

Statement of Faith

Cross Point Community Church --Wamego, KS

Cross Point Community Church is a church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are committed to contending for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3). In unity with the historic Christian church, we have always listed, believed and confessed the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as accurate representations of Scripture's teaching.

The basic doctrines within Cross Point's Statement of Faith represent what we believe to be core elements of biblical teaching. We look forward to all members of Cross Point Community Church continuing to affirm the elements that have been represented in the creeds, so that we can maintain unity within the gospel.

The theological distinctives within Cross Point Community Church's Statement of Faith reflect what distinguishes Cross Point Community from other churches who would affirm the basic doctrines. These distinctives indelibly shape the way that Cross Point Community is led and the direction the church is headed. We do not expect all members to embrace all aspects of these distinctives, but members should expect that the distinctives will be maintained in all ministry environments at Cross Point Community, and members may not teach contrary to them.

The necessity of sound doctrine in the church is a consistent theme of the New Testament (1 Timothy 1:3,10; 4:16; 6:3, 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 4:2, Titus 1:9-11; 2:1). It is essential to our spiritual health (Ephesians 4:14-15); it is the standard by which conduct is evaluated (Titus 2:1); it is the faith for which we contend (Jude 1:3); it is the truth which we uphold (1 Timothy 3:15-16).

In a very real sense we can say that the Bible is our creed, for right doctrine is an accurate and systematic statement of what the Bible teaches. It is impossible to discern right and sound doctrine without being a student of the Scriptures. Therefore, we affirm our dependence upon the Scriptures for our doctrine, and gladly uphold the Bible as our final authority.

The statement of doctrine outlined below is neither exhaustive nor infallible. Rather, it is a summary of those truths which we hold as foundational to the Christian faith. It has been formulated to fulfill four main functions.

To stand as a contemporary confession of our faith.

To identify us in a day of varied theologies.

To be a standard by which we can evaluate ourselves.

To provide a statement to which all leadership agrees or agrees to not contradict.

God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who are identical in essence, equal in power and glory, and possessing precisely the same attributes and perfections. They are, however, distinct in office and activity. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

References:

- Genesis 1:1; 2:7;
- Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.;
- Leviticus 22:2;
- Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6;
- 1 Chronicles 29:10;
- Psalm 19:1-3;
- Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8;
- Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13;
- Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19;
- Mark 1:9-11;
- John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8;

- Acts 1:7;
- Romans 8:14-15;
- 1 Corinthians 8:6;
- Galatians 4:6;
- Ephesians 4:6;
- Colossians 1:15;
- 1 Timothy 1:17;
- Hebrews 11:6; 12:9;
- 1 Peter 1:17;
- 1 John 5:7

God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

References:

- Genesis 18:1ff.;
- Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.;
- Isaiah 7:14; 53;
- Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19;
- Mark 1:1; 3:11;
- Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46;
- John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28;
- Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20;
- Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4;
- 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28;
- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9;
- Galatians 4:4-5;
- Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10;
- Philippians 2:5-11;
- Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9;
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18;
- 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16;
- Titus 2:13-14;
- Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8;
- 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22;
- 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9;
- 2 John 7-9;
- Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and

of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

References:

- Genesis 1:2;
- Judges 14:6;
- Job 26:13;
- Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.;
- Isaiah 61:1-3;
- Joel 2:28-32;
- Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19;
- Mark 1:10,12;
- Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49;
- John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14;
- Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6;
- Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27;
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13;
- Galatians 4:6;
- Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19;
- 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1;
- 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16;
- Hebrews 9:8,14;
- 2 Peter 1:21;
- 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7;
- Revelation 1:10; 22:17

The Gospel

What is the Gospel?

The just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that all who turn and trust in Him will be reconciled to God forever.

A biblical presentation and a biblical response to the Gospel includes five key elements. These five key biblical elements are:

1. The Character of God (Romans 1:18-20, 2:1-16, 3:22-24, Isaiah 43:6-7)

Biblical truth:

God is the just and gracious Creator of all things.

Biblical response:

Realize that we belong to Him, are accountable to Him, and are created to glorify Him.

2. The Sinfulness of Man (Romans 1:21-25, 3:9-20, 3:23, 6:23)

Biblical truth:

We are each created by God, but we are all corrupted by sin.

Biblical response:

Admit areas of rebellion, be honest with God about sin, and turn from it.

3. The Sufficiency of Christ (Romans 3:21-26, 4:25, 5:6-10, 5:18, 8:1-4)

Biblical truth:

Jesus Christ alone is able to remove our sin and reconcile us to God through His death. He alone satisfies the wrath of God for our sins.

Biblical response:

Recognize that we are helpless to be reconciled with God apart from Jesus Christ.

4.The Necessity of Faith (Romans 1:17, 3:20-31, 4:22-25, 6:11-14, 8:10-11, 10:9-13)

Biblical truth:

We are reconciled to God only through faith in Jesus. There is nothing we can do to become right with God.

Biblical response:

Faith that leads to salvation involves turning from sin and self-sufficiency.

We turn to Jesus and trust in Him as Lord, confess Him as Lord and Savior.

5.The Urgency of Eternity (John 3:14-16, 36, John 10:27-30, 17:3, 1 Timothy 1:16-17, Hebrews 9:12, 1 John 5:11-13)

Biblical truth:

Our eternal destiny is dependent on our response to Jesus.

Biblical response:

Cry out to God to save you of your sins, put your faith in Jesus Christ and confess Him as Savior and Lord.

The Bible

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

References:

- Exodus 24:4;
- Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19;
- Joshua 8:34;
- Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140;
- Isaiah 34:16; 40:8;
- Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32;
- Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29;
- Luke 21:33; 24:44-46;
- John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17;
- Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11;
- Romans 15:4; 16:25-26;
- 2 Timothy 3:15-17;
- Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12;
- 1 Peter 1:25;
- 2 Peter 1:19-21

Creation

We believe that God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, "each after its own kind," by direct act, and not by the process of evolution. (Genesis 1:1-2, Colossians 1:16-17)

References:

- Genesis 1:1-2
- Colossians 1:16-17

Humanity

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

References:

- Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6;
- Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5;
- Isaiah 6:5;
- Jeremiah 17:5;
- Matthew 16:26;
- Acts 17:26-31;
- Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29;
- 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22;
- Ephesians 2:1-22;

· Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person, and is offered freely to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Regeneration

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus, when the Spirit connects you to Jesus Christ by faith. You are still you after the new birth. But there are two changes: You are clean, and you are new. That is what it means to be born again, regenerated. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the confession of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

Justification

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

Sanctification

Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

Glorification

Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

References:

- Genesis 3:15;
- Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8;
- Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6;
- Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32;
- John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17;
- Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32;
- Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10;
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-20;
- Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15;
- Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16;
- Philippians 2:12-13;
- Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24;
- 2 Timothy 1:12;
- Titus 2:11-14;
- Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14;
- James 2:14-26;
- 1 Peter 1:2-23;
- 1 John 1:6-2:11;

- Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

Security

We believe that all the saved - those in whom God has accomplished His transforming work of grace - are kept by His power and are, thus, secure in Christ forever. It is impossible for one born into the family of God ever to be lost. It is their privilege to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation. However, this assurance is not the occasion for sin, for God in holiness cannot tolerate persistent sin in His children, and in infinite love He corrects them. True faith in Christ is expressed by a fruitful, God-pleasing life. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

References:

- Genesis 12:1-3;
- Exodus 19:5-8;
- 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22;
- Isaiah 5:1-7;
- Jeremiah 31:31ff.;
- Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34;
- Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48;
- John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18;
- Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36;
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28

- Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11;
- Colossians 1:12-14;
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14;
- 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19;
- Hebrews 11:39–12:2;
- James 1:12;
- 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10;
- 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2

The Church

We believe that the Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism, made up of all persons who have trusted Jesus Christ for salvation in this present age. We believe that the Church began at Pentecost, is distinct from Israel and that a believer is placed into the Church by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the local church is an assembly of professed believers in Jesus Christ who voluntarily join together in one locale for the purpose of worship, study of the Word of God, celebration of the ordinances, Christian Fellowship, and equipping for Christian service.

References:

- 1 Corinthians 1:1-2, 10:32; 12:13
- Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11-13; 5:25-27
- Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11-13; 5:25-27
- Acts 2:42-47

Baptism & Lord's Supper

We believe that Christ instituted the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper which are to be observed by believers until He returns. We believe that by water baptism a believer is publicly identified with His Savior and that infants of believing parents may be dedicated to the Lord but not baptized (Acts 2:38, 8:26-38). We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death until He returns, the elements being symbols of His body and blood. We believe that every Christian has a right to partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper but that participation should always be preceded by serious self-examination. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

References:

- Acts 2:38, 8:26-38
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Evangelism & Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

References:

- Genesis 12:1-3;
- Exodus 19:5-6;
- Isaiah 6:1-8;
- Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20;
- Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53;
- John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21;
- Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3;
- Romans 10:13-15;
- Ephesians 3:1-11;
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8;
- 2 Timothy 4:5;
- Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2;
- 1 Peter 2:4-10;
- Revelation 22:17

As elders we spent months looking through and praying over what we believe God wanted for our statement of faith. In that process we read over numerous statements of faith from around the world. Cross Point's statement of faith is an adaptation of The Village Church, Radical.net and Grace to You Ministries statements. If you have any questions please let us know.