

# Unification Church

## Founder

**S**un Myung Moon (1920–). Started “Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity” (Family Federation for World Peace and Unification) in 1954 in Korea. Known in the U.S. as “Lovin’ Life Ministries.” Based in New York City.

## Writings

**D***ivine Principle* by Sun Myung Moon, considered the “Completed Testament.” *Outline of the Principle, Level 4*, and the Bible. (The Bible is “not the truth itself, but a textbook teaching the truth.”)

## God

**G**od is both positive and negative. God created the universe out of himself; the universe is God’s “body.” God does not know the future, is suffering, and needs man (Sun Myung Moon) to make him happy. No Trinity.

## Jesus

**J**esus was a perfect man, not God. He is the son of Zechariah, not born of a virgin. His mission was to unite the Jews behind him, find a perfect bride, and begin a perfect family. The mission failed. Jesus did not resurrect physically. The second coming of Christ is fulfilled in Sun Myung Moon, who is superior to Jesus and will finish Jesus’ mission.



Moon and his wife performing a mass wedding

## Holy Spirit

**T**he Holy Spirit is a feminine spirit who works with Jesus in the spirit world to lead people to Sun Myung Moon.

## Salvation

**O**bedience to and acceptance of the True Parents (Moon and his wife) eliminate sin and result in perfection. Those married by Moon and his wife drink a special holy wine containing 21 ingredients (including the True Parents’ blood).

## Death

**A**fter death one goes to the spirit world. There is no resurrection. Members advance by convincing others to follow Sun Myung Moon. Everyone will be saved, even Satan.

## Beliefs/Other

**E**mphasis on mediumism (channeling) to contact the dead, “liberate” souls of one’s ancestors. Mass marriages, based on different racial backgrounds, arranged and performed by Moon. Efforts to persuade churches to remove their crosses. Belief that Jesus bows down to Rev. Moon, who is the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and the Lamb of God.

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