

Statement of Faith, Participation, and Doctrine (1 of 4)**Statement of Faith**

Inasmuch as I am a sinner and deserve the wrath of God, and since Jesus Christ died for my sins, was buried, and has been bodily resurrected, according to the Scriptures, I have accepted Him as my personal Lord and Savior and am saved by His Grace alone. He alone is my Lord and Savior.

Statement of Participation

I understand the purpose of Victory Christian Fellowship International. As an expression of my commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His work in the earth, I intend, by God's grace, to participate actively and prayerfully in the business of Victory Christian Fellowship International with my time, talents, spiritual gifts and financial resources.

Statement of Doctrine

1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments, as originally written, are the verbally **inspired Word of God**. We accept them as the supreme and all-sufficient authority in faith and life.
3. We believe that man was **created in the image of God**, but man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical but spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God. Each human being is born with a sinful nature and cannot by his own efforts please God. However through the blood of Christ, we can be redeemed unto the Father; through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome sin and walk in the Spirit. We believe that we are children of the King -- **sons and daughters in the Kingdom of God** as we govern our lives according to Kingdom precepts and principles.
4. We believe that Jesus **Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary**, and is both true God and true man.
5. We believe that the Lord **Jesus Christ died for our sins** as our vicarious sacrifice in accordance with the Scripture. All who believe in Him are **cleansed of their sins by His shed blood**, and are justified before God.
6. We believe that all **who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit** and so become the children of God, to live with Him through all eternity. We believe both in the baptism of water and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We believe in both the active fruits and the active gifts of the Holy Spirit.
7. We believe in the **resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord**, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there as our High Priest and Advocate.
8. We believe in the **bodily resurrection of the just and unjust**; the eternal blessedness of the saved; and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.
9. We believe in the personal, visible and glorious **return of the Lord Jesus Christ** to this earth. We believe that we will one day rule and reign the nations in the Kingdom of God, and that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord of all. We believe that God's intent was to occupy and bring increase until He returns. We believe we are to live as Christ now and live to live for Him.
10. We believe in all of the Biblical **gifts of the Spirit** found in the New Testament of which Jesus said these things that I do you shall do and even greater gifts than these to include the gifts of tongues, prophecy, healing by the laying on of hands, etc.
11. **Dancing, tambourines, and instruments in worship (Expressive Worship)**. The Scripture tells us that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (*2 Cor. 3:17*). God also tells us that He would restore the tabernacle of David and the worship therein (*Acts 15:16*). What he meant by rebuilding the tabernacle is that you and I would become sons, daughters, and priests of the Most High. He meant that we would become His dwelling place, and that we could now come boldly into the throne room of God, and His glory dwell in us. When the scripture refers to David, it is referring to his heart of worship and reverence for the presence of God. David danced before God (*2 Sam. 6:14*). His heart cried out to God:
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Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp (*Ps. 149:3*); Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs (*Ps. 150:4*).

12. Generational Transfer. Understanding how to apply Kingdom Principles is essential to the development of an effective youth ministry as well as the future of any church. God is looking for men and women to lead each generation in the establishment of His Kingdom (*Ps. 145:13; Ps 100:5; Ps 105:8*). We must have leaders who can teach generations how to apply these principles to every aspect of their lives and make these principles real and applicable to their generation (*Deu. 32:7; 11:19*). God is both a god of covenant and a generational god. His covenants last for generations (*Deu. 7:9; Ps. 33:11; Ps. 89:4*). The children of Israel were led by Moses and Aaron, and saw first-hand the miraculous provisions of God. The next generation heard the stories of old, kept the faith, entered the Promised Land and were governed by God's law under the leadership of Joshua (*Joshua 22:27*). The third generation turned from God's law, refused His leadership and returned to bondage and captivity. Young people are looking for leadership. They will look to sports, music, and gangs if the church will not provide it. God is not looking for another meeting; He is looking for a movement. He desires a mighty revival of commitment among generations. Leaders are needed -- leaders to disciple and mentor generations in developing personal and intimate relationships with God. These generations will go forth and impact the nations (*Ps. 89:1; Isaiah 58:12; Isaiah 61:4; Ps. 2:8*). And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (*Deu. 11:19*).

13. Apostolic Ministry. God has given us a vision. Ours is but to be obedient to fulfill it. God tells us that the fields are white with harvest but the laborers are few. The laborers are few because the church has strayed from her foundation of apostolic and prophetic responsibility of equipping and perfecting of the saints to do the work of the harvest (*Eph. 4:10-12*). Now what is needed more than ever is an apostolic advance and a prophetic impartation. We now need the same anointing as the early church. As the local church we must not fail to disciple people in the local church. This is God's original intent for the church. We must disciple people to disciple people to disciple people. It must be built upon the apostolic principles of "SAVE THEM – DISCIPLE THEM – SEND THEM TO SAVE AND DISCIPLE THEM" (Save the Lost – Disciple the Nations – Feed the Sheep). (*Eph. 2:19-20*)

14. Covenant Relationship. Who makes covenant? God made covenant with Abraham (*Gen. 15-18*). Covenants are made between men, starting as early as in *Gen. 31:44-46* by Laban and Jacob. The earliest covenant goes back to before the creation of man, when scripture tells us that God looked for someone to swear by and make covenant and could find no one so He swore by Himself. There are many covenants found in Scripture such as: The Adamic, Abrahamic, the covenant God made with Noah, Moses, Joshua, and David. There is also the blood covenant God made with mankind for the redemption of sin through Jesus Christ. There is also the covenant of marriage and Christ's covenant with His church. What is covenant? Covenant is a contract between men, and between men and God. Some covenants are made by dividing things or eating salt (*Num. 18:19*). The most significant covenant between God and man was the crucifixion of Christ (*Heb. 13-20*).

15. Parenting. Genesis 17:7-9 states, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me, you, and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you... As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come." The covenant God made with Abraham is everlasting even to our generation and beyond. He made a promise to be our God and the God of our children. It is up to us to stand on this promise, to claim it for our family – our children and our children's children. Let us not merely consider it a possibility for God to keep His promise. Rather we must expect God to do all He has promised to do, and like Abraham, we must do all He has commanded. Let Abraham be our example for parenting, not Eli, of whom God said that he had esteemed his sons above God and did not hold them accountable unto righteousness. There is an awesome responsibility and commandment given to us as parents. That command is to write the precepts and principles of God upon the hearts and minds of our children. We are to set the example in righteousness. Our first responsibility of evangelism is to our own children. It is the church's responsibility to reinforce the impartation of generational concepts (Biblical/Kingdom precepts and principles). If parents are lacking, the church is to instruct the parents. It is the parent's responsibility foremost to instruct their children. It is also the church's responsibility to provide supportive accountability. It is expected of each and every parent of the church community to instruct their children in the precepts, principles and disciplines as set forth in Scripture. It is also the church's obligation to provide assistance to

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parents who need help building Godly character and behavior in their children. It is the church's obligation to provide assistance to parents who need help with the restoration of parental relationships. In the Kingdom, relationships are not built on just rules, but on precepts that instill principles and tell us something about the person who established the precept.

16. Marriage covenant. Marriage is a covenant ordained and instituted by God. We first find such a covenant made when God presents Eve to Adam. We find a stronger understanding when God illustrates this covenant through the giving of His Son Jesus Christ: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (*Eph. 5:25*). Marriage is not to be taken lightly. It is a lifetime commitment to be entered into with the understanding that there are no options out except that of death. It is total giving of oneself to another for the purposes of God in each other's life. It is two made one in the spirit, as God is three in one (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Even as God is one, each of the trinity has distinctive characteristics and responsibilities. So it is in the body of Christ and so it is in a marriage. The two become one with Christ as the bond or glue fitting them together for His purposes in the Kingdom of God (*Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7; Eph. 5:31*). In this union there is not to be a little "I" and a big "I" but Christ as the focal point.

17. Courtship. Courtship and dating are not the same. The idea of courtship is radical in our culture today. However, just like most things in the Kingdom of God it is radical and totally opposite of worldly thinking. Instead it is a Kingdom perspective on romance from the principle of covenant relationship. The whole principle of courtship comes from the way we define love and romance. Either we define them according to God's definition and examples, or according to the world's. It also is built upon the thinking that I am not my own but God's, and I seek first and foremost His will in my life, and I trust Him with even my intimacy and love life. We are commanded by God to teach our children His ways, yet we live in a culture that teaches the concept of dating which is basically wanting to experience intimacy without making any real commitment. By this definition dating is something we should actually be doing after the commitment of marriage. As another contradiction to Kingdom thinking, dating teaches us how to play the game of manipulation and self, as well as how to practice a series of short-term, taste test relationships. However, courtship is built upon Biblical Kingdom concepts and principles of covenant and righteousness where both are seeking first the will of God in each other's life for each other. Scriptural References for Love, Relationships, Purity, and Trust: *Matt. 5:28; 6:33; 10:29; 16:24; Luke 12:2; I Thes. 4:5-6; Eph. 4:22-24; John 13:34-35; 15:13; I John 2:16; Eccl. 3:1-8; I Cor. 7:32; II Tim. 2:21-22; I Tim. 6:6; Phil. 4:11-13; Jer. 29:11-13; Prov. 7:25-27; Col. 3:5; James 1:14-15.*

18. Evangelism. God commanded to us what is known as the "Great Commission" (*Matt. 28:19-20*). He also knew that there would be many in the church who would not do as He commanded. He stated that the "harvest is plenty but the laborers are few". In resolve to this He then gave us another command: Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. (*Matt. 9:37-38*). As a result there are four primary precepts God has given which we must do for effective evangelism: Pray, Pray, Pray; Let them see Christ in us as we live our lives daily; Feed and clothe the poor, take care of the orphan and widow; Share the good news to them and teach them the precepts and principles of God.

19. Kingdom Principles. A kingdom is a set of precepts (commandments) and principles by which a people govern themselves. As God's people we are called to govern our lives according to the precepts and principles of God. We must do this in every area of our lives, from the way we think and perceive, to the governing of our families (children and marriages), to finances (personal & business), and even political and educational issues. In all things we are to look at them through the eyes of God and measure them according to His righteous standards. There are many Kingdom principles that apply to every area of our lives such as stewardship, courtship, tithes, sonship, accountability, discipling, covenant, fatherhood and many more. Our goal at Victory Fellowship is to teach you these Kingdom principles as God commanded. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them. (*Joshua 8:35*)

20. Nouthetic Counseling. Nouthetic Counseling is defined as "confrontation with the Word of God for the purpose of Change." It is true Biblical counseling that is led by the Holy Spirit. Unlike much Biblical counseling today that is really eclectic, Nouthetic counseling is based upon Kingdom principles and precepts of dying to self, putting Christ on the throne, accountability, responsibility, and covenant. It is allowing God and the Holy Spirit to make the change in the heart and not just behavior modification through humanistic methods or approaches.

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21. Education The Apostle Paul said that when we become Christians, we become new creatures; the old is passed away and all things become new. He stated that when Christ enters our lives, we then begin to take on the mind of Christ. We are in a battle for the way men think. We are to ensure that our children learn to think as the mind of Christ and in terms of Kingdom perspectives. Moses also was commanded by God to write the precepts and principles of God upon the hearts and minds of the children. Therefore, the education of our children and God’s people is a mandate by God. We are not to educate them according to the world’s standards, so that they may receive the world’s recognition and learn to survive in the world’s system, trusting in the world’s intellect. Instead we are to trust in God and let the instilling of God’s precepts, principles, and righteousness be our first priority.

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