

WHAT WE TEACH

THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*The portion below is taken from <https://www.gracechurch.org/about/doctrinal-statement>.

The Church

We teach that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual Body, the church ([1 Corinthians 12:12–13](#)), the bride of Christ ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:23–32](#); [Revelation 19:7–8](#)), of which Christ is the Head ([Ephesians 1:22](#); [4:15](#); [Colossians 1:18](#)).

We teach that the formation of the church, the Body of Christ, began on the Day of Pentecost ([Acts 2:1–21](#), [38–47](#)) and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own at the rapture ([1 Corinthians 15:51–52](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#)).

We teach that the church is thus a unique spiritual organism designed by Christ, made up of all regenerate persons (i.e., believers) in this present age ([Ephesians 2:11–3:6](#)). The church is distinct from Israel ([1 Corinthians 10:32](#)), a mystery not revealed until this age ([Ephesians 3:1–6](#); [5:32](#)).

We teach that the establishment and continuity of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures ([Acts 14:23](#), [27](#); [20:17](#), [28](#); [Galatians 1:2](#); [Philippians 1:1](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:1](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:1](#)) and that the members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies ([1 Corinthians 11:18–20](#); [Hebrews 10:25](#)).