

## **FRANKLIN COVENANT CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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- 1) There is one **God**, the Creator, manifested in three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 2) **Jesus** of Nazareth is the Christ, the promised Messiah, Emmanuel. He is the only begotten son of the **Father**, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, being fully God and fully man. Jesus gave His life, shed His blood, was buried and rose from the dead to redeem and restore man's relationship with God.
- 3) The **Holy Spirit** is present in the believer to comfort, teach, lead and empower.
- 4) **Mankind**, created by God, in His image and likeness, broke fellowship with God through disobedience (sin), thereby receiving a sin nature, which separates us from Him.
- 5) God's kindness reveals His unconditional love for us. The Holy Spirit leads us to **repentance**, being man's first step toward salvation.
- 6) **Salvation** (redemption and restoration) is a gift from God to man, separate from works and the Law. This salvation is received by grace through faith as one believes in, trusts in and relies on Jesus Christ. By His Spirit we are made new creatures with a new nature, prepared for Godly works. This new birth is necessary to see, and experience life in His Kingdom.
- 7) We look forward to the imminent, personal **return** of the Lord Jesus Christ as reigning King over all.
- 8) The **Bible**, from Genesis to Revelation, is the inspired Word of God, and our inerrant guide for faith and conduct.
- 9) There will be a **resurrection** of both the saved and the lost; the saved to eternal life with God, and the lost to everlasting separation from the life of God.
- 10) **Sanctification** is the process of being set apart to God. Having been freed from sin through His grace and power, we submit to Him and dedicate ourselves to purity.

## **CHURCH LIFE AND PRACTICE**

- 1) **Water Baptism** for believers expresses our participation with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
- 2) **Holy Spirit Baptism** is administered by Jesus, empowering the believer to be His witnesses.
- 3) We affirm the validity and value of **Spiritual Gifts** as given by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the Body of Christ and equipping us to be effective witnesses to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4) We share in **The Lord's Supper** remembering His saving work and signifying His death until He returns. Jesus said, "This is my body given... this cup is the New Covenant in my blood".
- 5) **Healing** of the human body is made available to us by the power of God, through the prayer of faith, the laying on of hands and anointing with oil (or other methods of Father's choosing).
- 6) Biblical, Christian **marriage** was designed by God; one man, one woman, living together as one in covenant.
- 7) **Human life** is sacred from conception until one's last breath.
- 8) God's **Church** is the community of all those who believe in, trust in and rely on Jesus as Savior and Lord. God has chosen, commissioned and empowered the Church to share with the world His Good News of Salvation, in and through Jesus Christ.

## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR STATEMENT OF FAITH– NASB**

- 1) God - 1 John 5:6-12, Matt. 1:18-25, John 3:13
- 2) Jesus - Gal. 3:13, Eph. 1:7
- 3) Holy Spirit - John 16:7-15, Acts 1:3, John 15:26
- 4) Mankind - Gen. 1:26, Gen. 3:1-7, Rom. 5:12-21
- 5) Repentance - 2Cor. 7:9-10, John 3:3
- 6) Salvation - Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:8-9
- 7) Return - Matt. 26:64, James 5:8
- 8) Bible - 2 Tim. 3:16
- 9) Resurrection - John 5: 25-30, Acts 24:15
- 10) Sanctification - Rom. 5:1-5, 6:11-23, 1 Cor. 6:11, 2 Cor. 7:1, 10:5

## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR CHURCH LIFE AND PRACTICE**

- 1) Water Baptism - Rom. 6:4-9, Col. 2:12
- 2) Holy Spirit Baptism - Matt. 3:11, Mark 1:8, 1 Cor. 12:1-14, Acts 1:4-8
- 3) Spiritual Gifts - 1 Cor. 12 & 13, Rom. 12:1-13
- 4) Lord's Supper - 1 Cor. 11:23-25, Luke 17:20-22, Heb. 9:22
- 5) Healing - John 5:14-16, James 5:14-15
- 6) Marriage - Gen. 2:18-24, Mark 10:6-9, Eph. 5:21-33
- 7) Human Life - Gen. 1:26-28, Psalm 139:13-18
- 8) Church - Acts 2:42-47, Eph. 3:8-12

*NOTE: This is just a partial list of relevant Scriptures. We encourage and recommend that each person investigate the Scriptures for themselves and find its truth.*