# OUR USE OF THE TERM "FOURSQUARE GOSPEL"

Aimee Semple McPherson, pioneer, evangelist and International Church of the Foursquare Gospel founder, first used the term "Foursquare Gospel" while preaching during the Oakland, Calif., revival in the summer of 1922.

Under a big top tent packed to standing room only, Sister Aimee, as she was often called, delivered her message "The Vision of Ezekiel." Over 8,000 people were privy to her description of the prophet's vision of four living creatures with the faces of a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle (Ezek. 1:4-10).

Sister Aimee explained how the four faces represented the four-fold ministry of Jesus:

"In the clouds of heaven ... Ezekiel had beheld the being whose glory no mortal can describe. As he gazed upon the marvelous revelation of the Omnipotent One, he perceived four faces: those of a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle.

In the face of the lion, we behold that of the Mighty Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and fire. The face of the ox typifies the Great Burden-Bearer, who Himself took our infirmities and carried our sicknesses, who in His boundless love and divine provision has met our every need.

In the face of the eagle, we see reflected soulenrapturing visions of the Coming King ... And in the face of the man, we behold the Savior, the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief, dying upon the tree for our sins.

Here is a perfect gospel, a complete gospel, for body, for soul, for spirit and for eternity, a gospel facing squarely in every direction."

In that pulpit, the term Foursquare Gospel came into being.



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

-Heb. 13:8 (NKJV)





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# Roots of the Foursquare Gospel:

Terminology, Origin and Application



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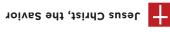
taught in the New Testament. four most important aspects of the gospel as Foursquare is simply a term used to describe the the same gospel proclaimed by the early church. The Foursquare Gospel is not a new gospel—it is

regularly observe the Lord's Supper (Communion). practice water baptism by immersion, and unchangeable. Additionally, Foursquare churches the Bible as true, immutable, steadfast and The Foursquare Church is Trinitarian. We proclaim Lastly, in addition to the four major tenets of faith,

to 1 Thess. 4:16-17). coming again to receive us to Himself (according people (according to Jas 5:14-15); and He is the Holy Spirit (according to Acts 2:4); He heals (according to John 3:16); He baptizes us with would be the testimony that Jesus saves us summary possible of the Foursquare Gospel Perhaps the most straightforward scriptural

promised return of Christ. and to bring healing, wholeness and hope for the witness through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, Jesus—to bring wholeness through salvation, to early believers were, to minister in the name of Today's church is called and empowered, just as

#### FACETS OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL



wholeness. to stand in spiritual, emotional and physical and deliverance from oppression; and freedom decision opens a lifetime of healing, restoration Him (Luke 4:18; Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 1:9). That begins with a person's decision to put faith in of our sin and rebellion. The salvation He brings loved us and died to save us from the penalty Jesus Christ is the only hope of humanity. Jesus

## Holy Spirit Jesus Christ, the Baptizer with the



Jesus Christ. and power of God as they became witnesses of Acts 2, the disciples experienced the presence News about Him. On the day of Pentecost, in to give them the power to spread the Good He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit carry on the good works He modeled for them. concerned empowerment. He charged them to Some of Jesus's last words to His disciples

## Jesus Christ, the Healer



minister (Mark 16:17-18). will accompany His followers as they go out to power by promising that signs and wonders healing power. He perpetuates that healing to Himself in love and then touches us with with Him" (Acts 10:38, NKJV). Jesus draws us who were oppressed by the devil, for God was lle gnilsed bns boog gniob" tuode tnew suset

## Jesus Christ, The Soon-Coming King



Jesus as their Savior (John 14:1-3). This is the great hope of those who believe in church to live with Him forever (Acts 1:10-11). declared that He would return to take His As Jesus ascended into heaven, the angels

#### **ІИ SCRIPTURE** THE TERM "FOURSQUARE" AS USED

38:1; 39:9; 1 Kings 7:31; Ezek. 40:47; 48:20; and Rev. their worship of Him (Exod. 27:1; 28:16; 30:2; 37:25; His acceptance of those who believe in Christ and "foursquare" pertain to God's redemptive pattern, of the 10 biblical references containing the word the book of Revelation, it's a biblical term. Each Aimee. First mentioned in Exodus and lastly in Foursquare is not a term created by Sister

and Soon-Coming King. the Savior, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, Healer four key aspects of the ministry of Jesus Christ: Foursquare is an appropriate term to describe the

#### **SYMBOLISM**







represents Jesus as the Soon-Coming King. cup represents Jesus as the Healer. The crown Jesus as Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. The represents Jesus as Savior. The dove represents Foursquare Gospel message. The cross Each emblem represents a facet of the

## The Foursquare Flag



Coming King. which represents the royalty of Jesus, our Soonin the Old Testament. The top stripe is purple, which was the color of the high priest's garment Spirit. The blue stripe represents divine healing, gold stripe, which signifies the fire of the Holy the color of His blood that was shed. Next is the red stripe, which represents Jesus as Savior by bottom of the flag, like a solid foundation, is the The flag has four large stripes. Across the the flag is a "4," placed in a square on a Bible. Jesus Christ. In the upper left-hand corner of Gospel—the four key aspects of the ministry of the flag serves as a reminder of the Foursquare flag is prominently displayed. Like the emblems, In many Foursquare churches, the Foursquare