

Christ Community Fellowship

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Statement of Faith

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Christ Community Fellowship is a member church of the Evangelical Free Church of America, an association of autonomous churches united around these theological convictions:

God

1. We believe in one God (Dt. 6:4; Mk. 12:29), **Creator of all things** (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 33:6; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 11:3), **holy** (Ex. 15:11; Isa. 6:3; 57:15), **infinitely perfect** (Dt. 32:4; Job 1:7-10; Ps. 18:30; 50:2; 90:2; 145:3; Matt. 5:48), **and eternally existing** (Ps. 33:11; 102:25-27; 115:3; Dan. 4:34-35; Jn. 5:26; Acts 17:24-25) **in a loving unity** (Jn. 3:35; 17:24; 1 Jn. 4:8,16) **of three equally divine Persons** (Jn. 17:11; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2): **the Father** (Dt. 32:6; Mt. 6:6; Rom. 8:15; 1 Cor. 8:6), **the Son** (Matt. 3:17; Jn. 1:14; 3:16; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 1:5), **and the Holy Spirit** (Jn. 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Rom. 8:9, 26; Gal. 4:6). **Having limitless knowledge** (Ps. 139:1-16; 147:5; Isa. 46:10; Jn. 21:17) **and sovereign power** (Jer. 32:17; Eph. 1:11; Rm. 8:28; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:20; Rev. 1:8), **God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself** (1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:11; 3:10,11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Tit. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8) **and to make all things new** (Matt. 19:28; Acts 3:21; Rom. 8:19-21; Rev. 21,22) **for His own glory** (Ps. 19:1-2; Isa. 43:7; Jer. 13:11; Col. 1:15-23; Rev. 4:11; 5:9-14).

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (Matt. 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; Heb. 1:1-2), **both Old and New Testaments** (2 Pet. 3:15,16), **through the words of human authors** (Lk. 1:1-4). **As the verbally inspired Word of God** (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), **the Bible is without error in the original writings** (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), **the complete revelation of His will for salvation** (Lk. 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), **and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged** (Jn. 17:17; 1 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45,165). **Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches** (Matt. 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), **obeyed in all that it requires** (Matt. 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), **and trusted in all that it promises** (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Col. 3:10; Jms. 3:9), **but they sinned when tempted by Satan** (Gen. 3:1-6; Jn. 8:44; Rom. 5:12-14; 16:20; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13-14). **In union with Adam** (Job 14:4; Ps. 51:5; Jn. 3:6; Rom. 3:12; 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 15:22a; 1 Jn. 1:8), **human beings are sinners by nature and by choice** (Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Isa. 6:5; Rom. 5:15; 8:5-8; Eph. 2:1-2; 4:17-19), **alienated from God** (Rom. 5:10), **and under His wrath** (Rom. 1:18; 2:5; 3:9-19; 3:23; Eph. 2:3). **Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ** (Act 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5) **can we be rescued** (1 Thess. 1:10), **reconciled** (Rom. 5:1,2,10; Col. 1:20) **and renewed** (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:24; Phil. 3:21; 1 Jn. 3:2).

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ (*Matt. 1:21; 16:18*) **is God incarnate** (*Jn. 1:14, 18; 1 Jn. 4:2*), **fully God** (*Isa. 9:6; Jer. 23:6; Jn. 1:1; 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9*) **and fully man** (*Matt. 4:2; Lk. 2:40, 52; Jn. 11:35; Heb. 5:7-8; 1 Jn. 1:1-3*), **one Person in two natures** (*Jn. 3:13; 10:30; 17:5*). **Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah** (*Gen. 3:14-20; 12:1-3; 49:8-12; 2 Sam. 7:11b-16; Matt. 1:1, 17; Lk. 4:16-22; 24:25-27; Jn. 1:41; 4:25-26; Acts 2:36; 13:23,32; Rom. 1:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:8,9*)—**was conceived through the Holy Spirit** (*Matt. 1:18; Lk. 1:34,35*) **and born of the virgin Mary** (*Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:20; Lk. 1:34,35*). **He lived a sinless life** (*Rom. 5:19; Gal. 4:4,5; Matt. 3:15; Phil. 2:7,8; Heb. 4:15*), **was crucified under Pontius Pilate** (*Dt. 21:23; Ps. 16:10; Matt. 27:26; Mk. 15:15; Lk. 23:16; Jn. 19:16; Acts 2:27, 37*), **arose bodily from the dead** (*Matt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:39; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:20, 44-45; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5*), **ascended into heaven** (*Lk. 24:51; Acts 1:6-11; Eph. 1:20; 4:8-10; 1 Tim. 3:16*) **and sits at the right hand of God the Father** (*Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 1 Pet. 3:22*) **as our High Priest** (*Heb. 2:17; 3:1; 4:14; 6:20; 8:1*) **and Advocate** (*Rom. 8: 34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1 Jn. 2:1*).

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative (*Gen. 2:15-17; Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13; Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:30; 15:45, 47; Phil. 3:9*) **and substitute** (*Mk. 10:45; Heb. 2:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18*), **shed His blood on the cross** (*Lev. 17:11; Mt. 26:28; Heb. 9:14, 22; 10:19; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 12:10-11*) **as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice** (*1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:23-24, 26, 28; 10:1; 13:11, 12*) **for our sins** (*Isa. 53:5-7, 12; Jn. 1:29; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:5*). **His atoning death** (*Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10*) **and victorious resurrection** (*Col. 1:13; 2:13-15; Heb. 2:14-15*) **constitute the only ground for salvation** (*Rom. 4:25; 6:4, 11, 14; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:19-20; 2:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3*).

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ (*Jn. 16:14*). **He convicts the world of its guilt** (*Jn. 16:8; 1 Cor. 2:14*). **He regenerates sinners** (*Ezek. 36:25-27; Jn. 3:3, 5; 1 Cor. 12:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13; Tit. 3:5; Jms. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:3*), **and in Him they are baptized** (*Mk. 1:8; Acts 1:5; 1 Cor. 12:13*) **into union with Christ** (*Rom. 3:24; 5:15-21; 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 5:19; 15:22b; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 1:22; 2:17; 3:28; Eph. 1:4; 2:12; 3:6; 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Thess. 4:16*) **and adopted as heirs** (*Rom. 8:15, 23; 9:4; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5; Tit. 3:7*) **in the family of God** (*Matt. 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:14-18*). **He also indwells** (*Jn. 14:17; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16*), **illuminates** (*1 Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11*), **guides** (*Jn. 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:4, 14; Gal. 5:16, 18*), **equips** (*Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12: 4-10; Eph. 4: 7-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11*) **and empowers** (*Acts 1:8; 10:38; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:7*) **believers for Christ-like living and service** (*Acts 6:8; Rom. 8:4-6, 12-16; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 3:3, 5; 5:22-23, 25; Eph. 2:22; 4:3; Phil. 2:1-2*).

The Church

7. We believe that the true church (*Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:4-6; 5:25; Heb. 12:28*) **comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone** (*Ps. 103:12; Isa. 44:22; Jn. 3:16; Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:20-28; 4:3; 5:1, 21; 8:1, 30, 33-34; 10:4, 9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 3:9; Tit. 3:7; Heb. 10:14*). **They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ** (*1 Cor. 12:12-27*), **of which He is the Head** (*Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Col. 1:18; 2:19*). **The true church is manifest in local churches** (*Acts 9:31; 20:28-30; Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 16:19; 2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Thess. 1:1; Philem. 1-2*), **whose membership should be composed only of believers** (*Matt. 18:15-20; Acts 2:41, 47; 14:23; 20:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, 9; 11:20; 12:13; 14:40; 16:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 5:9; Tit. 1:5-9; Heb. 10:25*). **The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism** (*Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12*) **and the Lord's Supper** (*Matt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26*), **which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer** (*Jn. 6:55-56; Acts 2:38; 8:39; 16:34; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29-30; Col. 2:12*).

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose (Matt. 7:17-18; 12:33, 35; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17, 23; 2 Thess. 2:13; 5:23; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:9; 5:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Tit. 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 6:11, 14; 1 Pet. 1:15; Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 12:1, 14; Rom. 6; 2 Tim. 1:9; Js. 2:17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Pet. 1:3-11). **God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially** (Dt. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37-39; Mk. 12:30; Lk. 10:27) **and to live out our faith with care for one another** (Rom. 12:10; 14:13; 15:7, 14; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 3:12; 5:11, 15; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 4:9), **compassion toward the poor** (Dt. 15:11; Psa. 82:3,4; Psa. 140:12; Prov. 14:21,31; 19:17; 22:9,16,22,23; 28:8; 29:7; 31:8,9; Jer. 22:16; Gal. 2:10; Js. 1:27) **and justice for the oppressed** (Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Psa. 82:3,4; 140:12; Prov. 29:7; 31:9; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 9:24; Mic. 6:8; Zech. 7:9,10; Matt. 23:23; Luke 4:18). **With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name** (Eph. 6:10-18), **we** (Heb. 3:13; 10:25), **are to combat the spiritual forces of evil** (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:11, 12; 2 Tim. 4:7; 1 Jn. 5:3-4). **In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people** (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 20:21; Rev. 7:9), **always bearing witness to the gospel** (Acts 1:8) **in word and deed** (Matt. 5:13-16).

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily (Matt. 24:30; 26:64; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7) **and premillennial** (Rev. 20:1-10) **return of our Lord Jesus Christ** (Matt. 25:31; Tit. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:6-8; Rev. 19:11-21). **The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God** (Matt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32), **requires constant expectancy** (Matt. 24:42-51; Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Js. 5:8,9; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; Rev. 3:3) **and, as our blessed hope** (Tit. 2:13), **motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission** (2 Thess. 1:6-8; 2 Tim. 4:8; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 9:28; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:10-14).

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere (Acts 17:30; 20:20) **to believe the gospel** (Mk. 1:15; Jn. 6:29; 8:24; 11:26; 14:1; 20:31; Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:22; 10:14; Gal. 3:22; 1 Tim. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:8; 1 Jn. 3:23) **by turning to Him in repentance** (Isa. 55:6-7; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:37-38; 3:19; 14:15; 17:30; 20:21; 26:17,18; Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor. 7:9-10) **and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ** (Jn. 1:12). **We believe that God will raise the dead bodily** (Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:13) **and judge the world** (Ecc. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; 26:31-32; Acts 17:31; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 20:12), **assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment** (Matt. 25:46; Lk. 16:26; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 14:11; 21:6,8; 22:14,15), **and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord** (Matt. 25:34, 46; Jn. 14:2; Rev. 21:1-3), **in the new heaven and the new earth** (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; Rom. 8:19-21; Heb. 12:26,27; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1; 22:3), **to the praise of His glorious grace** (Eph. 1:6, 12). **Amen.**

