

The Fourfold Gospel

Alliance History

- ▣ Humble beginnings of A.B. Simpson
- ▣ A.B. Simpson begs father to enter ministry
- ▣ Graduates and takes first pastorate in Hamilton
- ▣ 8 years later accepts a call to Louisville, Kentucky (Chestnut Street Church)
- ▣ Heart for the lost



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Alliance History

- ▣ A wholesale smashing of religious precedence - an evangelistic service in a theatre!
- ▣ A vision of great need and a desire to see the great forgotten commission of the church re-established
- ▣ New York bound - 13th St. church
 - New converts not welcomed



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Alliance History

- ▣ Health problems bring trouble
 - “Your days are numbered”
 - Deep depression
 - Humble seeking leads to his healing
- ▣ Returns to 13th St Church, but resigns shortly thereafter
- ▣ Begins a non-Denominational Church – Gospel Tabernacle



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Alliance Heart

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - ▣ An alliance of like-minded Christians hungry for the deeper life in Christ and a heart for the lost
 - ▣ “A fellowship, a communion of saints, a simple bond uniting believers everywhere whose hearts were hungry for the deeper things of God”
 - ▣ Responsible to support and fund the Evangelical Missionary Alliance



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Alliance Heart

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - The Evangelical Missionary Alliance
 - ▣ Obedience to Christ's commission to the church
 - ▣ To reach unreached people groups with the gospel
 - ▣ Inadequacy of what had been done
 - ▣ Functioned as a sending agency for foreign missionaries



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Alliance Heart

- ▣ Christian & Missionary Alliance is born 1897
 - “We are an alliance of Christians for world wide missionary work” – A.B. Simpson
 - A movement first, an organization second
 - ▣ To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 - ▣ To lead God’s children to the deeper life in Christ
 - ▣ To do the neglected work of our age among the unchurched masses at home and reach the lost abroad

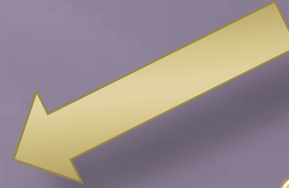
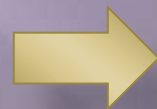
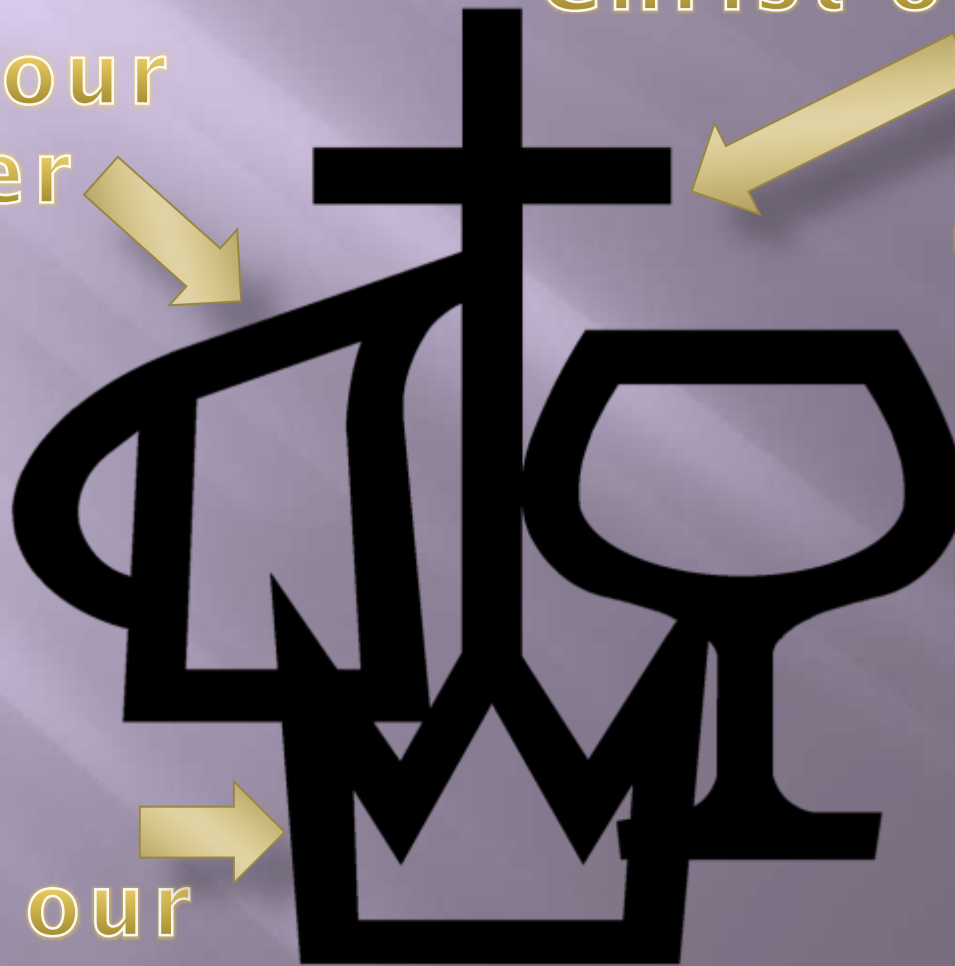


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Christ our Saviour

Christ our
Healer

Christ our
Sanctifier



Christ our
Coming King



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Our Heart

1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 - A movement first, an organization second
 - A move away from human tradition, rules, and regulations to true freedom in Christ
 - Hebrew 12:1-3



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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

It's all about Jesus – nothing else matters!



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2. To Pursue the deeper life in Christ
 - So many distractions, so many idols, so much empty religion
 - A reminder from Paul...

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. – Galatians 2:20
 - The purpose of your life to be transformed into the image of Christ (Rom 8:29)
 - Living the Spirit-filled life (1 Jn 2:6)
 - You can't do it... it's all about Jesus!



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3. To do the neglected work of our age among the unchurched masses at home and reach the lost abroad
 - Do you care about the lost?
 - Do you care more about people finding Jesus than having a comfortable chair to sit in on Sunday morning?
 - God desires that none would perish, but all would come to repentance



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Our Secret

Colossians 1:25-27... ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness — ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



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Summary... It's all about Jesus. It always has been and always will be – not about what he can do for us or what we can get from him, but Jesus himself. It's Christ in us the hope of glory!

