

### WHO ARE WE?

### We are a Non-denominational Christian Organization

Our purpose is to answer the calling of God to advance the gospel, and unite the body of Christ. For these reasons, we choose to look past our denominational backgrounds for sake of the cross; even more the empty tomb.

# Before going to the cross, Jesus makes clear His perspective of a Christian testimony that leads others to salvation:

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world...I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and 1 in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:18-21; ESV).

#### The Apostle Paul also reminds us:

"Therefore, accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you. He did this to bring glory to God" (Romans 15:7).

While our Christian members may vary about smaller issues such as the administration of communion, baptisms, etc., below is a declaration of faith upon which all of our membership affirms.

Our goal here is not to cover every point of theology proper, but rather to be sure that we share the same understanding and faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- We exalt Him as our <u>only</u> hope and source of the forgiveness of sin, and the grace of salvation.
- There is no other "way" (religion etc.) by which to know the Father, than through the son (John 14:6)
- Jesus said that He is <u>the</u> Door (singular) and any other path is taken by thieves

(John 10-8)



### CROSSFIX MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF FAITH

### We are an Non-Denominational Christian ministry. Below is a summary of beliefs upon which all of our membership agrees.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We believe that all 66 books of the Bible are the only inspired word of God called Scripture. <u>We</u> <u>do not acknowledge</u> the Apocrypha, Pseudepigrapha, Gnostic Gospels, Book of Mormon, or anything of the like to be inspired scripture (Tim. 3:16).
- 2. We believe that God is one, but reveals Himself through the persons of the Trinity as The Father, The Son as Jesus, and The Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we believe that each person of this Trinity is God (1 Cor. 8:6 6:44: Rom. 1:7: Isa. 9:6; Jn.1: 1 Acts 5:3; Heb 9:14; Jn. 4:24).
- 3. We believe that God is the creator of all things, is all-powerful, all-knowing, and in control to do as He wills (Acts 14:15: Jer. 32:17; Eph. 3:20; Psa. 139:1-4; 1 Sam. 2:6-9: Psa. 24:1).
- 4. We believe that Jesus was literally conceived and born of a virgin named Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-33)
- 5. We believe that all of humanity has fallen short of God's glory and is in need of salvation; hence the reason Jesus came to the earth (Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:8: Jn. 14:6).

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor Swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (1Co 6:9-11 ESV)

- 6. We believe that those who die without salvation go to a literal place called Hell (Psa. 9:17; Psa.73:12-19; Luke 16:23.26: Jn. 12:48).
- 7. We believe that salvation is in none other than through the name, person, resurrection, work, and grace of Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6; Jn. 3:16: Jn. 10:17-18; Rom.1:4: Rom.5:8).
- 8. We believe that those who belong to Christ will inherit eternal life in a literal Kingdom of Heaven (Isaiah 65; Zech. 14).
- 9. We believe that Jesus will return to gather His people, as well as the resurrection of the dead in Christ at His return (1 Cor. 15:21-23).
- 10. We believe in the water baptism of believers in Christ (Mat. 28:19: Acts 2:38-41).

## CROSSFIX MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF FAITH CONTINUED

- 11. We believe in the observance of communion (the bread and the cup) as a means to remember our Lord (1 Cor. Il 1:24).
- 12. We believe that tithing and offering are ordained by God to sustain His ministry, spread the Gospel, and release personal blessing (Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2).
- 13. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. (Job 3:16; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:44)
- 14. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4) We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman for life. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)
- 15 We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows enabling ministry gifts upon believers, and that these gifts will build upon the Body of Christ through edification and evangelism (1 Corinthians 12:1-11); as evidence of a Spirit-filled life, believers should show spiritual "fruit": love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-25).
- 16 We believe that Christ is the Head of the church, which should be governed by Him (Eph. 5:23)
- 17 We believe that all of Christ's ministers are servant-leaders, not dictators (Jn. 13:3-16, Ph 2:3-8).

# OPPOSITION OF HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR & PROCLAMATION OF MARRIAGE

We believe that the homosexual practices of same-sex couples are in violation of religious and social norms and are aberrant and deviant behavior. We believe that these unions are sinful and in direct violation of the law of God in that they are a deviation from the natural use and purpose of the body. "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.

Lev. 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination."

Lev. 20:13, "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltness is upon them"

1 Cor. 6:9-10, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Rom. 1:26-28, "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper."

Therefore, in spite of the progressive social views of alternative lifestyles and the growing legal acceptance of same-sex unions; we declare our opposition to any deviation from traditional marriages of male and female. Notwithstanding the rulings of the court systems of the land in support of same-sex unions; we resolve that Crossfix Ministries, Inc. stand resolutely firm and never allow the sanctioning of same-sex marriages by its clergy nor recognize the legitimacy of such unions.



#### **OUR MINISTRY VALUES**

The following values represent the essence and personality of the National Association of Christian Ministers. They are the standards by which our culture and unity are kept.

- We value God's calling of both men and women to ordained ministry (Mat. 28:18-20; Acts 2:17: Gal. 3:28).
- We value the advancement of the Gospel of Christ for the establishment of salvation, forgiveness, and the perpetuation of Christianity (Mat. 28:18-20).
- We value the pursuit of unity (at the foot of the cross) among brothers and sisters in the Christian faith (Eph. 4:13).
- We value the independence of ministers so that they may follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in the direction and government of their ministries (Act. 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2-4: 16:6-7: 20:22, 21:4).
- We value leadership that duplicates our Lord's servant heart (Mat. 20:27: John 13:14).
- We value fellowship among ministers for the sake of strength, encouragement, edification, prayer, and support (Rom. 14:19; 1 Thes. 5:11; Eph. 2:21-22; Php. 4:8).
- We exalt Him as our only hope and source for the forgiveness of sin, and the grace of salvation.
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