

## **CHRIST UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

### **Mission and Ministry**

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**Authority** - it is without question that Christ is God’s anointed Son. He came to establish His Kingdom on earth. Jesus is the authority by which we follow, and our ultimate loyalty is to the Trinity. The Great Commission appointed to Jesus disciples. “Go...All Nations” Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19. KJV

**“Make Disciples”** - learners, followers of Jesus Christ. The twelve disciples followed, learned and were trained by Jesus. “Baptizing” to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” Matthew 28:19-20.KJV.

**“Teaching Them to Observe All Things”** - is the teaching the disciples give to children in Christ. “I Am with You”, Jesus said He will be with you always.

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**“End of the Age”** - means Christ abides with us and the word “end” is the end of the earth or when Jesus returns. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just”. Matthew 13:49. KJV Jesus is reassuring us and giving us confidence.

**The Shape of Discipleship** - What should they do? 1 Timothy 4:13 “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” and What do a healthy church look like? 1 Timothy 2:1 “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplication, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;”. 2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine”. Matthew 21:13 “And said unto them, it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves”.

**Members of One Body** - “Unity and Diversity in the Body” “12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14. KJV.

**Harmony and Unity in the Body** – it is God’s plan and it is very important to Him. We must join together like a puppies suckling of their mom for milk. Learn of Him, Teach the Word from Him, gather the liberated children of God.

**Worship and Ordinances** - The ordinances and statutes are the crown jewels of Israel. Israel's careful observance of them reveals to the surrounding nations the chosen people's wisdom and understanding. No other nation has statutes and ordinances so righteous as those given by Yahweh to Israel ( Deut 4:5-8 ). These are words of life. What it means to do good, seek justice, and correct oppression. God's desire for his ordinances and statutes remains unchanged as is made clear in the quote of Jeremiah 31:33-34 in Hebrews 10:16-17: "I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

**True Biblical Fellowship** - "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47

**Evangelism and Missions** - Differentiating between Evangelism and Missions : "Evangelism" is speaking to anyone , anywhere the gospel. You don't have to succeed at it, even if somebody is not getting saved but you need to say it, speak the Word. "Missions" is doing that by crossing a culture and learning a language, new culture where there is no Church, but people are doing Evangelism.

## **OTHER PRACTICES IN THE CHURCH**

### **The Leadership of the Church**

- Apostle - is an ambassador "one who have been sent". To make it clear John 13:16 said" no servant is greater than his master, nor is the messenger greater than the one who sent him".

- Prophet - Jesus was thought to be a prophet because he could predict the future John 4:19 “ sir the women said, I can ee that you are a prophet”.
- Evangelist - Paul knew there was no hierarchy over prophets, evangelists, pastors or teachers. Christ gave them wisdom and knowledge to deliver His Word.
- Pastor - is the Shepherd of the Local Church. John 10: 11-14.
- Teacher - He called himself a teacher, his disciples called him teacher, the crowds called him teacher, even his enemies called him teacher. "Teacher" is the Greek equivalent of "Rabbi" (John 1:38; 20:16).
- Bishop - is a person who supervises all the churches in a region. The bishop often leads the largest congregation in the largest city in the region. Hierarchical churches assign a bishop to each region to have administrative authority over the Pastors and Churches in that region. Each city or region has only one bishop.
- Elders - the extent and limits of elders' authority is not spelled out in the New Testament, but it is clear that they do have authority. Congregation , "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden" (Heb. 13:17). "Respect those...who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12). "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor" (1 Tim. 5:17).

- Deacon - are ministers, assistants or servants. Someone who works to help others. The word is used in a general sense to describe apostles, preachers, servants and other workers. It is apparently used in a more specialized meaning in Phil. 1:1 and 1 Tim. 3:8-13.

**The Priesthood of All Believers** - "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" ...“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, is own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" 1 Peter 2:5-9.

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