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Welcome to Community Gospel Christ known near and far!

Our Statement of Faith

Section 1. BIBLE

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, and of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

II Tim. 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21; I Thess. 2:13

Section 2. GODHEAD

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, having precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience.

I John 5:7; John 1:2,14; Acts 5:3,4

Section 3. VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and is true God and true man.

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 4:15

Section 4. HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity; that His ministry is to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; to regenerate the unbelieving, and to sanctify, comfort, teach and empower believers by His indwelling fullness.

John 16:13,14; John 16:8; Acts 1:8; John 14:16,17; John 7:38,39

Section 5. MAN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all men are sinful by nature and by choice.

Romans 3:10,23; Gen. 1:26,27; Gen. 3:1-6; Romans 5:12

Section 6. BLOOD ATONEMENT

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that all who believe in Him are justified on the basis of His shed blood.

Romans 5:6-9; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; I John 4:10; I Pet. 1:18,19

Section 7. SALVATION

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith, not of works and that all who repent (turn from sin to God) and receive by faith Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, are born again of the Holy Spirit, thereby becoming children of God.

Eph. 2:8,9; Acts 20:20,21; John 3:16; John 1:12; I John 5:11,12

Section 8. RESURRECTION

We believe the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present ministry there for us as High Priest and Advocate.

Matthew 28:6-7; Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:1

Section 9. SECOND COMING

We believe in the personal, imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Church, and later in His visible, bodily return to set up His Kingdom upon the earth.

I Thess. 4:16-18; Acts 1:11; Matt. 24:44; Rev. 20:6

Section 10. HEAVEN AND HELL

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

I Thess. 4:13-18; II Cor. 5:8; II Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:11-15

Section 11. SATAN

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall of man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire.

Job 1:6,7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; Rev. 20:10

Section 12. CHURCH

We believe in the Church, a living, spiritual body of which Christ is the Head, and of which all regenerated people are members; and that the local, visible church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, associated together for worship, work and fellowship.

Matt. 16:16-18; I Cor. 12:12,13; Col. 1:18; Acts 2:41,42,47

Section 13. ORDINANCES

We believe in the observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in obedience to the commands of Christ; that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water as the outward expression of an inward experience of salvation and union with Christ; and that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death, to be observed only by believers and to be preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Matt. 28:19; Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 26:26-30; I Cor. 11:23-29

Section 14. SEPARATION

We believe that the children of God should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God.

Rom. 12:1,2; Rom. 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II Cor. 6:14-17; II Tim. 3:1-5

Section 15. MISSIONS

We believe that it is the privilege and obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind.

Rom. 1:14-16; II Cor. 5:19,20; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15

"Teach what accords with sound doctrine."

Titus 2:1

The Gospel

BAD NEWS

1. You are a sinner.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "Sinned" means that we have missed the mark. When we lie, hate, lust, or gossip, we have missed the standard God has set. Suppose you and I were each to throw a rock and try to hit the North Pole. You might throw farther than I, but neither of us would hit it.

When the Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short," it means that we have all come short of God's standard of perfection. In thoughts, words, and deeds, we have not been perfect.

2. The penalty for sin is death.

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Suppose you worked for me and I paid you \$50. That \$50 was your wages—that's what you earned. The Bible says that by sinning we have earned death. That means we deserve to die and be separated from God forever. But since there was no way we could come to God, the Bible says that God came to us!

GOOD NEWS

1. Christ died for you.

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Suppose you are in a hospital dying of cancer. I come to you and say, "Let's take the cancer cells from your body and put them into my body." If that were possible, what would happen to me? What would happen to you? I would die in your place. I would die instead of you.

The Bible says Christ took the penalty that we deserved for sin, placed it on Himself and died in our place. Three days later Christ came back to life to prove that sin and death have been conquered and that His claims to be God were true.

2. You can be saved through faith in Christ.

"For it is by grace [undeserved favor] you have been saved [delivered from sin's penalty] through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one can boast" (Eph. 2:8–9).

Faith means trust. Just as you trust a chair to hold you through no effort of your own, so you must trust Jesus Christ to get you to heaven through no effort of your own.

You must trust in Jesus Christ alone, and God will give you eternal life as a gift!

Communion Guide

Use the tool as a guide to help you walk through communion. CGC takes communion once a month.

What is Communion?

1. Communion is reserved for followers of Jesus Christ.

Communion is something we do together as believers. Jesus took communion with his disciples and urged us to as well. The early church took communion together when they met.

(Acts 2:42)

2. The purpose of communion is to remember.

We are to remember Jesus and His death and resurrection through taking communion.
We are to continue to take communion until the day Jesus returns.

Luke 22:19 / 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

3. Communion is a symbol.

The Bread- Symbol of Jesus' body broken for us The Cup-Symbol of Jesus' blood poured out for us.

Matthew 26:26-28

4. Before taking communion we must examine our hearts.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Communion is a sacred act. We need to repent of the wrongs we have done against God and others before taking communion.

Walking Through Communion

- 1. Spend some time repenting of any sins before you take communion. Take a moment to pray a prayer of repentance.
- 2. Read Luke 22:19 to see what the bread represents.

Pray and thank Jesus for His body that was broken for us. Spend some time thanking Jesus for the love He showed us on the cross.

3. Read Luke 22:20 & Hebrews 9:22 to see what the cup represents.

Remember that only through the shedding of blood can we have forgiveness of sins. Jesus shed His blood so we can be forgiven. Pray and thank Jesus for giving us a way to be forgiven. Pray and ask Jesus to help you remember His sacrifice and live accordingly.

Should I Take Communion?

- 1. Have you given profession of faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9)?
- 2. Is there evidence of that conversion in your life through obedience to and love for Jesus?
- 3. Can you articulate the significance of communion?

Don't rush!

Communion is a symbolic act of remembrance and requires proper mental understanding and meaningful spiritual reflection to hold significance.

CGC Ministries

Sunday Service

Biblical teaching, applicable to everyday life with a blend of theologically sound music from both days of old and new. Every Sunday!

Assimilations

Helping people get from the front door to the pew – from casual friends to family.

Children's Ministry

Partnering with parents from birth to 5th grade to help impress the truths of Scripture on the hearts of the young, making faith fun and interactive.

InReach

Taking care of those in the family in a God honoring way.

Men's Ministry

A round table of guys taking the ordinary man, making him an extraordinary gentleman.

Missions

Helping the called become commissioned to make Christ known near and far!

Small Groups

A variety of people from various backgrounds, building relationships in small, comfortable settings.

Women's Ministry

A round table of ladies leading the everyday woman to become a servant after God's own heart.

Youth

Partnering with parents from 6th grade to 12th grade, helping impress the truths of Scripture upon the heart of the adolescent, making faith their own.

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