



Transformation Church & Ministires

Statement of Faith – Doctrinal Statement

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TCM's Statement of Faith

1. THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe in the one ever living, eternal God: infinite in power, Holy in nature, attributes and purposes: and possessing absolute, indivisible deity. This one true God has revealed Himself as Father, through His Son, in redemption; and as the Holy Spirit, by emanation. (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:6; II Cor. 5:19; Joel 2:28).

2. THE BIBLE INSPIRED

We believe that the Bible, the accepted Canon of the Sacred Scriptures, is a supreme revelation verbally inspired of God to man, superior to conscience and reason, though not contrary to reason, and is therefore our infallible, authoritative rule of faith and practice (John 17:17; Rom. 12: 1,2; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

3. THE DIETY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

We therefore believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to reveal the Father and was the brightness of His Glory and the expressed image of His person. We believe that Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, for by Him the worlds were made. We further believe that in Christ dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that it is impossible to know the Father without knowing the Son (John 1:1-14; John 13; Colossians 1:15-19; 2; Hebrews 1). The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare: His virgin birth (Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:30-35); His sinless life (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22); His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38); His substitutionary work on the cross (1 Cor. 13:3; 2 Cor. 5:21); His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4); and His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:3).

4. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Wherefore, we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all things in heaven, and in the earth and under the earth (Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:36; Romans 10:1-13; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:9-10).

5. THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man, by voluntary transgression, fell from a state of righteousness and holiness in which he was first created, into a state of death in trespasses and sins; and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual depravity and death or separation from God in which he is held as a slave of sin and an enemy of God, until he is delivered by the power of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Gen. 1: 26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:21; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 6:23; John 8:32-36).

6. THE BELIEVERS FOUNDATION

We believe that each believer must lay a foundation of Biblical truth and experience



upon which he builds his spiritual life of faith. These foundation stones are: repentance from dead works; faith toward God; the doctrine of baptisms; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; and eternal judgment (Heb.6:1-2).

7. THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH

We believe the words of Jesus that “ye must be born again”; that being born again signifies the partaking in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (John 3:3-7; 1 Cor. 15:1-4); that “by grace are ye saved, through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). We further believe that the emphasis for a continual walk in grace should be of heart, righteousness, and purity. We hold that all believers must live pure lives, being examples to both believers and unbelievers (Rom. 4:1-5; 2 Cor. 7:1; Col. 4:5; 1 Thes. 4:12).

8. THE WORK OF REPENTANCE

We believe that repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ produces the work of Justification in the believer. Through faith in the shed blood of Christ, the believer is brought onto the grounds of the New Covenant and made a partaker of the death of Christ. This is the initial step of salvation, and is not to be considered synonymous with the complete work of the “new birth” (Luke 22:20; Rom. 5:1,9; Heb. 13:20).

9. THE SACRAMENT OF WATER BAPTISM

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Therefore, we believe that water baptism is a vital part of the fullness of salvation. It is necessary for complete regeneration or the new birth, which is essential to laying a foundation for going on to spiritual maturity (Heb. 6:1-3). We further believe that it is the means whereby those who have been justified by faith in the blood of Jesus receive the Covenant sign of circumcision of heart, are made partakers in the burial of Christ, and become identified with Him in His resurrection. Moreover, we believe that water baptism is the taking on of a great responsibility because in it a person makes an everlasting commitment to God and His will. These commitments require that water baptism be administered only to those who have reached an age of accountability. The sacrament of water baptism is to be performed by immersion and in the name of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:17; Acts 2:38). It is a baptism into the Body of Christ rather than into a denomination or a dogma (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; John 3:5; Acts 2:38; 22:19; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; col. 2:9-14; 3:17; 1 Pet.3: 20-21; 1 John 5:5-8; Rom. 6).

10. THE SEAL OF THE NEW COVENANT

We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an important and necessary experience in the life of every believer, which is not dependent upon a believer’s worthiness, but is a free gift of God. We further believe that the receiving of the Holy Spirit is the seal of the New Covenant, and the repentance, water baptism, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit constitute the full experience of regeneration or the new



birth (John 3:3-7; Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:13).

11. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We therefore believe that all believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect to receive, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all believers in the early Christian Church (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 11:14-16). With the Baptism in the Holy Spirit comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8); a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28); and intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42).

12. THE PHYSICAL SIGN OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We hold that God has provided glossolalia as a prayer language for the purpose of intercession, praise, and communication with God, and that all believers may speak with other tongues. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the spirit give utterance, and afterwards has a continual two-fold aspect, as speaking to God and speaking to men (Isaiah 28:11-12; Ezekiel 36:26; Acts 2:4; 10:44-48; 19:6; 1 Cor.14).

13. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper commemorates the death and suffering of Jesus Christ in sacrificing Himself for fallen man. It consists of bread (representing the body of Christ) and the fruit of the vine (representing the blood of Christ). Partaking the Lord's Supper is an expression of faith in sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.10:16-17), and is enjoined on all believers until He comes (1 Cor.11:26).

14. THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel. Therefore, salvation gathers into itself all the redemptive acts and processes: as justification, redemption, grace, propitiation, imputation, forgiveness, sanctification, and glorification. The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is in three tenses:

- (a) The believer has been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin and is safe (Luke 7:50' 1 Cor.1:18:2; 2:15; Eph. 2:5-8; 2 Tim. 1:9).
- (b) The believer is being saved from the habit and dominion of sin (Rom. 13:11; 2 Cor.3:18; Gal. 2:19-20; Phil. 1:19; 2:12-13; 2 Thes.2:13).



(c) The believer shall be saved in the sense of entire conformity to Christ (Rom. 13:11; Heb. 10:36; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 John 3:2). Salvation is by grace through faith. It is a free gift, and wholly without works (Rom. 3:27-28; 4:1-8; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8). The divine order is first salvation, then works (Eph. 2:9-10; Titus 3:5-8).

15. THE HEALING OF THE BODY

We believe that divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Acts 4:30; 1 Cor.12:9; James 5:14-16).

16. THE UNITY OF THE BODY

We believe that we are one Body being Disciples one of another, and that the basis of our fellowship is in Christ in the power of the Spirit (Psalms 133; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 2:13-22; 4:3-6; Col. 3:15).

17. THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe in the autonomy of the local church expression, and adherence to the Scriptural revelation of its life, ministry, and worship (Matthew 18:20; Heb. 10:25; Eph. 4:6; Heb.13:17; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3; Heb.13:15; Phil. 3:3; Eph. 5:18-20; Col. 3:16).

18. THE MINISTRY GIFTS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

We believe in the ministry gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers given to the church at the ascension of Jesus Christ; and that they continue to be needed and should be expected today. These ministry gifts of men that have been recognized and ordained to the Office of Elder, are assisted by ordained Deacons. Other ministries including women gladly serve in this Church Body (Eph. 4:7-12; 1 Cor.12:28; 1 Tim. 3:2-12; Rom. 16:1; Titus 1:5-9; Rom.12).

19. THE CARE AND DISCIPLINE OF THE BODY

We believe that God has set Elders (Men) in the local church to watch over the souls of the believers and to apply discipline when necessary to keep the unity of the church. We believe that discipline in the local church is to be carried out by the Elders in accordance to the Scriptures (Heb. 13:17; Matt. 18:16-20; acts 20:28; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 2:6; 2 Thes. 3:11-12).

20. THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER

We believe that each Christian is called and chosen of God before the foundation of the world, to be a priest unto God and to minister unto the Father in praises; offering up the sacrifices of the fruit of his lips and his time and body for the service of the Lord; and his material holdings. We therefore hold that all true believers have been purchased with the blood of Jesus and are no longer their own, but belong unto the Father to be used for His glory. As possessions of the Lord, believers must give



themselves to serving Him, finding their place in the Church, His Body (Rom 12:3-8), and making themselves available by being present when the Church comes together, that they might be able to minister their gifts and talents for the building up of the Body of Christ (John 15:16; Eph. 1:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:20; 12:18; Heb. 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5,9).

21. THE TITHE IS HOLY

We believe that the tithe is Holy unto God. We believe that “bringing all the tithes into the store house” of the Local Church and giving freewill offerings is to be practiced continually by all believers. It is an outward expression of the Lordship of Christ in the believer and the unity of the Local Church and the Body of Christ as it joins together in support of the work of the Lord (Gen. 14:18-20; 28:20-22; Heb. 6:20; 7:1-10; Lev. 27:30-32; Prov.3:9-10; Mal. 3:6-18; Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor.16:1-2).

22. THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

We believe that each believer should speak in tongues and covet to prophesy so that he might edify the whole church. “For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted” (1 Cor. 14:31). We further believe that prophecy in the church is the sign of the end time visitation of God, for the “testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Joel 2; Acts 2; 1 Cor. 14:1-5; Rev. 19:10).

23. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT

We believe that the manifestations of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12) should be and must be operative in the church to enjoy the fullness of God. We also believe that these manifestations are imparted by the sovereignty of Holy Spirit and only work or are operated by this one and self-same Spirit, dividing or distributing to each one individually just as He wills (1 Cor.12:11).

24. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

We believe in the doctrine of the laying on of hands for:

- (a) The confirmation and ordination of Elders & Deacons by the laying on of hands by an assemblage of Elders (Acts 13:1-3).

- a) The impartation of spiritual gifts when accompanied by prophecy and the laying on of hands by an assemblage of Elders (1 Tim. 4:14; 2:Tim. 1:6).
- b) The impartation of the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17-18).
- c) The ministry of healing to the sick (Mark 16:18).
- d) The confirming of the believers in the faith (Acts 14:22).
- e) The blessings and dedication of children (Mark 10:16).

25. THE BLESSED HOPE

We believe in the resurrection of those who are dead in Christ and their translation



together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (John 5:28-29; First, Thessalonians 4:16-17; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 16:22).

26. MARRIAGE, GENDER, and SEXUALITY

We believe that God immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

We believe the term “marriage” has only one meaning and is sanctioned by God who joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union as delineated in scripture. The Bible clearly indicates God’s desire is that sexual intimacy only occur between a man and woman who are married to each other. We believe God commanded no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

TCM holds firm that any form of sexual immorality including: (adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one’s biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one’s biological sex) is sinful.

We believe in the preservation and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ. The church is to provide the biblical standard to church disciples and the community regarding Truth. It is imperative that all persons employed/volunteering at TCM in any capacity should abide by and agree to this statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.

We believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

27. THE PERSONAL RETURN OF OUR LORD

We believe in the personal return of our Lord and the restitution of all things spoken by the mouth of all the prophets since the world began (Matt. 23:39; 25:31; 24:42-44; Mark 14:62; Acts 1:11; 3:19-21; First Thes 4:14-18).

28. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

We believe that the fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murders, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matt. 24:36-51; 25:46; Rom. 6:23; 2 Thes. 1:5-9; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8).

29. THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

We believe that there shall be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1).



TCM Core Values

1. **WE VALUE THE WORD OF GOD** – We believe that the Bible is inspired of God. Deut. 6:6-9.
2. **WE VALUE THE SOULS OF THE LOST** – We believe that it is the duty of every believer to share his/her faith with the lost humanity. We are committed to bringing the Gospel to every person in our community. Luke. 10:19
3. **WE VALUE DYNAMIC SPONTANEOUS PRAISE AND WORSHIP** – We believe that is the right and privilege of every believer to respond to God's presence with energetic Holy Worship Ps. 150:6
4. **WE VALUE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY** – We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. We welcome the activity of the Spirit in our personal and corporate lives.
5. **WE VALUE THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD** – We believe that God desires to encounter His people with His manifested presence so that we are transformed into His image and likeness. Ps. 16:11
6. **WE VALUE THE HOLINESS OF GOD** – We believe that holiness is a true cleansing of the believer by the power of the Holy Spirit which is evidenced in Christian character and conduct. Heb. 12:14
7. **WE VALUE FELLOWSHIP** – We believe that Christian fellowship will attribute to the health and vitality of believers. It promotes unity and produces harmony within the local church. We are commanded to love one another and we endeavor to fulfill this commandment through special fellowship events. I John. 1:7
8. **WE VALUE PERSONAL INTEGRITY** – We believe that every believer is to be a person of Godly character. We are to be upright, trustworthy, and transparent in a world of sin. Prov. 10:9
9. **WE VALUE PRAYER INTERCESSION** – We believe that intercession is the call of every believer. Individual and corporate prayer and fasting is a continual emphasis in Transformation Church & Ministries. I Tim. 2:1
10. **WE VALUE THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY** – We believe that the prophetic along with the other parts of the five-fold ministry gifts should be a part of our worship services. Prophecies come as the Holy Spirit wills and should edify, exhort, and comfort those in attendance. I Cor. 14:3-4



11. **WE VALUE THE FAMILY OF GOD** – We believe that God desires to unite our congregation with other believers in this city and around the world for the purpose of fellowship and evangelism. John. 17:21-22

12. **WE VALUE REVIVAL** – We believe God desires to breathe new life into our midst so that we are instruments of righteousness in part of God’s vineyard. I Cor. 7:14