



Articles of Faith Statement

We believe in the Holy Christian Church, the framework which can be found in the Bible for the New Testament church—a body of universal believers united in faith, dedicated to supporting each other, furthering the Gospel to all races and nationalities; providing love, peace, service, and sharing the Gospel to individuals who are needy, hurting, rejected, and spiritually lost. The church is not a building or denomination, but a body of believers, with Christ as the Head and Chief Cornerstone.

Key Scriptures

- *“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”* — Ephesians 2:19–22 (NIV)
- *“And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”* — Colossians 1:18 (NIV)
- *“Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”* — Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)
- *“Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.”* — Jude 22–23 (NIV)
- *“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”* — Galatians 3:26–28 (NIV)

Insights

The church is not merely a physical building or an organization; it is a living, spiritual body made up of all believers who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:19–22 describes the church as a household built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ as the chief cornerstone. This means the church’s strength, direction, and unity all come from Him.

Colossians 1:18 emphasizes that Christ is the Head of the church. This truth reminds us that no denomination, leader, or structure can take His place. The church exists to glorify Him, not to promote human agendas.



Hebrews 10:25 calls believers to gather together regularly. Meeting together is essential for encouragement, accountability, and spiritual growth. In isolation, faith can weaken, but in community, believers strengthen one another.

The church is also called to be outward-focused—showing mercy, rescuing those who are lost, and meeting the needs of the hurting (Jude 22–23). The Great Commission is the church’s mission: to make disciples of all nations. Galatians 3:28 reminds us that the church is united across all divisions of race, gender, and social status. In Christ, we are one family.

The biblical vision of the church is a diverse, united, Spirit-filled community that loves God, loves people, and lives on mission.

Application

Being part of the church means more than attending services. It means actively belonging to the body of Christ. Ask yourself: *Am I connected and serving, or am I just observing?*

The church is where we grow, encourage others, and live out our faith. This week, make a conscious effort to strengthen your connection—join a small group, serve in a ministry, or encourage a fellow believer.

The church is also called to reach the world. Who in your life needs the hope of Christ? Pray for them, reach out in love, and invite them into your faith community. The church is not a spectator sport—it’s a mission we all share.



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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Articles of Faith - Week 7

The Church

1. How does understanding the church as a body (not a building) change your perspective?

2. What does it mean that Christ is the Head of the church?

3. Why is gathering together important for spiritual growth?

4. How can the church better reach those who feel rejected or lost?

5. What step can you take this week to be more engaged in the life and mission of the church?
