

The Doctrines  
And  
Discipline  
Of  
Christ's Sanctified Holy Church®

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*Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ** also loved the church, and gave himself for it; <sup>26</sup>That he might **sanctify** and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious **church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy** and without blemish.*

***Ephesians 5:25-27***

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# Preface

Christ's Sanctified Holy Church endeavors to uphold Biblical truth, to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to promote righteous conduct among its congregants and members. Christ's Sanctified Holy Church's principles of doctrine and discipline are based on the divine authority of the Holy Bible.

The doctrine of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church is established on the faith that the Holy Bible, the King James Version, is the inspired word of God and contains a full revelation of the will of God in relation to man, that God is the creator and eternal Father, that Jesus Christ, who lived on this earth, is in every way the Son of God, and that the Holy Spirit is God's presence on the earth.

We believe we are saved by grace and not by any of our own works. We believe two separate and distinct works are required for salvation. For the first work, we must be forgiven by God for the sins that we have committed. The second necessary work of grace is the eradication of the sin nature from our soul through entire sanctification by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church* is intended to promote orderly conduct, to establish patterns of Godly behavior, to provide practical guidance, and to uphold principles of propriety and morality. We endeavor to characterize the distinction between the Church and the world and to sustain its influence and the integrity of God's Gospel for man. In the ever-changing opinions and behavior of contemporary society, Christ's Sanctified Holy Church will continue to fulfill its Scriptural obligation to promote the principles of holiness and a Godly life to the righteous and unrighteous citizens of its fellowship and community.

*Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

*Colossians 1:28 - Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

# *I. Holy Address<sup>1</sup>*

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Sisters: We think it expedient to give you a brief account of the rise of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church.

## • **Origin**

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In the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, Joseph B. Lynch, of Chincoteague Island, Virginia, a member and class leader over about one hundred and ten members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, became deeply convinced that he could not be saved without holiness, though he was living in a justified state.

With this conviction he sought and obtained the blessing of sanctification by the power of the Holy Ghost, through faith in the cleansing blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; and immediately commenced preaching and teaching to all whom he had the opportunity; and soon others became interested and sought and obtained this blessing of Holiness; as a distinct and separate blessing from that of justification, amongst whom was Sarah E. Collins, in the year 1889, who also began to labor with him in the establishment of Scripture holiness to the people.

Others from time to time, by the grace of God, have been sanctified by the power of the Holy Ghost, and united in the work with them to destroy the works of the devil. As God has prospered their works and given them souls for their hire, their zeal was more than their minister could endure as they think he was an unholy man.

They petitioned the Bishop presiding over the Wilmington Conference for a holy man of God to preach the gospel to them. There were fifty-one persons who signed their names to the petition. As none but holy men can understand or preach the gospel, neither would they pay any other. This act so exasperated their minister that he turned Joseph B. Lynch out of leadership and forbade anyone who signed the petition holding or conducting any service in his church; if they did hold any more service he would use his authority.

Under that threat they obeyed, and they began service in a workshop at once. At the following quarterly meeting they turned out all the trustees and stewards who signed the petition to the Bishop, without bringing any charges against them, and put other men in their places.

The sanctified people, feeling that the entire Methodist Episcopal Church was in opposition to them, organized themselves into a body on February 14, 1892, and a committee of ten persons was selected to wait on the minister at the afternoon service, before service commenced, to ask his consent to the withdrawal from the Methodist

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<sup>1</sup> As published in the 1893 edition of *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*

Episcopal Church, of fifty-eight persons who were formerly members of his church, and who had already joined Christ's Sanctified Holy Church.

The names were handed to the pastor by Sarah E. Collins, before singing the first hymn. After prayer Joseph B. Lynch asked the pastor to attend to the request, which was rejected; and the above committee immediately left the house. February 16, 1892, the aforementioned committee was summoned before the magistrate for trial, on the charge of interrupting public worship.

They failed to establish the charge or bring to trial any of the ten persons summoned; and from this date our newly organized Church was established.

Joseph B. Lynch, Deacon  
Sarah E. Collins, Deaconess  
Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia

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## ***II. Articles of Faith***

### **• The Holy Bible**

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The sacred scriptures or Holy Books, which form the Old and New Testaments, contain a full revelation of the will of God in relation to man. These infallible and authoritative words were given by inspiration of God and are alone sufficient for everything relative to the faith, practice, and conduct of a Christian. Within its pages lies the hope of the entire world. The doctrines of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church are founded on the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

*2 Peter 1:21 - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:13 - For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works*

### **• God**

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The true God has revealed Himself as the only, uncreated, unoriginated, infinite, and eternal being. He is the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things. A plurality exists in this infinite essence, not separately subsisting, belonging to the Godhead, which is commonly termed the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. These three are generally named the Trinity.

*Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Romans 1:20 - For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*

*Colossians 1:16-17 - For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or*



*principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*1 John 5:7 - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

## • Jesus Christ

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Foretold by the prophets and described by the evangelists and apostles, Jesus Christ is the only begotten divine Son of God. He is really and properly God and has every attribute essential to the Deity, being one with God. His divine nature is infinite, eternal, and uncreated, being God in every proper sense of the word.

Jesus Christ was also a perfect man in consequence of His incarnation and in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. His nature is twofold, divine and human, or God manifested in the flesh. His human nature was derived from the Virgin Mary through the creative energy of the Holy Ghost. He took upon Himself the nature of man and He willingly died for the whole human race without respect of persons.

On the third day, after His crucifixion and burial, He arose from the dead. After showing Himself many days to His disciples and others, He ascended to Heaven where He continues eternally to be mediator for the human race. There is no salvation except through Him. Throughout the Scriptures, salvation, through sanctification of spirit, is made possible by His death and resurrection.

Since the fall of man, no man has, neither can have, merit or worthiness of or by himself; he has nothing to claim from God, but God's own mercy through Christ. Therefore, pardon, holiness, and every other blessing promised in the Gospel have been purchased by Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection and are given to man for His sake and through His merit alone.

*Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Matthew 1:20-23 - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. <sup>21</sup> And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. <sup>22</sup> Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, <sup>23</sup> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

*John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*Acts 4:10-12 - Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. <sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

*Acts 13:27-33 - For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. <sup>28</sup> And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. <sup>29</sup> And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead: <sup>31</sup> And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. <sup>32</sup> And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, <sup>33</sup> God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

*Romans 8:11 - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

*1 Corinthians 15:13-17 - But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: <sup>14</sup> And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. <sup>15</sup> Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: <sup>17</sup> And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

*Hebrews 9:24 - For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

## • The Holy Ghost

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From the beginning, God sent his Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost, into the world to enlighten, strive with, and convince men of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Ghost is a revelation of God's nature into the heart of man. It dwells in the sanctified soul. The Holy Ghost is the second coming of Christ to man; a spiritual rebirth. The writers of the Bible were inspired and guided by the power of the Holy Ghost. This Spirit that proceeds from God is God acting in man. It is the Holy Ghost that sanctifies.

*Genesis 1:1-3 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*Job 33:4 - The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*

*John 4:24 - God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*John 14:25-26 - These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

*Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*Acts 2:33 - Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*

*Romans 5:5 - And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

*Romans 8:9 - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

*Romans 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

*Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For ye are*

*bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. <sup>13</sup>Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup>But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

*1 Corinthians 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

*2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 - For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.*

*2 Timothy 1:13-14 - Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*

## • **Original Sin**

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In the beginning, Adam was created in righteousness and true holiness without any moral imperfection or any kind of propensity to sin, but free to stand or fall. However, he fell from this state, became morally corrupt in his nature, and transmitted this moral defilement, also known as carnality or inbred sin, to all his posterity. Unless redeemed by the two works of grace, man remains in this state of carnality.

*Genesis 2:16-17 - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

*Genesis 3:6 - And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

*Romans 5:12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*Galatians 5:19-21 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

## • Faith

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The blessings of God are received by faith and not by works or any merit of man. The power or faith to believe is a free gift from God, without which none could believe. The act of faith, or actually believing, is the act of the soul under the influence of that power.

*Romans 5:1-2 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

*Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*2 Timothy 1:9 - Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

*Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

## • The Grace of God

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Man is born in sin and shaped in iniquity and when he comes of age, he finds himself naturally prone to disobey God. However, God has given every man sufficient light that they may know to turn to Him for redemption. Men are never unduly constrained to turn to or away from God, but continually have the freedom of will to choose spiritual life or spiritual death. As a result of this free will, man is accountable to God for his own actions and will be rewarded or punished accordingly. Without free will, man would be a mere machine, a victim of blind chance or an irresistible power and consequently, not accountable for any of his actions.

*Jeremiah 31:3 - The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

*Luke 19:10 - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

*John 1:9 - That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

*Romans 2:3-6 - And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; <sup>6</sup> Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*

*Romans 14:11-12 - For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. <sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

We believe that every man has this free will with a sufficient knowledge of good and evil to direct their lives. This powerful knowledge is not inherent in anyone's nature, but is graciously bestowed on them by the grace of God.

*Romans 5:15 - But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

*Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

Jesus Christ has made, by His one offering of Himself upon the cross as a sufficient sacrifice, satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. His gracious Spirit strives and enlightens all men. Therefore, every soul has the opportunity to be saved and is held accountable if they chose to reject this opportunity.

*Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

## • **Redemption**

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From His infinite love, God formed Jesus Christ for the purpose of redeeming man from his lost estate of carnality or inbred sin. In the time before Jesus was sent, God sent His Holy Spirit to enlighten, strive with, and convince men of sin, righteousness, and judgment. In due time, Jesus Christ, the Son of God our Savior, became incarnated and

sojourned among men, teaching the purest truth and working the most amazing and beneficial miracles.

*Psalm 103:10 - He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.*

*John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*1 Corinthians 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Hebrews 8:12 - For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

*1 Peter 1:18-19 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup>But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

## • Pardon of Sins

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The pardon or forgiveness of sins, known as the act of being converted, is an instantaneous work of God's infinite mercy granted to the repentant soul who is trusting only in the merits of Jesus Christ. This FIRST WORK OF GRACE is absolute—ALL past sins are forgiven. Forgiveness is necessary to prepare a person's heart to be sanctified because God will not dwell in an unclean temple.

*Psalms 103: 11-13 - For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. <sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup>Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

*Acts 3: 19 - Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;*

*Ephesians 1:7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

*Colossians 1:12-14 - Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: <sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: <sup>14</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

*1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

## • Sanctification

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The forgiven soul must be cleansed from all inbred sin and moral corruption by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. This SECOND instantaneous WORK OF GRACE, sanctification, must be received here in this life to prepare souls for Heaven. Sanctification, being filled with the Holy Ghost or being born again, provides the power for us to live under the continual influence of the grace of Christ without sinning against God. Through being sanctified by the Holy Ghost, all evil natures and sinful propensities are destroyed and the heart is filled with pure love of God.

*John 3:1-8 - There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: <sup>2</sup>The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. <sup>8</sup>The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

*John 14:16-18 - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

*John 16:7-13 - Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. <sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*



*John 17:17-19 - Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*

*Romans 15:16 - That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*

*Hebrews 9:11-14 - But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <sup>12</sup>Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: <sup>14</sup>How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

*Hebrews 10:14-17 - For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, <sup>16</sup>This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; <sup>17</sup>And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>18</sup>Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*1 John 3: 8-9 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

## • **Predestination and Eternal Security**

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We must continually live in obedience to God through the power of the Holy Spirit in order to remain holy and acceptable for Heaven. Once a person chooses to sin after the experience of forgiveness and sanctification, he is no longer holy and forfeits all privileges of the righteous. If he continues in this state of backsliding, he will perish everlastingly. The whole period of our earthly lives is an opportunity to serve God or an option to turn away from God. In any part of this life, sinners may choose to repent and turn to God and believers may choose to give way to sin. This possibility of attainment in grace or falling from grace is essentially a state of probation.

*Hebrews 10:26 - For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

*2 Peter 1:4-11 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. <sup>5</sup>And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; <sup>6</sup>And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; <sup>7</sup>And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. <sup>8</sup>For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. <sup>10</sup>Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: <sup>11</sup>For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

## • **Heaven and Hell**

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The Bible teaches that man has a two dimensional existence. One dimension is a natural body that is capable of carrying out an earthly existence. This natural body has a finite existence and will return to the dust of the earth. The second and invisible dimension of man is the soul. This soul will live forever. The eternal destination of our soul is completely determined by our faith and conduct on this earth. According to the Bible, the righteous will have an eternal existence in Heaven with God and sinners an everlasting punishment in Hell with Satan.

*Matthew 5:12 - Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:*

*Mark 9:43-46 - And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: <sup>44</sup>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>45</sup>And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: <sup>46</sup>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

*1 Corinthians 15:44 - It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

*James 4:14 - Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

*1 John 5:11-13 - And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup>These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of*

*the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

*Revelation 21:8 - But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

## • **Christ's Return, the End of the World, and the Resurrection**

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Christ's promise to return and his statement, "I will come again", was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Apostles and those assembled with them. This spiritual second coming occurs to all who obtain the blessing of sanctification and brings an end to a person's life of committing sins. Through the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God is established in all who are sanctified. The spiritual second coming, or sanctification, brings an end to the world of our old life of sin and resurrects a new life of sanctification and holiness by the power of the Holy Ghost.

*Luke 17:20-21 - And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: <sup>21</sup>Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

*John 14:1-3 - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

*John 14:18-20 - I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. <sup>20</sup>At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

*Acts 2:14-18 - But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: <sup>15</sup>For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; <sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: <sup>18</sup>And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

*Hebrews 9:24-28 - For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the*

presence of God for us: <sup>25</sup>Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; <sup>26</sup>For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: <sup>28</sup>So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Emphasis added)

## • Baptism

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Water baptism, as taught and practiced by John the Baptist, was a temporary ritual to usher in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Christ's gospel brings in a new covenant built entirely on grace and faith. Any outward sign that substitutes the work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation experience depreciates the work of the Holy Spirit by placing our faith in works. The power of the Holy Spirit accomplishes and sustains salvation of the soul; this power is never mentioned in the Scriptures in connection with water baptism.

*John 1:31 - And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.*

*Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup>Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

*Ephesians 4:5-6 - One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

The Scripture says that those that believe and are baptized by the Holy Ghost shall be saved.

*Mark 16:16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

This baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is synonymous with sanctification, is a baptism unto the death of the carnal nature and destroys the "man of sin" which is also referred to as the "old man".

*John 1:33 - And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*

*Acts 1:5 - For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*Romans 6:4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*Titus 3:5 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

## • Communion

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True communion is an inner experience given by Jesus Christ to feed the spiritual soul. This is done by prayer, reading the Bible, meditation and the communion of the Holy Ghost. No physical act or ritual is necessary to establish a relationship between God and mankind.

*Matthew 26:26-30 - And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. <sup>27</sup>And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; <sup>28</sup>For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. <sup>29</sup>But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. <sup>30</sup>And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*

*John 6:31-35 - Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. <sup>34</sup>Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. <sup>35</sup>And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

*John 6:53-58 - Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup>He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. <sup>58</sup>This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. (Emphasis added)*

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17 - The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

*Colossians 2:20-25 - Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, <sup>21</sup>(Touch not; taste not; handle not; <sup>22</sup>Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? <sup>23</sup>Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.*

## • Speaking in Tongues / Glossolalia

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The speech that was given on the Day of Pentecost was a new language, one that spoke the truth and was clearly understood. On that day, every person understood the message of the Gospel in their own language or native tongue. In like manner today, believers are given a new tongue by which they speak the truth of the gospel in love with words that are easy to be understood. Glossolalia, incomprehensible speech in an imaginary language sometimes occurring in a trance state or an episode of religious ecstasy, is not a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2:1-8 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? <sup>8</sup>And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

*1 Corinthians 14:19 - Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.*

## • Healing

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All power belongs to God and the healing of the sinful soul is of primary importance to Him. The temporal body, through normal course of life, will die, but the soul will live forever. God only intervenes and heals the temporal body when it is necessary for His plan and will to be completed in that persons' life.

*Psalms 41:4 - I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.*

*Luke 4:18-19 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, <sup>19</sup>To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

*Romans 8:26-27 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup>And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

### ***III. Teachings of the Church***

*1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

Living a sanctified life before God and the world is a high calling. Christ's Sanctified Holy Church believes that the Holy Spirit will guide in all things that pertain to life and Godliness as we earnestly seek the direction of the Holy Spirit. The following represent practical principles that Christ's Sanctified Holy Church holds as fundamental for its congregants and members.

#### **• The Work of the Church**

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To be fully involved in the life of the Church and in the advancement of the Kingdom of God by regularly attending church services and participating as the Holy Spirit prompts.

*Ephesians 6:18 - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

*Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup>Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

To cultivate their God given gifts and find their place in the work of the Lord. To be workers together in promoting the gospel.

*Ephesians 4:7,11-13 - But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. <sup>11</sup>And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup>For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup>Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*



## • Unity and Fellowship

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To promote the mutual edification of fellow brothers and sisters by living according to the standards of Godliness, by demonstrating meekness and a Godly love toward one another, by encouraging and praying for one another, and by being courteous toward one another. To promote unity in Christ's Sanctified Holy Church, both in the individual congregations and church-wide.

*Psalm 133:1 - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

*Proverbs 6:16-19 - These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: <sup>17</sup>A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, <sup>19</sup>A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

*Zechariah 8:16-17 - These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: <sup>17</sup>And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.*

*John 13:35 - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

*Romans 15:1-2 - We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13 - For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

*Ephesians 4:31-32 - Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup>And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

*Colossians 3:12-15 - Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup>Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. <sup>14</sup>And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11-15 - Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. <sup>12</sup>And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. <sup>15</sup>See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

## • Daily Life

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To carefully utilize our time and material resources in activities that contribute positively to our spiritual and physical welfare and that will exemplify a God-ordained life. To avoid inordinate preoccupation with pleasures and possessions; to avoid unbecoming behavior and speech; to avoid any attraction that lessens the affection for the things of God. To avoid any diversion that would lead to our conscience being desensitized to the teachings of the Bible and to the will of God. To be conscious of the example that we set in front of our children, our brothers and sisters, and to those over whom we have any opportunity to influence.

*Daniel 1:8 - But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

*Isaiah 26:3 - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

*2 Corinthians 10:5 - Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

*Ephesians 5:15-16 - See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup>Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

*Philippians 4:8-9 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup>Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:22 - Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

*1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

To live honestly, live peacefully, and be faithful in all our obligations to our brothers and sisters, to our neighbors, to our community, and to all others so that we will not weaken our spiritual walk, compromise our testimony, or bring dishonor to ourselves, the fellowship, and to God.

*Romans 12:17 - Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*

*Ephesians 4:1 – I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*

*2 Corinthians 6:1,3 - We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.<sup>3</sup>Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:*

To avoid using or trading in substances that are harmful to the body and mind, such as tobacco products, alcohol, or recreational drugs.

*Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

*1 Corinthians 6:19 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

*2 Peter 2:20 - For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

## • Dress

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To dress with simplicity and modesty. To convey Godliness and give clear testimony to a sanctified life in outward appearance by avoiding excessive adornment and the hazards of indecency. Christ's Sanctified Holy Church has always held the tradition of not wearing jewelry (rings (including wedding rings), necklaces, earrings, bracelets, breast pins, watch chains, etc). We believe that inward holiness will produce outward holiness that is manifested not only in our daily life but also in our appearance. We should earnestly seek the help of the Holy Spirit in cultivating sensitivity in our manner of dress.

*Philippians 4:5 - Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.*

*1 Timothy 2:9-10 - In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; <sup>10</sup>But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*

*1 Peter 3:3-4 - Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; <sup>4</sup>But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

## • Concerning War

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It is the belief of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church that all controversies and difficulties between nations should be settled by counsel and arbitration and therefore, we should not take part in war.

*Romans 12:18 - If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

## • Marriage

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While we celebrate and value those brothers and sisters who choose to remain single throughout their life, we recognize that God, in his infinite wisdom from the very beginning, ordained the relationship of a man and a woman in the context of a sacred marriage. The entire structure of the family, and consequently society at large, rests upon the foundation of the observance of the marriage bond. The marriage bond is to supersede all human bonds, to be founded upon love, to be understood as a commitment to love each other and as a commitment to God, and to remain unbroken. Man, in his fragility, sometimes fails to achieve this lofty estate, but God in his mercy does not exclude such from salvation.

Holy matrimony is the act of uniting two persons, male and female, in wedlock, according to the laws of God, if they are equal. This bond, as established by the Holy Scriptures, is an honorable estate among men and right in the sight of God.

*Genesis 2:24 - Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

*Matthew 19:4-6 - And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? <sup>6</sup>Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

We admonish all people who are considering marriage to earnestly seek the will of the Lord for their lives. God should lead in the uniting of hearts which is accomplished by faith, love, and the divine power of God.

*Psalms 37:23 - The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

*Jeremiah 10:23 - O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

*Jeremiah 29:11-13 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. <sup>12</sup>Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. <sup>13</sup>And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

*Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*2 Corinthians 6:14 - Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

We believe that those considering marriage should first be reconciled to God through sanctification. Consequently, ordained ministers in Christ's Sanctified Holy Church will only officiate a wedding ceremony between a sanctified man and sanctified woman. Additionally, the Church's ordained ministers will not officiate a wedding ceremony where rings are exchanged.

Although we believe that God works in the uniting, the decrees of the state provide the legal basis and licensing laws on which to recognize a marriage. Until a legal ceremony according to the laws of the state has taken place, a marriage is not recognized.

*2 Corinthians 8:21 - Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.*

*Titus 3:1 - Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,*

God's plan is for marriage to last a lifetime. Divorce should only be a last resort after every possible effort for reconciliation has failed. We do not claim to have all the answers concerning divorce and remarriage, but we want to counsel individuals to seek the will of God for their lives.

*Matthew 5:31-32 - It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: <sup>32</sup>But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

*Matthew 19:9 - And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*

## ***IV. Organization***

Christ's Sanctified Holy Church is an association of affiliated congregations established on the principle that salvation is accomplished by two separate works of the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The first work of grace is forgiveness of the sins that we have committed. The second work is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, or sanctification, which is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, eradicating the nature of sin.

The Christ's Sanctified Holy Church Corporation, as set forth in the original Petition for Charter dated February 11, 1932 and filed in the Superior Court of Chatham County Georgia, is distinguished from recognized separate corporate church entities and associations, known as affiliated congregations, who display the identical name both within and without the State of Georgia. The Corporation does not have a congregational form of internal government, but that of a non-congregational trusteeship whereby the Corporation draws from the various affiliated congregations of like religious faith. Under prescribed religious qualifications, these affiliated congregations gain recognition from Board No. 1 entitling them to representation within the Church's governing boards and to the use of its facilities.

### **• Board No.1**

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The spiritual and temporal affairs of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church are controlled and administered by a board of trustees designated as Board No. 1 in conjunction with its auxiliary boards which are designated as the Board of Extension and the General Conference. The scope of authority and responsibility for Board No. 1 is set by the Bylaws of the Church Corporation.

Board No.1 has existed continuously since the founding of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church. It consists of between nine and nineteen members who serve for life except they resign or are removed for cause. It has the duty, authority, and responsibility to regulate, build up, and assist the Church. It also has the sole ordaining authority for ministers, deacons, and deaconesses of the Church.

### **• Deacon / Deaconess**

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Deacons and deaconesses are ordained from the membership of Board No.1 to assume the primary responsibility for all the spiritual and temporal affairs of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church. The most senior deacon or deaconess serves as chairman of Board No.1. The duties and responsibilities of these individuals are set by the Bylaws of the Church Corporation. See Forms – Deacons / Deaconesses.

## • **Board of Extension**

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The Board of Extension is subservient to Board No. 1 and was created in 1938 to manage the physical facilities and the financial affairs of the Church Corporation. It consists of between seven and sixteen members who serve for life except they resign or are removed for cause. The Board of Extension elects its own officers from within its membership. The scope of authority and responsibility for the Board of Extension is set by the Bylaws of the Church Corporation.

## • **General Conference**

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The General Conference is subservient to Board No. 1 and was created in 1950. Its members are elected by the affiliated congregations and serve for a four year term. The General Conference elects its own officers from within its membership. The scope of authority and responsibility for the General Conference is set by the Bylaws of the Church Corporation.

## • **Ordained Ministers**

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Although Christ's Sanctified Holy Church strongly teaches that all believers are called to minister, the Church does ordain ministers to further empower those ordained to undertake the work of the church. There shall be no salary provided for ordained ministers of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church. There is no difference made in gender as to ordained ministers. The duties and responsibilities of the ordained ministers are defined in the Bylaws of the Church Corporation. See Forms – Ordained Ministers

## • **General Headquarters**

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In 1938, general headquarters for Christ's Sanctified Holy Church were established on land six miles north of Perry, Georgia on U.S. Route 41. This site includes administrative offices of the Church Corporation, facilities for an annual camp meeting, a critical care nursing home facility, a year-round retirement community for the Church's congregants and members, and a Church cemetery.

The Church meets here for an annual camp meeting where everyone is welcome. During this week of camp meeting, the Church endeavors to strengthen and encourage its congregants and members in every possible way, increasing unity, love and fellowship and advancing our Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. Church business, such as electing officers, ordaining ministers, and filling vacancies is also attended to during this week.

## ***V. Membership***

Christ's Sanctified Holy Church has always placed a much higher emphasis on becoming and remaining sanctified and as a result, a subject of Christ's Kingdom than on church membership. We acknowledge that the Holy Spirit binds together all sanctified people in a spiritual union as we benefit from fellowship in our congregations. However, in order to carry out the organizational responsibilities of each affiliated congregation and those of the parent Church, we encourage those of our fellowship to make a membership declaration.

Membership in Christ's Sanctified Holy Church is a privilege and requires a willingness to assume responsibility for both service in and support of the Church as the Holy Spirit leads. A membership declaration in Christ's Sanctified Holy Church is an acknowledgement of a personal commitment to the spiritual and corporate activities of the Church and a commitment to support and willingly be governed by *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*.

Membership is administered by the affiliated congregations in conjunction with ordained ministers of the Church. Membership is extended to those individuals who testify to the experience of receiving the blessings of forgiveness of sins and sanctification, manifest a holy life true to God, and live faithfully to the doctrines and teachings of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church contained in *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*. (See section II. Articles of Faith and section III. Teachings of the Church).



## *VI. Forms*

### • **Receiving Members**

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Form for receiving persons into the Church.

Upon the day appointed, all that are to be received shall be called forward and the ordained minister of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church, addressing the congregation, shall say: As judgment is to commence at the House of God, and you come seeking admission into membership into Christ's Sanctified Holy Church; we propose to question you in regard to your faith and practice:

Are you a sanctified holy person cleansed from all inbred sin by a divine faith in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Answer - I am.*

Have you been baptized into Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost, freely given of God?

*Answer - I have.*

Do you have the abiding presence of God witnessing with your spirit, telling you that you are no longer a servant, but a child of God, adopted into His family, making you a joint heir with His only begotten son, Jesus Christ?

*Answer - I do.*

Do you believe in the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*?

*Answer - I do.*

Will you cheerfully be governed by the rules of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church, and endeavor as much as lieth in your power to promote the welfare of your brothers and sisters and advance every interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this world?

*Answer - I will.*

Having given satisfactory answers to these questions, I receive you into Christ's Sanctified Holy Church as a member. So long as you remain a holy person, know there is no other way, continue to teach the doctrines of this Church, and be of the same mind you will remain a member. Membership will not be extended to any person who wears jewelry.

## • **Ordaining Ministers**

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All persons elected for ministers of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church shall be examined by the Board No. 1, and if they give satisfactory answers to the following questions, with Scriptural proofs, they shall be ordained by the laying on of hands of senior deacon or deaconess:

Are you a sanctified holy person?

*Answer: I am.*

Are you a member of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church?

*Answer: I am*

Do you believe that the doctrines and standards of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church are fully one and the same as those that God's word teaches?

*Answer: I do*

Do you believe that any form of doctrine other than that God's Word teaches is false?

*Answer: I do*

Will you be in submission to the governing board of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church, which is Board No.1?

*Answer: I will*

Do you feel a divine call or urge to proclaim the Word of God to lost souls?

*Answer: I do*

Do you feel that you have a thirst for the knowledge of the Word of God?

*Answer: I do*

Do you understand and whole-heartedly believe the doctrine of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church?

*Answer: I do*

Do you pledge yourself to be in all things an example to the flock in diligence, earnestness, discretion, and perseverance?

*Answer: I will*

## • **Ordaining Deacons / Deaconesses**

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Candidates for the office of a deacon or deaconess of the Gospel in Christ's Sanctified Holy Church shall be examined by Board No. 1, if they are found to be holy and the Board recommends them, then they shall be asked the following questions. If

they answer satisfactorily, then they shall be ordained by the laying on of hands of Board No. 1.

Do you feel your life is an example for a standard for the people of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church?

*Answer: I do.*

Will you continue to be an example of the Biblical requirements for a deacon / deaconess?

*Answer: I will*

Will you hold the standards of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church set forth in the Bible and *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*?

*Answer: I will*

Are you willing to visit each affiliated congregation of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church as the case may require?

*Answer: I am*

Will you faithfully execute the office of deacon / deaconess in an honorable and holy manner?

*Answer: I will*

## • Burial of the Dead

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Form for the burial of the dead. At the gravesite, the minister shall say the following:

*Psalm 116:15 - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

*Revelation 14:13 - And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

*Psalm 119:112 - I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.*

*Psalm 34:1-9 - I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. <sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. <sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. <sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.*

*Psalm 71:7 - I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.*

*Psalm 112:1 - Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*

For as it hath pleased God in his all-wise providence to take out of the world the soul of the departed, we therefore commit this body to the ground, earth to earth, dust to dust.

## • **Marriage Ceremony**

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Form for the solemnization of matrimony.

Marriage is the act of uniting two persons, male and female, in wedlock, according to the laws of God, if they are equal.

The minister officiating shall ask those about to be joined together:

Are you both sanctified?

*Both answer – Yes.*

The marriage bond, as established by the Holy Scriptures, is an honorable estate among men and right in the sight of God.

The minister shall ask:

Dear friends, as we are come together in the presence of these witnesses, if any here can show a just reason why these persons may not be joined together, let them now speak or hereafter hold their peace

If no objection is offered, the minister will ask:

Do you desire to be united as husband and wife?

*Both answer - I do.*

Then you will be joined together after God's holy ordinance, by joining right hands and promising to be faithful in the discharge of your duties to each other; under all circumstances to promote each other's happiness?

*Both answer - I will.*

The minister shall say: I pronounce you to be husband and wife.

## ***VII. Authorship of the Discipline***

*The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church*, authored by the original Board No. 1 in 1893, and subsequently amended by Board No. 1, is the historic and authoritative source of direction on matters of doctrine and government of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church.

The preservation of *The Doctrines and Discipline of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church* is the responsibility of the deacons or deaconesses of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church. Any amendments will be examined and approved by Board No.1.

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