

# COTRH COVENANT

Any follower of Christ is invited to pursue our shared purpose along with Church on the Rock Homer. Signing this document is your commitment to direct your time, passions, and resources towards our shared Biblical purpose, values and beliefs. Our commitment to you is to provide substantive resources for your spiritual journey, opportunities to train your mind and heart, opportunities to connect with others on the same path, and opportunities to serve the church and the lost as you follow the example of Christ.

Covenant members commit to embody our shared purpose, values & beliefs:

Our PURPOSE is to enable every believer to

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, & to MAKE DISCIPLES.

Our VALUES reflect the environment within which we pursue our mission

**MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS:** Members of the body participating in meaningful relationships characterized by an over-abundance of the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

**DISCIPLINED PRODUCTIVITY:** As wise, master builders; strengthening and expanding the church ministry through careful, disciplined, strategic efforts; always building on the solid foundation of Christ. I Corinthians 3:10 – 11

**INTENTIONAL MULTIPLICATION:** Each follower of Jesus participating in expanding God's Kingdom through the intentional multiplication of ministries & relationships. I Corinthians 11:1

**SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT:** Complete dependence on the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purposes in our world. I Corinthians 12:7-13

**FERVENT PRAYER:** Seeking the power and presence of God in every environment through constant dialogue with God's Spirit. I Thessalonians 5:17-18

**JOYFUL SERVICE:** Following the example of Christ by proactively and joyfully taking on the role of the servant in every in situation and in every relationship. Philippians 2:1-11

**WELCOMING HOSPITALITY:** Every person experiencing the kindness of God through the people of God as we open our hearts, homes, and lives to the stranger. I Peter 4:8-9

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

- ☞ God is bigger, better and closer than we can imagine.
- ☞ The Bible is God's perfect guidebook for living.
- ☞ Jesus is God showing Himself to us.
- ☞ Through His Holy Spirit, God lives in and through us now.
- ☞ Nothing in creation "just happened." God made it all.
- ☞ Grace is the only way to have a relationship with God.
- ☞ Faith is the only way to grow in our relationship with God.
- ☞ Evil exists because of sin and God can bring good even out of evil events.
- ☞ God promises victory over evil to those who choose Him.
- ☞ Heaven and Hell are real places. Death is a beginning, not the end.
- ☞ The church is to serve people like Jesus served people.
- ☞ Jesus is coming again!

## CHURCH ON THE ROCK HOMER'S SHARED PURPOSE

**AGREEMENT** Having trusted in Christ alone as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with the Purpose, Values, and Beliefs of Church on the Rock Homer, I now choose to join with the COTRH family in pursuing our shared purpose, according to our beliefs and consistent with our values. In doing so, I commit myself to the Lord and to my COTRH family; to protect our unity; and to share, serve, and support the ministry of our church for the coming year.

I commit to pursue our shared purpose, values & beliefs  
along with the COTRH family for the coming year.

Printed Name(s)

Individual or as a Couple

Signature(s)\_\_\_\_\_



# COTRH COMPLETE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

**ABOUT THE BIBLE** The Holy Scriptures, comprised of Old and New Testaments, are fully and verbally inspired by God and are therefore infallible and trustworthy in all areas in which they speak. Their central salvation message and essential teachings are clear and accessible to all who follow the standard and self-evident rules of literary interpretation. They are therefore the supreme, unmediated, and final authority of faith and practice for every believer.

**ABOUT GOD** There is only one eternal, almighty and perfect God. Within the Being of this one true God exist three Persons, eternally distinct and yet equally God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Persons are the one true God.

**ABOUT JESUS** Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, who took upon Himself human flesh through the miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He who is fully God became fully man, uniting two natures in one person. Christ lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended into Heaven where He now serves as our High Priest, our only Mediator. He will return bodily and visibly to the earth as King and Lord and will judge every human being who has ever lived.

**ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT** The Holy Spirit is the eternal Third Person of the Trinity, the Regenerator and Sanctifier of the redeemed, the Bestower of spiritual fruit and gifts, and the abiding Advocate who empowers believers for godly living and supernaturally enables them for service.

**ABOUT MANKIND AND SIN** In Adam human beings were created in the image of God. Through the fall of Adam that image of God in humanity has been defiled, although not eradicated. Every human being is corrupt, estranged from God and condemned by God because of their descent into sin. The desperate need of humanity is the restoration of fellowship with God through the forgiveness of sins; yet mankind is totally unable to atone for and restore themselves.

**ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY** God created us male and female, gendered and sexual beings, according to His good intentions and for His good purposes. Sex was created by God to be enjoyed in a life-long loving covenant relationship between a biological man and woman. Sin explains why we experience our own sexuality and gender in a way that is often at odds with the good intentions and purposes of God. No person can fully experience God's good intentions and purpose for sexuality and gender apart from His saving mercy and healing grace. To normalize any deviation from the unequivocal testimony of scripture is harmful to the individual, harmful to Christian fellowship, and heartbreaking to God.

**ABOUT SALVATION** Jesus' death on the cross provided a substitutionary atonement for the sins of humanity. In salvation we are rescued from God's wrath and adopted as sons and daughters by His unmerited grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone.

**ABOUT ETERNITY** Those who have received the free gift of salvation will be raised from the dead or raptured (snatched up from their earthly lives) to meet Christ at His Second Coming, and their bodies will be transformed like unto His glorious, immortal body. They will live forever in the fellowship and Kingdom of God in a new heaven and a new earth. Eternal, conscious punishment apart from the fellowship and Kingdom of God (hell) is the ultimate destiny of unrepentant humanity, Satan, and his entire angelic host.

**ABOUT THE CHURCH** The Christian church, which is the body and bride of Christ, is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Corporately and individually, its members strive to worship, serve, and glorify God through personal relationship with Him characterized by prayer and praise, diligent study and application of

the Scriptures, sanctified living, good works, and the observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The support of the local church ministry is accomplished through individual giving consistent with the principle of tithes and offerings. The ultimate mission of the church is the discipleship of all nations - not only the saving of souls (which is primary) but also the bringing of the gospel to bear on every aspect of life and thought - until the Lord returns.

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