by Jesus as his second mortal instrument).

In 1955, under the leadership of Jesus, the Dr. Leslie Stone Foundation was established in Washington, D.C. to serve as the repository of the original messages and the organization through which the Truths of Divine Love were to be disseminated to mankind. The Foundation was to have borne the name of James E. Padgett, but because living relatives might object, his name could not be used.

The year 1958 saw the incorporation of a nonprofit church – the Foundation Church of the New Birth – that was to assume the vital role first fulfilled by the Dr. Leslie R. Stone Foundation. Again, under the guidance and leadership of Jesus of Nazareth, Dr. Stone, Dro Samuels and Rev. Gibson worked diligently to fulfill the desire of Jesus and his Celestial co-workers to establish the true religion of mankind on earth, described by Jesus as follows:

“I and all of us spirits in the Celestial Heavens are anxious that such a church come into being, with leaders and members who are imbued with the entire conception of the Father's Divine Love for His children and how the souls of His children may become divine in the soul sense: through prayer to Him for the coming of His Love; and that through His Love may come healing power beyond what one has been able to accomplish ... and that the members and elders of this church understand in their minds and know in their hearts that salvation of the soul and healing of the flesh, through the Father's Loving-Kindness, may be granted to mankind; and that they open up their souls to the Father's Love in all earnestness of prayer in their souls—and then will the church be a success as a manifestation of God's Love and Mercy on earth, and the members and elders be blessed in abundance.”