

**CALVARY CATHEDRAL OF PRAISE  
WORLD OUTREACH CENTER  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

**Section 1. Name:**

- a. The Church shall be known as Calvary Cathedral of Praise World Outreach Center Inc.

**Section 2. Objectives:**

- a. To provide a place for worship of Almighty God; and to promote Christian Education and fellowship.
- b. To preach the gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ by word and deed to the local community and the world.

**ARTICLE II  
STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**Section 1. What we believe:**

**GOD THE FATHER**

We believe in God the Father who is perfect in all wisdom, all love and all power. He has created all things by the power of his word and He is able to regenerate the lives of sinful man who comes to Him through His Son Jesus Christ. He sent His Son into the world to offer redemption to all who will obey His voice. We believe that God is infinite. He is perfect in holiness. We believe that God hears and answers the believer's prayers. He will forgive and save from death and destruction all who will come to Him. We believe that God is everywhere and He sees everything.

We believe that God is a covenant God and enters into covenant relationship with his creation. Sin breaks the covenant relationship between God and man; therefore Jesus had to be sacrificed to restore the covenant relationship between God and man. We believe that God made man with the capacity to love and worship Him and to serve Him; that He cares for man as a righteous, compassionate and loving father and that nothing can quench His love towards us. (**Matt. 6:1; Jn. 6:27; 1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 1:1; 1 Thes. 1:1**)

**GOD THE SON (JESUS)**

We believe that in the fullness of time our covenant God fulfilled his promises of salvation from sin by sending His only son Jesus into the world. He was born of a virgin through the conception of the Holy Spirit. He was fully God and fully man united in one bodily person. We believe that though he was born as a baby He was sinless because He was not of the seed of a man but of a woman. We believe that He conquered Satan by resisting his temptations by implementing the word of God. He preached the gospel of the kingdom, making disciples as He went. He was empowered to minister by the Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead and performed many wonderful miracles while He was here on earth. (**Gen 3:15**)

We believe that the same power is available today to all believers who trust in Him. We believe that Jesus lived a perfect human life, wholly devoted to the will and purpose of God and the service of man. We believe that in Him, God came face to face with man so that man can know and understand the love that God has for him; that man can know that God is eager for him to return to Him to the purpose for which he was created. We believe that Jesus Christ is God yet distinct in attributes and character. We believe that Jesus yet equal with the father deserves supreme worship and praise.

We believe that Jesus took the sins of the world so that anyone and everyone can have access to God through Him. We believe that He was crucified on a cross and He was raised from the dead on the third day. We believe that He ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father (**Matt. 14:33; 27:54; Rom. 1:1-4; Heb. 4:14**)

### **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity; that He was in the beginning with God the Father; that He was sent into this world to convict men and women of their sins, to enlighten them of the righteousness of God the Father and persuade them to turn to God through Jesus Christ because of the impending judgment of God.

We believe He was sent to be a comforter to the believer. He regenerates and sanctifies the believer and gives him the power to be an effectual witness for Jesus. He resides in the believer to guard his ways from the constant attacks of the Devil. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a teacher and the giver of gifts to the believer who asks of Him. (**Gen 1:2; Luke 11:13; Eph. 4:30; 1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:21**)

### **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES (The Bible)**

We believe that the bible is the inerrant, infallible and inspired word of God. All sixty-six books are totally sufficient and are not dependent on any recent or traditional statements, orders or revelation to make it complete. Because of its sufficiency in of itself, it should not be added to or taken away from, superseded, or modified by culture, tradition, personal or private revelation.

We believe that the bible does not contain the words of God; on the contrary, it is the word of God. God, through the Holy Spirit, dictated His words to man. The words were recorded in the in the vocabulary of the author.

We believe that holy men, moved by the power of the Holy Spirit wrote the contents of the scriptures. We believe that equal consideration should be given to every passage. Although some passages are more life changing than others, we should not formulate any notion that will be presumed that certain passages are more inspired than others or that certain passages are not important because of its historical or cultural deficiencies. (**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21**)

### **THE TRINITY (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)**

We believe that there is one true God creator of the universe and all that is in it. This God manifests Himself in three distinct and separate beings namely God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe they execute distinct yet perfectly correlated offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption. We believe that He exists as one true and living God manifested in three persons of one substance equal in power and glory. **(Matt 28:19)**

### **THE VIRGIN BIRTH**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten of God. He was the eternal word made flesh and supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. He created the world from nothing by the word of his mouth. He is the image of the father whom no one has seen. **(Matt. 1:18; Isa. 7:14; Gen 1:1-2; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3)**

### **RESURRECTION**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead and His glorious ascension to the right hand of God and His imminent return to take his chosen ones to be with Him for all eternity. **(Matt. 28:6-7; Mark 16:6; Acts 2:24, 32; Romans 4:23-25)**

### **JUSTIFICATION**

We believe that justification is a judicial act of God on the behalf of the believer, solely on the merits of Christ; and that regeneration by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. **(Romans 4:25; 5:16-18)**

### **WATER BAPTISM**

We believe that water baptism is one of the ordinances left us by Jesus to be executed by the church prior to his resurrection. We believe that this process is a conscious act by an individual who has repented of his sins and knowingly wants to follow Jesus Christ. This act must be done by immersing the regenerate individual totally under water. We believe that it is the act of repentance that initiates the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the individual and not the act of baptism. Therefore in obedience to the command of Jesus Christ and as a testimony to God the Father, the Church and his own testimony, the believer adheres and is immersed in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This emersion demonstrates a death and resurrection association with Christ. **(Matt 3:6, 11; Mark 1:5, 8; 16:16; Acts 11:16; 19:5)**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that the Holy Communion is another of the ordinances left us by Jesus prior to His glorious ascension to the right hand of God; the bread representing the broken body of Christ and the wine His shed blood. We believe that these emblems should not be construed as the actual body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that as we continually partake of these emblems, we are reacquainting ourselves with the atoning death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Luke 22:16-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)**

### **THE SINFUL NATURE OF MAN**

We believe that man inherited a sinful nature from the fall of our fore parents Adam and Eve. Man's nature from that point to today is to do evil and not good. We believe that the death of Jesus on the cross, broke that curse and offered man the opportunity to have the old nature changed through the

power of Jesus Christ. Every believer inherits a new nature through Christ. **(Romans 3:23; 5:6, 12, 19; Jer. 17:9)**

### **THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE**

We believe that marriage is a union created by God and blessed by God for the reproduction of mankind. This union should be and must continue to be between a man and a woman. Because of our bible based belief as the source of all truth and morality, we will forever oppose any attempt to change the concept of marriage as outlined therein. **(Gen:2:22-25; Eph 5:21-33)**

### **THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit that empowers the believer for service in the ministry. We believe that while all believers of Jesus are vessels of the Holy Spirit during conversion, the importance of an ongoing empowering after conversion is necessary. It is detailed in the New Testament that the believer needs a renewing on a regular basis to combat the constant challenges of the Christian walk. **(Luke 1:35; Acts 1:5; 2:4, 38)**

### **CREATION**

We believe that God created all things. He spoke the world into being but fashioned man with His own hands from the dust of the ground. We believe that he upholds and governs all things that exist on earth and in heaven. The entire universe was made by Him, maintained by Him and governed by Him. We believe that God made man, male and female in his own likeness and after his own image as the masterpiece of His created work. We believe that man was created to have fellowship with God. Man broke this fellowship when he yielded to the temptations of Satan in the Garden of Eden. This broken fellowship caused man to rebel against God after he was driven out of the Garden of Eden. We believe that man will continue in this rebellious state unless he is regenerated through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

We believe that man was created body, soul and spirit. The body was created from the dust of the earth. We believe that God breathe His own breath into the nostrils of man and man became a living soul. We believe that woman was made from the man. God placed the man in a deep sleep and took a rib from his side and created the woman. We believe that the body is corruptible and will return to the dust from whence it came. We believe when the body dies the spirit returns to God who made it. We believe that the body cannot sustain life in of itself, the life of the body is in the spirit. We believe that at the death of the body the spirit returns to God. We believe the spirit lives on forever either in a place of rest in Heaven or a place of torment in Hell. **(Genesis 1&2)**

### **REGENERATION**

We believe that man is a sinner by nature and are therefore under condemnation. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as savior. We believe regeneration to be the purging of oneself from sin by asking God for forgiveness. God in turn sees our heart and hears our cry for mercy, He extends his forgiveness to us and pardons us of all our sins, Jesus being the mediator between us and God.

We believe that the regenerated soul is now fit to enter into the presence of God to make petitions of Him and on behalf of others. We believe that regeneration changes the nature of man from evil desires to a desire to please God.

## HEAVEN

We believe that God sits on His throne in Heaven and directs the universe. He is in control of everything and nothing has any existence without His knowledge. We believe that Heaven is the chosen home of God and Jesus is seated at His right hand. We believe that one day Jesus will return and take the regenerated souls to be with Him in Heaven forever.

## DIVORCE

We believe that marriage should be given every opportunity to work. Divorce is not an alternative to marriage. We do not condone divorce unless performed under the following circumstances:

- a. **Adultery.** Sexual union with someone other than your married spouse (**Matt 5:31-32**)
- b. **Abandonment.** A spouse discards his/her home leaving the other party to survive on their own. (**Traditional**)
- c. **Spousal abuse.** Frequent physical, verbal or mental abuse by either spouse that put the life and health of the abused spouse and or children in jeopardy. (**Contemporary**)

## HUMAN SEXUALITY

We believe that same sex union is an abomination to God. During the process of creation, God blessed the union between Adam and Eve. We do not believe in and will continue to oppose Homosexuality and Lesbianism. We will not embrace the practices nor condone the actions of Homosexuality or Lesbianism.

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in, outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any sexual activity committed or engaged in between any parties outside the bonds of marriage is a sin. We believe that a holy God will punish all forms of sin.

We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex to man. We believe that God disapproves and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man to one woman. This institution shall not hire for pay, or have voluntary help from anyone who is practicing, or believes that homosexuality is an alternate and acceptable lifestyle. We believe that homosexuality is immoral according to God's word. Anyone practicing homosexuality shall not be considered for membership, or be retained as a member, but shall be dismissed from membership by a majority of the Board of Directors, the pastoral staff and the membership. If they become a homosexual while on staff of this institution, they shall be dismissed by the pastoral staff.

No person who has ever been accused and found guilty by law of any form of sexual misconduct or child molestation shall be allowed to hold a position in any children's ministry.  
(**Gen. 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4**)