

# CENTRAL COAST CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true God, Who exists eternally in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (1 Pet 1:2; Tit 2:13; Acts 5:3,4)
  - A. God the Father: God is the Creator of the universe and all that exists therein. He is all-powerful, righteous, holy and loving. (Gen 1:1; Ex 3:14; Gen 17:1; Dt 32:4; Ex 15:11; Jn 4:24; 1 Jn 1:5, 4:8; Ps 23)
  - B. God the Son: Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, by very nature equal to God the Father. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. For the sins of the world, He was crucified, and on the third day He rose again from the dead. He has completed for us a perfect salvation, whereby men and women may through faith be made righteous and receive eternal life. Salvation is found in no one else except through Jesus Christ; for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and Man. He has ascended into heaven, and from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. (Jn 1:14, 1:1; Mt 1:20, 22, 23; Lk 24:45-47; Jn 16:7; Mt 28:19; Acts 1:11, 10:42)
  - C. God the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the Counselor sent by the Father and the Son. He has personality; He is a full member of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit convicts men and women of sin and leads them to repentance. It is He Who gives rebirth and He Who sanctifies; He dwells within the hearts of believers and empowers them for godly living and effective services. (Acts 5:3, 15:28; Jn 16:8; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:30; Rom 8:11; 1 Th 4:7, 8; Acts 1:8)
2. The Scripture: We believe the Old and the New Testaments to be God-breathed and without error in the original manuscripts. It is the sole basis of our faith, life, and service. (1 Cor 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21)
3. Man: We believe man was created in the image and likeness of God. But the whole human race has fallen into sin through Adam, the just penalty for which is eternal death. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ, Who shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, may we be saved and have eternal life. (Gen 1:26, 27; Rom 5:12, 6:23; Eph 1:7, 8)
4. Marriage
  - A. We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

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- B. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Central Coast Chinese Christian Church as a local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)
- C. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of our Church.
5. Church: We believe the Church to be the Body of Christ. It consists of all true Christians, who have been born again by the Holy Spirit and forgiven of their sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Christ is the Head of the Church, and all believers are under His leadership. Together they cooperate to worship and serve God, spread the Gospel, lead men and women to Christ, and bear witness to the resurrection of the Lord. (Eph 4:4, 1:22, 23; Lk 24:52, 53; Eph 4:11-13; Acts 2:22-24)
6. Baptism: We believe that baptism is a means of grace in which the use of water is a testimony before the world that God has cleansed the believer from sin, has received him or her into His Church, and has claimed him or her as always wholly His (Acts 2:38, 22:14-16; 1 Cor 12:13, 6:20; Mat. 28:19).
7. The Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper is given by Christ as a memorial act in remembrance of His death on the cross. Christians should come to the Lord's Supper with searching of heart, with confession of sins and with glad assurance of God's forgiveness in Christ (1 Cor 11:23-29).
8. The Future Events: We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ. He will come for His saints, to gather them to Himself. And with them to judge the nations and establish upon the earth His Messianic Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous to eternal fellowship in His glorious presence and in the resurrection of the unrighteous to eternal separation from God in conscious punishment. (Acts 1:11; Jn 14:3; 1 Th 4:14-18, 3:13; Acts 10:42; Rev 11:15, 20:15; Dan 12:1,2)