

"What Ecclesia Believes"



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"WHAT IS ECCLESIA?"

Ecclesia is a Greek word that is often translated to mean "Church." Its literal meaning is "called out ones."

Here at Ecclesia we believe that we, as Christians, have been called out of darkness into the marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). As light, we should not hide our light under a bushel basket (Matt. 5:15). We have been called out to be a light on a hill; to be an example to the nonbeliever of authentic Christianity in a reality based world, to be a source of healing, help, and wholeness; to be Holy (Greek word hagios means different) even as He is Holy.

The Vision of Ecclesia Christian Fellowship is to actively fulfill the Great Commission; resulting in authentic Christians, who are abiding in the Word and walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. If God has called you to be a part of us, come join us; if not then please pray for us. We will see you in heaven. God Bless you!



Joshua Beckley
Senior Pastor

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that scripture in its entirety originated with God, and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors at the same time. We hold that the scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They're the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

GOD

We believe that there is one true Holy God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom possess equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristic of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain His creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the eternal second person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though now glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for his own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Essential to a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need for the Savior, and regenerates them. At the point of salvation. He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and uniquely endows each believer with gifts for the building up of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers into understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are appropriated by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father.

SALVATION

The central purpose of God's revelation in scripture is to call people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God, choosing to go his own independent way, and was alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history and all individuals suffer the consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result in whole or in part of human works or goodness and must be personally appropriated by repentance and faith. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, he gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

HUMAN DESTINY

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. God's judgment will reveal His justice in consigning them to perpetuate in eternal retribution by their own rejection of God. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life.

FAITH AND PRACTICE

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.

THE CHURCH

The benefit of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the Church. There is one true Church universally comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the word, observance of baptism, communion, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world as the sacramentarian ordinances established by Jesus Christ.

Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the Church. Under the watchful care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying **Christ**.

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