

# CORNERSTONE FREE CHURCH

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

### 1. Bible.

We believe the Scriptures, the 66 books comprising the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

[Isaiah 40:8](#); [Matthew 5:18](#); [Acts 1:16](#); [Acts 28:25](#); [I Thessalonians 2:13](#); [II Timothy 3:16,17](#); [II Peter 1:20,21](#).

### 2. God.

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[Genesis 1:26](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Isaiah 48:16](#); [Matthew 28:19](#); [John 1:1-3](#); [John 10:30](#); [Acts 5:3,4](#); [II Corinthians 13:14](#); [Ephesians 4:6](#); [I Timothy 2:5,6](#); [Hebrews 1:8](#).

### 3. Jesus.

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross, the sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. Further, He was buried, arose bodily from the dead, and He ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of God the Father, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.

[Luke 1:34,35](#); [John 1:3,14](#); [John 20:28](#); [Romans 9:5](#); [I Corinthians 15:3,4](#); [Ephesians 4:8,9](#); [Philippians 2:6-11](#); [Colossians 2:9](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#); [Hebrews 8:1](#).

**4. Holy Spirit.** We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

[John 3:3-6](#); [John 15:26](#); [John 16:7-13](#); [Romans 8:9-11](#); [I Corinthians 12:4-11](#); [Galatians 5:22,23](#).

### 5. Man.

We believe that all men are created in the image of God. Through Adam, sin entered the world and all men became sinners. Therefore, all men are lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

[Genesis 1:26,27](#); [John 3:16](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [Romans 5:12](#); [Titus 3:5](#).

### 6. Salvation.

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ, through His crucifixion and His resurrection from the dead, provides the only basis for justification and salvation for all who believe. Only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

[Matthew 26:26-28](#); [John 1:1 2,13](#); [John 3:5-7](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Romans 3:25](#); [Romans 6:3-8](#); [II Corinthians 5:21](#); [Ephesians 2:8,9](#); [Colossians 1:19,20](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [I Peter 1:3](#); [I Peter 2:21-24](#).

## **7 . Baptism & Communion.**

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances (practices) to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are not, however, to be regarded as means to salvation.

[Matthew 28:19,20](#); [Acts 2:38-41](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Acts 8:35-38](#); [Acts 10:44-48](#); [Romans 6:3-6](#); [I Corinthians 11:23-29](#); [I Thessalonians 5:9](#); [Hebrews 10:11-14](#).

## **8. The Church.**

We believe that the true Church is composed of all those who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head.

[John 17:20-23](#); [Romans 12:4,5](#); [I Corinthians 12:12-27](#); [Ephesians 2:13-22](#); [I John 1:3-7](#).

## **9. Local Church.**

We believe that only those who are members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.

## **10. Government.**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide, govern, and resolve its own affairs.

[Matthew 21:42](#); [I Corinthians 3:10-11](#); [I Corinthians 6:1-6](#); [Ephesians 1:20-23](#); [Ephesians 2:19-22](#); [Ephesians 5:22-25](#); [I Peter 2:6](#).

## **11. Last Days.**

We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the certainty of His return has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

[Matthew 24:30](#); [Matt. 25:13](#); [Titus 2:11-13](#); [I John 3:2,3](#); [Revelation 20:4-6](#).

## **12. Eternity.**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord in heaven; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment in hell, separated from God.

[Luke 16:19-28](#); [John 14:2,3](#); [I Corinthians 15:32-58](#); [II Corinthians 5:1](#); [I Peter 1:3,4](#); [Revelation 20:11-15](#); [Revelation 21:5-8](#).