

91st ASSEMBLY – 2026 – SUMMARY OF TEACHINGS

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THESE MEETINGS WERE OPENED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS

TEACHINGS FOR THE BRETHREN AND THE MINISTRY

Irm. 01 - GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY

God grants believers two distinct expressions of divine favor: Mercy and Grace.

Divine mercy spares us from the punishment we deserve, while divine grace grants us the salvation we do not deserve.

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).”

(Ephesians 2:4–5)

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

(Romans 3:23)

Because of sin, humanity deserved eternal punishment. Yet God, in His mercy, sent His beloved Son into the world. Through the mercy of Jesus, God spares those who believe in Him from His righteous wrath.

The Lord Jesus took upon Himself the burden of our sins and guilt. He endured suffering, torture, and crucifixion in our place. Through His sacrifice, He granted forgiveness and justification before God.

In another supreme act of love, God granted us what we did not deserve: entrance into His wonderful grace. Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, He freely justifies all who believe.

This grace brings salvation through faith and enables believers to live a spiritual life as children of God. Through the New Testament—sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross—we are adopted into the family of God.

This divine gift is not obtained through personal merit or human effort:

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”

(Ephesians 2:8)

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

(Titus 3:5)



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Grace is more than forgiveness granted without merit. It includes spiritual blessings such as forgiveness, strength, virtue, spiritual gifts, and heavenly understanding that come from the Lord Jesus and are ministered within us by the Holy Spirit.

Through grace, God's love saves true Christians and keeps them united with Him. Grace enables believers to remain faithful and steadfast in the faith. It comes upon all who truly believe for the justification of life and should reign in Christians through righteousness unto eternal life.

By grace, the life-giving Holy Spirit establishes within believers the reality of God's kingdom—bringing restoration, revelation, justification, spiritual gifts, and divine manifestations through which we serve God with reverence and godly fear.

Divine grace also strengthens preachers of the Word of God in their calling. It fortifies their hearts and enables them to labor faithfully in the work of the Gospel, as the Apostle Paul declared:

“...I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

Irm. 02 - WORSHIP OF GOD

Concerning the worship due to God, Jesus said:

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”

(John 4:23)

True worshippers center their lives on reverence for God and for Jesus Christ His Son. They continually offer praise to His divine majesty and glorify Him for His greatness.

Worship involves more than praise alone. It includes loving God deeply and living with gratitude for His goodness throughout life.

When we gather in the house of prayer, our foremost purpose is to worship God. It is also the appropriate time to hear His Word and receive spiritual instruction.

Irm. 03 - THE UNITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

The Church of God is described as a body whose head is Jesus Christ. The life and health of this body depend upon the unity of its members, which are all of us.

A healthy body functions in harmony. Likewise, believers must maintain communion with one another to live in peace. When unity is lacking, the body becomes spiritually weakened, producing discouragement and reducing the willingness to serve God.

Just as illness in a physical body affects a person's strength and vitality, spiritual deficiencies can weaken believers in their walk of faith.

Irm. 04 - CARE FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Great care must be taken so that no member becomes spiritually weakened because of improper treatment, whether through words or attitudes. Instead, peace and mutual respect should prevail among us.

We must pay special attention to our speech. Words spoken without care may wound a brother or sister and harm their faith.

Local congregations become spiritually weakened when communication becomes harsh, humiliating, or offensive. Words that attack or demean do not edify the church but discourage those who sincerely seek salvation.

Irm. 05 - GENUINE CONVERSION

A believer's conversion becomes evident when the person who believes and baptizes is renewed in Christ. The old life passes away, and the believer now walks in a new life according to the Word of God.

A truly converted person lives in continual surrender to God. Such a person seeks to please Him in all things, being separated from the corruption of the world and distancing themselves from iniquity.

In our time, iniquity has greatly increased among God's people. As a result, love grows cold and the virtues of God diminish.

Some believe the virtues of God within the church are demonstrated primarily through loud expressions of glorification. While it is indeed pleasing to see God's people glorify Him, sing with joy, and express reverence during worship—especially during the preaching of the Word—these expressions must remain orderly and reverent.

These manifestations can provide a proper atmosphere for the preaching of the true Gospel. However, the Gospel must never be replaced with messages that promise easy salvation or create false expectations among the people.

In some places, excessive emotional demonstrations have produced disorder and scandalized those visiting the congregation for the first time.

God's people should conduct themselves with reverence and order, as it is written:

"The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools."

(Ecclesiastes 9:17)

The "cry" of the ruler refers to preaching directed to the people. Without prudence, errors may occur. For this reason, the Apostle Paul exhorted the brethren:

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

(2 Corinthians 4:2)

Irm. 06 - INIQUITY

As Jesus said:

*"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."*

(Matthew 24:11–12)

Iniquity refers to sin that cools a person's love toward others and especially toward God, causing them to drift away from His presence.

Iniquity includes various forms of evil such as wickedness, injustice, harmful actions toward others, malevolence, partiality, hatred, enmity, strife, and disputes.

Irm. 07 - CONSIDERATIONS ON HOW TO SERVE GOD BETTER

Each believer should continually reflect on the obstacles that hinder faithful service to the Lord.

It is written:

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.”

(Psalm 119:9–12)

To serve the Lord faithfully, believers must watch over their lives carefully so that emotions do not overcome their actions and their conduct remains acceptable before God.

It is the Christian's duty to be in constant communion with God, seeking consecration through prayer and meditation on His Word so that His virtues may cover our lives.

Irm. 08 - THE NEED FOR SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Self-knowledge enables a person to understand their emotions, tendencies, desires, and goals in light of the Word of God.

Believers should examine their conduct carefully and seek wisdom from God.

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

(James 3:17)

Only in this way can believers grow spiritually and avoid the stumbling blocks that hinder the full development of faith and knowledge that please God.

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.”

(Proverbs 3:5–7)

Irm. 09 - BETTER TO KNOW THE QUALITIES THAN THE FAULTS OF OTHERS



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It pleases God when we recognize the good works and virtues of our brethren. Seeing how the Word works in their lives strengthens and edifies us.

“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

(Proverbs 4:18)

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.”

(Hebrews 10:24)

When we focus primarily on the faults of others, we risk falling into hypocrisy, as the Lord Jesus warned:

“Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye.”

(Matthew 7:5)

Irm. 10 - MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Meditating on the Word is an important exercise of faith. It adds to the spiritual benefit we reap from reading and hearing the scripture.

Meditating on the Word cultivates the fruit of the Spirit within us.

Just as a cultivated seed produces a plant, the Word cultivated in our hearts germinates and produces fruit for the honor and glory of God.

Paul advised Timothy:

“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.”

(1 Timothy 4:15)

Irm. 11 - INTEGRITY

Integrity allows believers to maintain a sincere and pure conscience before God, who knows every thought.

A pure and clean conscience responds in our mind before we act—whether physical, spoken, or written. When the conscience becomes contaminated or seared, it loses its ability to evaluate what one should say or do.

When a mistake happens, a Christian conscience leads a person to reflect, repent, and seek forgiveness.

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience...”

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”

(Hebrews 10:22–23)

Irm. 12 - THE STATES OF OUR CONSCIENCE

Since humanity was created in the image and likeness of God, our conscience was given as a divine gift.

It may exist in three conditions:

- Pure
- Contaminated
- Seared (cauterized)

A pure conscience brings peace with oneself, with others, and especially with God.

A conscience contaminated by wrongdoing accuses the individual and removes their peace.

It is necessary to admit one's own error without seeking self-justification, for this attitude will contaminate one's conscience. Acknowledging errors quickly prevents the hardening of the conscience. Repentance restores communion with God.

Cauterization occurs when, on several occasions, there has been contamination with self-justifications, allowing the person to be at peace regarding the practice of evil that their conscience previously condemned. This generates estrangement from God, and there can only be reconciliation through genuine repentance and forgiveness. All who are used by God must have a pure conscience so that they may be chosen vessels for the Lord's use.

Irm. 13 - CONFORMITY WITH THE WORLD

Conforming to the world is adopting its values, customs, and way of life.

Jesus prayed:

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."
(John 17:16)

The Apostle John also wrote:

*"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*
(1 John 2:15–16)

When believers conform to the world, they allow excessive permissiveness in their lives, leading to spiritual decline and distance from God.

To become a friend of the world is to become an enemy of God.

Irm. 14 - COMBATER O BOM COMBATE

The good fight includes not only external challenges but also the struggle against our own thoughts, desires, and passions.

Our defense is the armor of God.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 4:7)

Jesus Himself faced temptation after fasting and overcame the adversary.

He also said to Peter:

*“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:
But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.”*
(Luke 22:31–32)

“Sifting” refers to testing faith in order to separate the faithful from God.
For this reason, believers must renew and maintain their conversion daily.

Irm. 15 - LIVING SACRIFICES

The living sacrifice mentioned in scripture consists of submitting our flesh (earthly life) to the full will of God, surrendering ourselves to Him with integrity so that we may be sanctified. This is condition for seeing His face.

There should be no subterfuges that justify not fulfilling the full will of God, for this is the sneaky way our adversary uses to prevent God's will from being fulfilled in our lives.

When Jesus spoke to the disciples about the leaven of the Pharisees, He was certainly referring to the methods used by the Pharisees, who hypocritically contaminated those who believed in the Lord. People today live in the contaminations of the world, practice a permissive gospel, and are becoming Christians who reject the cross of Christ and do not crucify their human nature. They accept and agree with the encroachment of sin itself through acceptance and conformity, knowing that this does not please God.

That is why Paul pleaded with the brothers in Rome:

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”
(Romans 12:1–2)

Irm. 16 - CLARIFICATIONS ON MARRIAGE – CONJUGAL INFIDELITY – SEPARATION OF COUPLES (Repetition with complement of Topics 13, 14 and 15 of RGE 2022)

Irm. 16.1 - MARRIAGE – The Word of God directs that marriage be between a man and a woman to avoid contamination by sin (1 Corinthians 7:9). Once established, marriage should remain until the death of one spouse.

Irm. 16.2 - SEPARATION OR DIVORCE – Scripture teaches that separation or divorce is tolerated only in the case of adultery, even if this is not the express will of God.

This is shown below:

“The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”

(Matthew 19:3–9)

This teaching applies equally to both men and women.

Irm. 16.3 - CONJUGAL INFIDELITY – Marriage makes a man and woman one flesh before God, and spouses owe one another mutual respect and love. Physical or psychological aggression between spouses is unacceptable and represents a form of infidelity because it violates the responsibilities established in the Word of God. We remind you that a couple, with Christ as their head, can never engage in practices of iniquity, wickedness, malice, or disloyalty toward one another. If infidelity occurs for reasons other than adultery, Scripture does not authorize remarriage.

Couples should seek guidance from the Ministry of their congregation when signs of serious conflict appear, to prevent the destruction of families and separation between parents and children. We advise couples to seek to preserve the love that Christ taught us.

Irm. 17 - POLITICS (Repetition with complement of Topic 18 of 2022)

Christians should not support candidates or political parties that deny the existence of God, reject the sacred principles of the Gospel, or promote policies that contradict Christian values and the biblical model of family (marriage between a man and a woman).

Irm. 18 - YOUTH GROUPS AND CARAVANS – CARE WITH OVERNIGHT EVENTS

Gatherings of Christian youth can be beneficial and pleasing to God because they strengthen fellowship and encourage spiritual growth.

However, such events must be organized carefully to avoid spiritual risks or even the appearance of wrongdoing:

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:22)

For this reason, the Ministry strongly discourages overnight youth events at camps, farms, or lodges, since proper supervision throughout the night may be difficult, even with adults present.

Long-distance group travel also presents risks. For many years there has been a recommendation discouraging caravans that travel more than 100 km from their place of origin.

Therefore, beloved, pay attention to what the book of Proverbs teaches us:

“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.”
(Proverbs 27:12)

The Congregation seeks to preserve the Gospel in its spiritual purity and does not add entertainment as a means of retaining members.

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.”
(Ephesians 5:15)

This guidance is never intended to interfere with the individual freedom of the brethren, but solely to fulfill our ministerial duty as watchmen, advising and caring so that no evil infiltrates among the youth and brings us great harm, as it is written:

“Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.”
(Proverbs 13:16)

Irm. 19 - HOSPITALIZATION OF THE ELDERLY IN NURSING HOMES

Some families request that the Church's Work of Piety assume responsibility for the cost of nursing home care. However, families bear the primary responsibility for caring for their elderly members.

“Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise.”
(Ephesians 6:2)

“But if any provide not for his own... he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”
(1 Timothy 5:8)

Brazilian Law 10.741 (01/10/2003) also establishes that families must ensure food, care, and health for elderly relatives. If a family chooses institutional care, it must assume all related expenses and responsibilities.