

# COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS

### **First      The Bible**

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament consisting of 66 books (39 old and 27 new) to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Matthew 5:18).

### **Second     The Godhead**

We believe in the one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

### **Third       The Person and Work of the Father**

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal, spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ (Exodus 33:19, John 4:24, Isaiah 46:9-10, Matthew 23:9).

### **Fourth     The Person and Work of Christ**

- A. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:35).
- B. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24, 25; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5).
- C. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 4:14-16, 9:24; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1, 2)
- D. We believe in the "Blessed Hope," the personal, imminent, pretribulational and premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus for His redeemed ones, and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His earthly millennial kingdom (Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9)

## **Fifth            The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**

- A. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling, sealing, sanctifying and empowering them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Titus 3:5).
- B. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truths, and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; I John 2:20; Ephesians 5:18).
- C. Ministry and Spiritual Gifts
  - i. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of spiritual gifts, and that these gifts are sufficient for the maturing of the saints today (I Corinthians 12:4-11, 28; Ephesians 4:7-12).
  - ii. We believe that God allowed certain temporary gifts for the validation and spread of the Gospel, which have since ceased following the end of the Apostolic era. (1 Corinthians 13:8, Hebrews 2:3-4)

## **Sixth            Salvation**

- A. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of the Godhead, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, incurring physical, spiritual and eternal death and becoming alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12).
- B. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation with God (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18, 19; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

## **Seventh        The Eternal Security and Assurance of the Believer**

- A. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept in God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:25-29; Romans 8:1, 29-30, 38-39; I Corinthians 1:8; Philippians 4:6; I Peter 1:5).
- B. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christians' liberty as an occasion to the flesh. True faith will result in lasting works that accompany salvation. (John 15:16; Romans 13:13-14; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-13; James 2:14-26).

**Eighth Sanctification**

We believe that every saved person is freed from the slavery of sin, and being a new creation in Christ can live in righteousness, and holiness after God, made possible through the work of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:10; I Peter 1:14-16; I John 3:5-9).

**Ninth Separation**

We believe Spirit filled Christians will live in such a manner that brings glory to their Savior and Lord, while living in separation from all worldly practices which would bring reproach upon the Lord and be a stumbling block to others (2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1).

**Tenth Missions**

We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of the Holy Scriptures and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:19-20).

**Eleventh The Church**

- A. We believe that the Church, which is the Body and the espoused Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons after Pentecost (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; I Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2).
- B. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scripture (Matthew 16:18; Acts 9:31; 14:27; 20:17, 28-32).

**Twelfth Dispensationalism**

We believe in the dispensational view of Biblical interpretation which main points are as follows (Romans 6, 9, & 11; Ephesians 1:3 & 10, 3:9).

- A. Israel and the church are separate
- B. The Church is presently experiencing the spiritual benefits of the New Covenant in this age
- C. God will fulfill his promises to Israel through the New Covenant

### **Thirteenth Satan and Fallen Angels**

- A. We believe that Satan is a being, the originator of sin, the cause of the fall, 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 14:13-17; Matthew 4:2-11; Revelation 20:10).
- B. We believe in the existence of demons, (fallen angels) who carry out the work of Satan against God and His elect (Ezekiel 28:17; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

### **Fourteenth The Eternal State**

- A. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6, 12-13).
- B. We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; Revelation 20:4-8; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23, 3:21, I Thessalonians 4:16,17).
- C. We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final resurrection, when the spirit, soul, and body are reunited to appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Luke 16:19-26; Matthew 25:41 & 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 20:11-15).

### **Fifteenth Marriage and Sexuality**

- A. We believe God's design for believers in marriage is that believers should marry only Christians (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- B. We believe God's design for sex is that it be kept for marriage (Hebrews 13:4).
- C. We believe marriage is between one man and one woman as set up by God in Genesis 2:18-25.
- D. We believe homosexuality is a sin (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:9-10).