

Cornerstone Christian Community Church

Statement of Faith

A. THE BIBLE

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that Scripture in its entirety originated with God and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture thus at one and the same time speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts, being the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

B. GOD

We believe in one true and living God, eternally existing in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- each of Whom equally possesses all the attributes of deity and personhood. God is the Creator and Supreme Ruler of the universe, the heavens, the earth and all things therein. By his power, he continues to sustain His creation, and by His providence, He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

C. THE CONDITION OF HUMAN BEINGS

Originally created to have fellowship with God, human beings defied God, choosing to go their own independent way. As a result, human beings were alienated from God and suffered the corruption of their nature, rendering them unable to please God. This fall of the human race took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God.

D. THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. Jesus is the perfect and ultimate revelation of who God is and what God is like. He died voluntarily as a sinless substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. After substantiating the accomplishment of that redemption by His bodily resurrection from the grave, He ascended to the right hand of His Father where He intercedes on behalf of those who trust Him.

E. THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the God the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them the recognition of their need for a Savior, and regenerates them. At the moment of salvation, He permanently indwells every believer, baptizing (or placing) them into the one true Church, which is the body of Christ. He seals them for the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, and fills (or controls) those who are yielded to Him, enabling them to grow in Christlikeness.

F. SALVATION

Salvation is the gift of God's grace, and is not the result, in whole or in part, of human works of goodness. All who personally appropriate salvation through repentance and faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross are forgiven their sins and born into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

G. THE CHURCH

There is one true Church universal which consists of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of the Word, the observance of baptism and the Lord's supper, service to the body through the development and use of talents and spiritual gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the care of its pastors and leaders, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

H. THE ORDINANCES

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances to be observed by believers until His return, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I. CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that the life of the believer is to be separated from worldliness by consistent conduct before God and others, and is at the same time to be in the world as life-giving light, bearing fruit to the glory of God the Father. It is possible for the believer to lead such a life of Christ-like character when he/she appropriates the power and control of the indwelling Holy Spirit by faith.

J. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe in the imminent, personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth, to consummate history and to fulfilling God's eternal plan by establishing God's kingdom (i.e. rule/reign) in all its fullness.

K. THE ETERNAL STATE

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation in hell. God's judgment will reveal his justice in consigning them to the eternal perpetuation of their own rejection of God. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life.