

Contra Costa County Harvest Church, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the following Statement of Faith accurately represents the teachings of the Bible, and therefore, is binding upon all members. All literature used in the Church shall be in complete agreement with the Statement of Faith, and are reflected in the following clear statements:

1. We believe in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the accepted canon of Scriptures as originally given. The Scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct.

(II Timothy 3:16; I Corinthians 2:13)

2. We believe in the Eternal Godhead who has revealed Himself as One God existing in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible.

(Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14)

3. We believe in the creation, test and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain Divine righteousness.

(Romans 5:12, 18)

4. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man.

(Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)

5. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day, in a bodily resurrection and personally appeared unto His disciples.

(I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 4:25)

6. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation, and personal, literal and bodily coming again the second time for His Church.

(John 14:2-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

7. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary by which we obtain remission of sins. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:12, 22; Romans 5:11)

8. We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the Name of the Eternal Godhead in order to fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 19:1-6)

9. We believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit as a real experience at or subsequent to salvation, with the Scriptural evidence, namely, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

(Acts 2:1-4; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:1-6; Acts 10:44-46; Galatians 3:14-15)

10. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in I Corinthians, chapters 12 through 14, as manifested in the Early Church.

11. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world and perfecting of holiness in the fear of God, as expressing the true Christian faith.

(Ephesians 5:18; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1)

12. We believe in the healing of the body by Divine power, or Divine healing in its varied aspects as practiced by the Early Church.

(Acts 4:30; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14)

13. We believe in the table of the Lord, commonly called the Communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers.

(I Corinthians 11:28-32; Matthew 26:26-28)

14. We believe in the reality and personality of the devil and eternal judgment in the lake of fire for the devil and his angels.

(Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:14-15)

15. We believe in eternal life for believers in Jesus Christ (John 3:16; 5:24), and eternal punishment for the unbelievers.

(Mark 9:43-48; II Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15)

16. We believe that there is one true universal Church, made up of genuine believers, but this one universal Church is also composed of many local Churches in given localities. These Churches are under the sovereign Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, exercising government under Him, administering all its local affairs and ministry, as well as the propagation of the Gospel. We believe the local Church is the vehicle that God is using in the earth to extend His kingdom.

(Acts 15:22; with Matthew 16:18; 18:15-20)

17. We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the Church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the Church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God.

(Romans 13:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 2:13-14, Genesis 9:1-7)

18. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage by men or women.

(Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5, 13; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1: 26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

19. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or pornography is sinful and forbidden by Scripture. We believe that an individual's sex is determined by God. Therefore, any attempt to change one's sex by surgery or appearance, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

(Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5, 13; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:24-32; I Corinthians 5:1-5; I Corinthians 6:9-20; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

20. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with Scripture nor the doctrines of the Church.

(Genesis 2:24; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-32; I Corinthians 5:1-2; I Corinthians 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23; Mark 10:6-9)

21. We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. This marriage covenant is confirmed by the following:

- Marriage vows made to God.
- Marriage vows made to each other.
- A legal marriage license issued by the State.

(Genesis 2:23-24, John 4:16-19, I Corinthians 7:1-16, Romans 13:1-7)

22. We believe that Christian believers are not to enter into marriage unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

(II Corinthians 6:14, I Corinthians 7:1-16)

23. We believe that God has given the institution of the family. Therefore, children are to be raised in submission to the Spiritual authority of the parents.

(Ephesians 6:1-4, Colossians 3:19-21)

24. We believe in parents presenting their children in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Extended family members may stand with the parents in support.

- If the parents are married, they may present their children to the Lord together in vows of dedication.
- If the parent is single, he/she may present their children to the Lord in vows of dedication.
- If the parents are not married, only the parent who is deemed in spiritual authority over the child by the Church Elders may present their children to the Lord in vows of dedication. The other unmarried parent may witness the dedication with the Church congregation but they may not directly participate in the dedication service, nor will they be permitted on the platform of the Church for the child’s dedication.

(Luke 2:22-23, Mark 10:13-16, John 4:16-19)

25. We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God’s wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local Church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church, the relief of those in need and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made.

(Genesis 14:20; Proverbs 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:28; I Timothy 5:17-18; I John 3:17)