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THE CORNERSTONE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER, INC**

**PREAMBLE
Statement of Faith**

1. God the King and the Holy Trinity

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal¹ King². He is an infinite, omnipresent, self-existent,³ unchangeable⁴ Spirit,⁵ perfect and complete⁶ in being, knowledge, holiness,⁷ wisdom,⁸ goodness,⁹ justice,¹⁰ power¹¹ and love.¹² From all eternity¹³ He exists as the One¹⁴ Living¹⁵ and True¹⁶ God in three persons¹⁷ of one substance,¹⁸ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,¹⁹ equal in power and glory.²⁰

1 Deuteronomy 33:27, Romans 1:20 2 Psalm 95:3, Isaiah 43:15 3 Psalm 147:5, Job 11:7-9, Exodus 3:14 4 James 1:17 5 John 4:24 6 Matthew 5:48 7 Isaiah 6:3, 1 Peter 1:15-16 8 Psalm 104:24, Proverbs 2:6, Isaiah 28:29 9 Exodus 33:19, Psalm 31:19 10 Psalm 33:5, Psalm 89:14, Isaiah 30:18, 11 Exodus 15:6, Psalm 63:2 12 1 John 4:8 13 Isaiah 43:13 14 Isaiah 45:5, 1 Corinthians 8:4 15 Psalm 42:2, Psalm 84:2 16 Jeremiah 10:10 17 John 1:18, John 10:30, John 14:9, John 14:16-17, John 14:26, John 15:26, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 18 John 1:1, John 1:14, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Colossians 2:9, 19 Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Revelation 1:4 20 Revelation 5:13, Ephesians 3:14-21

2. God the King: The Creator and Ruler of All Things

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting.¹ From His throne,² through His Son, His eternal Word,³ God, in the beginning, created,⁴ He now upholds⁵ and governs⁶ all that exists:⁷ the heavenly places,⁸ the angelic hosts,⁹ the universe,¹⁰ the earth,¹¹ every living thing¹² and mankind.¹³ God created all things and declared them to be very good.¹⁴

1 Psalm 45:6, Psalm 145:13, Daniel 4:3 2 Psalm 93:1-2 3 John 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:15-16, Hebrews 1:1-2 4 Genesis 1:1, Psalm 95:3-5 5 Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3 6 Psalm 103:19, Psalm 104:24-29 7 Psalm 96:4-6 8 Psalm 89:11 9 Psalm 103:20-21 10 Colossians 1:16-17 11 Psalm 104:5 12 Psalm 103:22 13 Psalm 22:28, Psalm 47:8 14 Genesis 1:31

3. Counterfeit Kingdom: Satan and Demonic Hosts

WE BELIEVE that satan, originally a great, and good angel,¹ rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him.² He was cast out of God's presence,³ and as a usurper of God's rule, established an opposing kingdom of darkness⁴ and evil on the earth.⁵ At the cross of Christ, satan lost his right over the earth as the "god of this age"⁶ and "the prince of this world"⁷ and now stands condemned.⁸ He will be forever thrown into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels at the end of the millennial reign of Christ.⁹

1 Ezekiel 28:11-19 2 Revelation 12:7-9 3 Isaiah 14:10-17 4 2 Corinthians 11:14, Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 6:10-20 5 Mark 3:22-27, Matthew 12:25-29, Ephesians 2:1-2, 1 John 5:19 6 2 Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 5 7 John 12:31, John 16:11 8 Colossians 2:15, 2 Peter 2:4 9 Revelation 20:10-15, Jude 6

4. The Kingdom in the Creation of Man, the Fall and The Doctrine of Original Sin

WE BELIEVE that, out of His great love,¹ God created mankind in His own image, righteous and without sin, male and female, for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth.² Under the temptation of satan,³ our original parents fell from grace,⁴ bringing sin,⁵ sickness⁶ and God's judgment of death to the earth.⁷ Through the fall, satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation.⁸ Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin.⁹ Human beings are born in sin,¹⁰ subject to God's judgment of death¹¹ and captive to satan's kingdom of darkness.¹²

1 John 3:16 2 Genesis 1:26-27 3 Genesis 3, Revelation 12:9 4 Genesis 3:8, Romans 1:21, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:16 5 Romans 5:12 6 John 5:14 7 1 Corinthians 15:22, Genesis 2:17 8 John 8:44, 1 John 5:19 9 Romans 8:20-23 10 Psalm 51:5 11 Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 2:5,12, Hebrews 9:27 12 Galatians 1:3-5, Galatians 4:8-9, Colossians 1:13

5. God's Providence, Kingdom Law & Covenants

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon the earth¹ which He continues to uphold by His providence,² and which He will one day fully restore and redeem by means of the Messianic seed promised to Eve.³ Later, God established other covenants⁴ which revealed His grace to sinful people.⁵ In the covenant with Abraham God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them.⁶

¹ Psalm 24:1, Psalm 96:10, Psalm 103:17, 18 ² Isaiah 40:22, Hebrews 1:3, Psalm 95:4 ³ Genesis 3:15 ⁴ Romans 9:4 ⁵ Ephesians 2:12 ⁶ Genesis 12:2-3, Genesis 15:4-6, Genesis 17:3-8, Romans 4:3-5, 16, 20, Galatians 3:6-9, 13-14

WE BELIEVE that as King, God, by His mighty acts, redeemed His people from bondage in Egypt⁷ and established His covenant through Moses, revealing the Law and Israel's obligation to keep it.⁸ The Law's purpose was to make Israel conscious of their moral responsibility⁹ and the need for atonement of sin.¹⁰

⁷ Exodus 15:3-18 ⁸ Exodus 19:3-6, Exodus 24:3-4, 7, Romans 8:3-4 ⁹ Deuteronomy 5:1-3, Deuteronomy 30:15-18, Romans 7:7, Galatians 3:23-25 ¹⁰ Psalm 25:8-10

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King,¹¹ God established the monarchy in Israel¹² and made an unconditional covenant with David¹³ promising that his heir, the "Seed" promised to Eve, would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever.¹⁴

¹¹ 1 Samuel 8:6-8 ¹² 1 Samuel 8:21-22, 1 Samuel 9:15-16, 1 Samuel 10:1, 24 ¹³ 2 Samuel 7:11b-16, Psalm 89:34-37 ¹⁴ Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:1-5, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Ezekiel 34:23

6. Christ the Mediator, Savior and Eternal King

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time¹ God honored His prophetic promises of salvation² by sending His Son,³ Jesus, the "seed" of the woman, Who would crush the Serpent's head.⁴ He came the first time as a humble servant⁵ to provide a means of atonement for sin⁶ and will come the second time as Conquering King⁷ to fully manifest, and rule over, His kingdom⁸ in real time and space and fully redeem all of creation and to be with His people in perfect union forever.⁹ Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,¹⁰ as fully God and fully man in one person.¹¹ He is, in His humanity, as God intended us to be;¹² He overpowered Satan by resisting temptation,¹³ preaching the good news of salvation,¹⁴ healing the sick,¹⁵ casting out demons and raising the dead.¹⁶ Jesus was God's Anointed One or "Messiah"¹⁷ and, empowered by the Holy Spirit,¹⁸ He purchased us and redeemed us to God by being faithful unto death¹⁹ and sends us to share the Gospel and build His church.²⁰

¹ Mark 1:15, Galatians 4:4 ² Romans 1:2-4 ³ John 1:14, 17-18 ⁴ Genesis 3:15, 1 John 3:8 ⁵ Isaiah 53:3-4, Philippians 2:7 ⁶ Isaiah 53:10a, 11, Romans 3:25, Hebrews 2:17 ⁷ Psalm 2:6, Revelation 19:11-16 ⁸ Isaiah 9:6-7, Revelation 11:15 ⁹ Romans 8:21 ¹⁰ Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:30-35 ¹¹ John 1:1-4, Philippians 2:5-7 ¹² Philippians 5:2-11, Colossians 1:19-22, Hebrews 4:14-15 ¹³ Matthew 4:3-11, Luke 4:1-13 ¹⁴ Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18 ¹⁵ Matthew 8:16-17, Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:40 ¹⁶ Mark 1:34, Luke 4:41, Luke 7:14-15, John 11:43 ¹⁷ John 1:41, John 4:25-26 ¹⁸ Matthew 3:16-4:1, John 20:21-22 ¹⁹ Revelation 5:9 ²⁰ Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8

WE BELIEVE that after dying for the sins of the world,²¹ Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day.²² In His sinless life,²³ Jesus met the demands of the law²⁴ and in His atoning death on the cross²⁵ He took God's judgment for sin²⁶ which we deserve as law-breakers.²⁷ The shed blood of Jesus on the Cross obtained for us eternal redemption, life everlasting, the forgiveness of sins, and restored relationship with God; and disarmed all demonic powers.²⁸ Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved.²⁹ This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to know God and to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ.³⁰

²¹ John 1:29 ²² Mark 8:31, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 ²³ Hebrews 4:15 ²⁴ Galatians 3:13-14 ²⁵ Romans 5:18-19 ²⁶ 1 Peter 2:24, Romans 1:18, 32, Romans 2:12; 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 ²⁷ Galatians 3:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 2:13-15 ²⁸ Romans 8:34, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Ephesians 1:7 ²⁹ Ephesians 2:8-9 ³⁰ John 16:7-13, Romans 8:14, Romans 12:2

WE BELIEVE that as God's Son and David's heir,³¹ Jesus is the eternal Messiah-King,³² advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today.³³ He will return when the nation of Israel is prepared to accept Him as Messiah, proclaiming "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,"³⁴ and will fulfill every Messianic promise³⁵ including the salvation of Israel.³⁶ He will establish His kingdom on the earth, restore all things unto Himself ³⁷ and rule and reign for 1000 years at which time He will forever destroy the works of satan and the last enemy which is death.³⁸

³¹ Matthew 1:1-16 ³² Luke 2:10-11, 1 Timothy 1:17 ³³ Ephesians 1:19-23 ³⁴ Matthew 23:37-39 ³⁵ Luke 24:25-27, 44, Isaiah 9:6-7 ³⁶ Isaiah 52:8-10, Micah 5:2-4, Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 2:6, Romans 11:26 ³⁷ Acts 3:21
³⁸ 1 Corinthians 15:24-26, Revelation 19-20

7. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power,¹ baptizing believers into the Body of Christ² and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them.³ The Spirit brings the indwelling presence of God⁴ for spiritual worship,⁵ personal sanctification,⁶ building up the Church,⁷ gifting for ministry,⁸ and evangelism.⁹

¹ Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4 ² 1 Corinthians 12:13 ³ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ⁴ John 14:16-17 ⁵ Romans 12:1, Ephesians 5:18-20 ⁶ Romans 8:3-8 ⁷ 1 Corinthians 14:12, 1 Corinthians 14:26 ⁸ Romans 12:4-6 ⁹ Mark 13:9-11, Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21-23, Acts 1:4-8

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ¹⁰ and that He is our abiding Helper,¹¹ Teacher,¹² Comforter,¹³ and Guide.¹⁴ We believe in the filling or the empowering of the Holy Spirit,¹⁵ often a conscious experience.¹⁶ We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit¹⁷ and in the exercise of all of the biblical gifts of the Spirit.¹⁸ We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit,¹⁹ for healing,²⁰ and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church.²¹

¹⁰ Romans 8:9-10 ¹¹ John 16:7 ¹² John 14:26 ¹³ John 14:26 ¹⁴ John 16:13-15, Romans 8:14 ¹⁵ Luke 24:49, Acts 4:31 ¹⁶ Acts 8:18-19, Acts 19:1-2 ¹⁷ Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:15-17 ¹⁸ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 1 Corinthians 14:1, 1 Corinthians 14:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 ¹⁹ Acts 8:14-17, Acts 19:6 ²⁰ Mark 1:41, Luke 6:18b-19, Mark 16:18 ²¹ Acts 13:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6

8. The Sufficiency of Scripture

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture¹ so that the Bible is without error² in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments³ as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith⁴ and practice.⁵

¹ 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, John 14:26 ² Psalm 19:7-9, Psalm 119:30, Psalm 119:43, Psalm 119:89, Matthew 5:17-18, John 3:34, John 10:35, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Revelation 22:6 ³ Luke 24:44, 2 Peter 3:15-16, Revelation 22:18-19 ⁴ Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35 ⁵ Matthew 7:21, Matthew 7:24, Luke 1:38, James 1:22-25

9. The Power of the Gospel Over the Kingdom of Darkness

WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of satan¹ and that all people are sinners by nature² and choice,³ and are, therefore, under God's just judgment. ⁴ Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus, the Kingdom of God⁵ and the work of the Holy Spirit,⁶ God regenerates,⁷ justifies,⁸ adopts⁹ and Sanctifies¹⁰ all who repent of their sins¹¹ and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord¹² and Savior.¹³ By this they are released from the kingdom of darkness and conveyed into God's Kingdom of the Son of His love.¹⁴

¹ Luke 4:5-7, 1 John 5:19 ² 1 Corinthians 15:22, Ephesians 2:1-3, ³ Romans 1:21-23, Romans 1:32 ⁴ Romans 1:18, Romans 2:5, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Ephesians 5:6 ⁵ Mark 1:14-15, Acts 8:12, Acts 28:31, Ephesians 5:5 ⁶ John 16:7-11, ⁷ John 3:5-8, 1 Peter 1:23 ⁸ Romans 5:1-2, Romans 5:9 ⁹ Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6 ¹⁰ Ephesians 5:25, Hebrews 13:12 ¹¹ Acts 2:38 ¹² Romans 10:9 ¹³ John 4:13-15 ¹⁴ Colossians 1:13-14

10. The Church: Instrument of the Kingdom

WE BELIEVE in the one,¹ holy,² universal Church.³ All who sincerely repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit⁴ and are brought into the living Body of Christ,⁵ of which He is the head⁶ and we are all members.⁷

¹ John 17:20-21, Ephesians 4:3-6 ² 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ³ Matthew 16:17-18, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 2:18-19, 1 Peter 2:9-10 ⁴ Titus 3:4-7 ⁵ Romans 12:4-5 ⁶ Ephesians 1:22, Ephesians 5:23 ⁷ 1 Corinthians 12:27

WE BELIEVE that the Church is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth.⁸ To equip the saints for the work of ministry, God has given the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers.⁹ We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that all people, without regard to gender or race, are called and gifted to proclaim the Gospel and do all the works of the Kingdom.¹⁰

⁸ Matthew 16:17-19 ⁹ Ephesians 3:14-21, Ephesians 4:11-16 ¹⁰ Acts 2:17-18, Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:23-25, 1 Peter 2:4-5, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Gal 3:27-28

WE BELIEVE that God has called the Church to preach the Gospel to all nations, and especially to remember and minister to the needs of the poor, orphans, widows and prisoners through sacrificial giving and practical service.¹¹ This ministry is an expression of the heart of God and is an essential part of the Kingdom of God.¹²

¹¹ Luke 4:18, Luke 21:1-4, 1 Timothy 6:8, Galatians 2:10, Mt. 25:31-46, James 1:27, Isaiah 58:6-12, Isaiah 61:1 ¹² Matthew 5-7, 28:18-20

WE BELIEVE that the global restoration of the Tabernacle of David will lead to a great end-time harvest of souls.¹³ This restoration will be seen clearly in a world-wide canopy of prayer and worship in cities throughout the earth.¹⁴

¹³ Psalm 27:4-5, Isaiah 56:6-8, Amos 9:11, Acts 15:16 ¹⁴ [Isaiah 56:7](#), Matthew 21:13, Psalm 29:2, Psalm 57:11, Psalm 108:5

11. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water Baptism¹ and the Lord's Supper.² Both are available to all believers. They are not a means of salvation, but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

¹ Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 6:3-11, 1 Peter 3:21 ² Matthew 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

12. Death and Resurrection

WE BELIEVE that when the Christian dies they pass immediately into the blessed presence of Christ, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection¹ and the glorious transformation of their body.² We also believe that when the unbeliever dies they are consigned to Hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious and tormented separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire.³

¹ Matthew 25:46, Luke 16:19-31, John 5:25-29, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Philippians 1:19-26 ² Philippians 3:20-21 ³ 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21:1-22:15

13. The Kingdom of God and the Final Judgment

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom, though currently here in part¹ will come in fullness and be consummated in the glorious and triumphant appearing of Christ - His return to the earth as King. We believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to Earth personally and visibly to receive His bride and to consummate His Kingdom.² We believe that the Church will go through the Tribulation in power and victory and at the end of that time will be caught up in the air with the Lord as He returns to the earth.³ We also believe in and are praying for the emergence of a victorious Church,⁴ One New Man, both Jew and Gentile,⁵ who will experience unprecedented, unity, purity, devotion to Christ, and power in the Holy Spirit.

¹ Matthew 13:24-33 ² Psalms 2:7-9, Matthew 24:27-31, Acts 1:6-11, 1 Corinthians 15:22-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:8, Revelation 11:15-18, Revelation 19:11-16 ³ Matthew 24:22, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:1, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Revelation 7:9-13, Revelation 19:7-8, Revelation 12:11-12 ⁴ John 14:12, John 17:20-26, Daniel 12:10, Romans 11:25-32, Ephesians 4:11-16, Revelation 7:9-14 ⁵ Ephesians 2:14-22

WE BELIEVE that at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, He will bring about the final defeat of Satan, the final judgment, the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal punishment of the wicked.⁶ God will dwell with man on the earth⁷ and His kingdom, His rule and reign will be eternally established⁸ in the new heavens and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells⁹ and He will forever be worshiped.¹⁰

⁶ Revelation 20:10-15 ⁷ Revelation 21: 1-5 ⁸ Daniel 2:44, Daniel 7:13, 18, 27, Isaiah 9:7, Ezekiel 37:25-28, Luke 1:33, Rev 11:15 ⁹ Isaiah 65:17, 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-5 ¹⁰ 1 Timothy 1:17, Revelation 7:9-12