

Christ the King Community Church Doctrinal Statement

Based on the supporting Scriptures, the Elders of CTK recognize that differences of opinion and interpretation exist among the people of this church, and that robust and humble discussion on these matters is spiritually healthy. We also hold that nothing contrary to this statement of faith will be publicly promoted.

We believe:

- 1. The Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament, are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings. The Bible is the complete written revelation of God's will for the salvation of mankind and the divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but as men spoke from God they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- 2. There is only one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Isaiah 43:10 (NASB) ... before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1 John 1:5 God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 10:30 I [Jesus] and the Father are one.

John 15:26 When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me;

- 3. Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, once for all, as a sacrifice for sin according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, he arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of God the Father, he is now our High Priest and Advocate.**

Philippians 2:6-8 [Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Matthew 1:20-21 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you

are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried that he was raised on the third

Luke 24:51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Hebrews 8:1 We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

4. The Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, is sent from the Father to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict people of sin and lead them to salvation. He indwells, seals, guides, comforts, instructs and empowers believers in sanctification for godly living and service.

John 16:8 When he [the Counselor, the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

John 16:13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Romans 8:13 ... if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live...

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

1 Corinthians 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Ephesians 1:13-14 And you were also included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Philippians 2:12-13 ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God [the Holy Spirit] who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

See also Acts 1:4-7, Luke 11:13, Romans 15:16b

- 5. Man was created in the image of God but chose to disobey and is therefore separated from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, which is revealed in what we think, say, and do.**

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him....

Genesis 3:23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden....

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death....

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

- 6. Salvation is God's free gift to all who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus lived a perfect life, and willingly took our sins upon himself. Through his shed blood, death and resurrection, he provides us the way to eternal life and adoption into the family of God.**

Isaiah 53:5-6 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:12 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:15-16 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Ephesians 1:7 In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

- 7. Water baptism identifies the believer's union with the death and resurrection of Jesus. Communion is an active remembering of the death of Jesus until he returns. These ordinances are actively celebrated today but they are not a means of salvation.**

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of The Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:3-5 Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Colossians 2:12 In baptism you were buried with him [Jesus] and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- 8. The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of all believers who have been given and accepted a new life by the Holy Spirit—which is a life of holiness, humility and service. The Church is the Body of Christ and Jesus is the head of that body. Every believer's primary responsibility is to demonstrate the love, authority, and life-changing power of Jesus.**

Ephesians 5:23 ... Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior.

Ephesians 5:26-27 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Revelation 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you, to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience....

Ephesians 3:10-11 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Cor. 1:10 I appeal to you brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

9. Jesus will return to the joy of all who believe. The hope and assurance of his return and judgment creates an urgency, passion, and purpose for every believer.

Acts 1:10-11 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Galatians 6:9-10 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:26-27 ...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Jude 1:14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

10. All humanity will experience a bodily resurrection and a judgment that will determine their fate. Having rejected God, unbelievers will suffer eternal condemnation apart from him (Hell). Believers will be received into eternal communion with God (Heaven) and will be rewarded for faithful service to Jesus in this life.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

2 Thessalonians 2:10b They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Revelation 20:12,15 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.... If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

1 Corinthians 15:42-52 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.