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## ***Code of Ethics***

As the code of ethics of the Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, this document establishes principles and guidelines that defines and demands the ethical behavior of all ministers of the Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Any violation of the Code of Ethics constitutes ministerial misconduct and may result in disciplinary action.

### **Introduction**

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith are now proposing a Code of Ethics in addition to its already established bylaws and discipline guidelines. Implementing this Code of Ethics will help in addressing problems of unfaithfulness, spiritual immorality, and a lack of commitment and or convictions to the cause of Jesus Christ.

### **Ethical Content of the Bible**

The doctrine of holiness is made practical by the ethical content of the Bible. Christian experience is never an end in itself. Christ's concern was not only that the Holy Spirit should come, but that those filled with the Spirit might do "the greater works." While priority is given to being, Jesus had much to say about doing. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). The fruit of the Spirit is evidence of the Spirit-filled life. Fruit is not only beautiful, but useful. In the Epistles of Romans and Ephesians, there is a great amount of ethical content. Romans, chapters 12-16, might well be called the ethical division of the book. In Ephesians we are exhorted to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called," and to "walk in love" (Eph. 4:1; 5:2).

The Bible deals with social ethics. The Ten Commandments are still in effect. A right relationship with God is coupled with a right relationship with our fellowmen. The law of love, which is the fulfilling of the whole law, includes loving God with all the heart, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Much could be said about the witness of the holy life. It is evident that with all our witnessing and evangelizing we need to give greater care to the consistency of our walk. We should emulate Paul in his ability to write to the Thessalonians, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:10).

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