

**ARTICLE III - CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
DISTINCTIVES AND STATEMENT OF FAITH
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Section 1. General.

A. Distinctives:

1. The Fourfold Gospel is the Christological summary on which the core values of The Christian and Missionary Alliance is based. Through dramatic spiritual encounters that changed the course of his life, Simpson came to firmly believe that Christ was not only his Savior, but also his Sanctifier and Healer. Alliance people share this rich legacy, as well as our founder's passion to complete the Great Commission—to take the light of Christ to places where there is little access to the truth—and bring back our Coming King.

a. Jesus Christ is our Savior:

The Name of Jesus has impacted lives around the world for more than 2,000 years. He is a universal Savior, promising that: “whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Jesus is an exclusive Savior. “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name in heaven given to men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:12. Contrary to what contemporary culture tells us, there are not multiple paths to God. There is only one—Jesus Christ

b. Jesus Christ is our Sanctifier:

Many Christians understand God's promise of salvation but do not experience the ongoing sanctifying work of Jesus Christ in their lives. For those who neither understand nor allow the Holy Spirit's control in their lives, the results have a

profound effect. Unsuccessful struggle against sin and a lack of power in life and ministry frustrate those who have asked Jesus to be their Savior but not their Sanctifier, resulting in a lack of joy in their walk with Christ. At the point when we are born again, we become members of God's family. We believe He paid the price for our sin and that his followers are—set apart from those are not born again—and are seen as holy because of what Christ has done.

c. Jesus Christ is our Healer:

A great portion of Christ's time was dedicated to healing the sick. He healed all kinds of people: the blind, the paralyzed, the lame, the deaf, lepers, those who had fevers, and many with chronic illnesses. We find no record in the gospels of Jesus turning away anyone who came to him for healing, nor do we find that any disease was too difficult for him to heal. He even raised the dead. Miraculous healings still occur today—evidence that Christ is still our Healer.

d. Jesus Christ is our Coming King:

The physical return of Jesus has been the subject of speculation and controversy since His ascension into the clouds, which is recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts. Knowing that countless millions still have not heard the gospel, The Alliance is committed to doing its part to complete Christ's Great Commission before His imminent return.

B. Statement of Faith:

1. There is one God,(1) who is infinitely perfect,(2) existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.(3)

2. Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man.(4) He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.(5) He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust,(6) as a substitutionary sacrifice,(7) and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.(8) He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.(9) He is now at the right hand of Majesty on high as our great High Priest.(10) He will come again to establish His kingdom, righteousness and peace.(11)

3. The Holy Spirit is a divine person,(12) sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer,(13) and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.(14)

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.(15)

4. Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God: (16) he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature,(17) are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (18) The portion of the unrepentant and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment;(19) and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.(20)

5. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.(21)

6. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly,(22) being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service.(23) This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.(24)

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body.(25) Prayer for the sick

and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the Church in this present age.(26)

7. The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, (27) which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations. (28) The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.(29)

8. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;(30) for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.(31)

9. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent(32) and will be personal, visible, and premillennial.(33) This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.(34)

[1] Deuteronomy 6:4, [2] Matthew 5:48, [3] Matthew 28:19, [4] Philippians 2:6-11, [5] Luke 1:34-38, [6] 1 Peter 3:18, [7] Hebrews 2:9, [8] Romans 5:9, [9] Acts 2:23-24, [10] Hebrews 8:1, [11] Matthew 26:64, [12] John 14:15-18, [13] John 16:13; Acts 1:8, [14] John 16:7-11, [15] 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-16, [16] Genesis 1:27, [17] Romans 3:23, [18] 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, [19] Revelation 21:8, [20] Revelation 21:1-4, [21] Titus 3:4-7, [22] 1 Thessalonians 5:23, [23] Acts 1:8, [24] Romans 6:1-14, [25] Matthew 8:16-17, [26] James 5:13-16, [27] Ephesians 1:22-23, [28] Matthew 28:19-20, [29] Acts 2:41-47, [30] 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, [31] John 5:28-29, [32] Hebrews 10:37, [33] Luke 21:27, [34] Titus 2:11-14

ARTICLE V. BIBLICAL MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL/GENDER IDENTITY

Section 1. General

A. Church Subject to Biblical Authority on Marriages

1. Quartzsite Alliance Church follows the living, holy and God inspired Bible as God's instruction manual for all followers of Jesus Christ, including all leaders and members at Quartzsite Alliance Church. The Bible is the authority under which we make all ministry operating decisions and all church conduct and policies must be consistent with Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Our church, its ministers and its properties exist only to serve and be used for biblical principals and shall not be used for unbiblical purposes, such as performing non-biblical marriages, even if under government duress.

B. Biblical Teaching on Marriage

1. The Book of Genesis shows that the Christian concept of marriage is based on God's revelation of the origin of human life on earth where God declares that His creation was "very good" after He had declared that it was not good for man to be alone and He created Eve to make them complete as a husband and wife, man and woman.

C. Church's Acceptance of God's Word Over Man's Anti-Biblical Laws

1. Quartzsite Alliance Church accepts this biblical covenant of marriage as it has existed from the first man forward and that precedes any governmental laws regulating the marriage unit that God created. The biblical concept is that marriage is an emotional, physical, and spiritual union between one man and one woman who become one flesh together when they join as husband and wife. In Mark 10:2-9, Jesus clearly states that God's plan and view of marriage involves only the union of a man and a woman in matrimony, that is holy and acceptable to God. Obedience to the Word of God in the area of sexual behavior leads to stable and productive family life. The husband and wife marriage relationship reflects the Church's relationship with God. In Ephesians 5, husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loves the church, to be willing to die for

them and wives are called to respect their husbands as the head of the family, just as Christ's body, His Church is called to respect Christ as head of the church in all regards. Quartzsite Alliance Church respects Christ as the Head of the Church and will follow only His teachings on marriage regardless of what any secular government might otherwise attempt to command.

D. Biblical Teachings on Non-Christian Marriages

1. Quartzsite Alliance Church's policy regarding Christian marriage and refusing to accept any proclamation that same sex or any other form of marriage that is not one man and one woman is acceptable, is based on the Bible's clear teaching that homosexuality, bestiality, and polygamy are sins. All sexual relationships other than between one man and one woman married to each other are condemned in the Bible. (Leviticus 18:22, 26:15-56, Romans 1:24-25 and I Corinthians 5:9-13, 6:9-12, 15-20)

E. Church's Obligation to Teach God's Truth in Real Love

1. Quartzsite Alliance Church loves people enough to unselfishly warn individuals when their lifestyle exposes them to God's judgment. Celebrating a decision to live a life of sin and encouraging people to live contrary to God's Word is neither an act of love or true friendship. Non-Christian churches and even churches that hold themselves out as biblical Christian churches who teach or proclaim the acceptability of any "marital relationship" other than a marriage between one man and one woman are apostate churches subject to the very severe judgment and punishment of God for leading people into sin and exposing them to the consequence of their sin.

F. Church Ministry to Those Caught in Sin

1. Quartzsite Alliance Church supports ministries to and prays for individuals living in any sexual sin, as defined by God, that they be delivered from their sin. Failing to repent from any sin and failing to

accept Christ's redemptive payment of the price of our sin will determine the eternal destiny of all men, to either eternity in heaven or hell. A penalty must be paid for all sin. It can only be paid for each individual sinner's turning from sin and accepting Christ's love and forgiveness, so that they are washed, sanctified and cleansed by Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit and be freed from their sin.

G. No Compromise of the Truth

1. We accept God's Word as the ultimate truth over all the laws, reasoning and thoughts of man. We will not compromise God's truths regardless of society's or the government's pressure to accept decisions and values that are not acceptable to God. We stand on the biblical example of Peter and John who continued to obey God and preach the truths of His Word even after the governing authorities commanded them to stop preaching the truths about Jesus Christ. Acts 4:19-20. Laws that attempt to coerce and punish individuals, churches, and businesses into openly accepting and endorsing the lifestyle of individuals who choose to morally sin contrary to God's Word is an act of rebellion against God and subjects all who cooperate with the same to judgment of God violating His revealed truth.

H. Rejection of Contrary "Marriages"

1. Based on the revealed truths and the perfect love of God behind them, Quartzsite Alliance Church accepts the biblical definition of marriage as a covenant relationship between one man and with one woman in the presence and love and blessings of God and excluding all others. No other relationship is acceptable as a marriage in God's sight. This church will not allow, recognize, participate in or support any other concept or definition of marriage. Any relationship between two or more men or two or more women in any claimed marriage, domestic partnership, domestic unit or other relationship proclaimed equivalent to a marriage is contrary to God's Word and involves the government throwing off God's Word and subjecting

society to judgment for sin. This would include any marriages or relationships that go outside of the human race.

I. Policies for Staff and Properties

1. For these reasons, and given the place of honor and holiness that marriage is given in the Bible, Quartzsite Alliance Church adopts the following policies:

a. Pastors: Quartzsite Alliance Church shall employ no ministerial staff member or employee who does not verify that they personally affirm the truths set forth herein and agree to comply with the same. Any pastor or minister employed by Quartzsite Alliance Church who performs or participates in same sex wedding ceremony shall be promptly terminated consistent with these bylaws for immoral conduct celebrating a decision to live contrary to God's revealed truth.

b. Preventing other Ministers From Conducting Ceremonies: Only those ministers that agree with and accept the truths behind these marriage policies, shall be allowed to conduct or participate in wedding ceremonies on our premises. This is to be determined by the discretion of Quartzsite Alliance Church Board of Elders.

c. Prohibiting Properties From Such Use: No marriage ceremony will be conducted at Quartzsite Alliance Church unless it involves a biblical marriage between one man and one woman as set forth herein. No event will be allowed on church property that proclaims or endorses the acceptability of any alleged marital relationship contrary to the biblical truths set forth herein.

d. Wedding Applicants: All persons desiring to be married at Quartzsite Alliance Church or by a member of our pastoral staff shall be required to complete pre-marital counseling with one of our staff members or another minister or pastor acceptable to Quartzsite Alliance Church in its sole discretion.

No marriage or other ceremony shall be performed for any couple who are not qualified in accordance with our policies on marriage. The Pastor conducting the pre-marital counseling has discretionary authority to recommend to the Senior/Lead Pastor that in his judgment the couple is not ready for or should not be married at Quartzsite Alliance Church or by any ministerial staff members. The Senior/Lead Pastor shall decide, in his discretion but in conformity with these bylaws, whether or not the church will allow the marriage to be held at the church or to be performed by a ministerial staff member and will so advise the couple.

e. Right to Deny Applicants: Quartzsite Alliance Church reserves the right to refuse to allow any pastor to participate in a wedding or other ministry event at the Church. The church reserves the right to refuse to allow use of the church property or facilities to perform any wedding ceremony or other event that, in its sole discretion, is inconsistent with the church's statement of faith and contrary to Biblical standards for marriage and with this marriage policy.

J. Sexual/Gender Identity

1. In the society around us there is a belief that one can choose their sexual and/or gender identity. The Quartzsite Alliance Church believes that God has created us each the way we are. We believe that it is through unbiblical desires and teachings that humanity is has always been and is right now more than ever in a state of sexual and gender chaos. The Quartzsite Alliance Church is dedicated to helping people understand their true identity in Jesus Christ and who they were created to be. Any other idea of sexual or gender identity that denies that we are created either male or female by design and therefore can change our birth gender is completely rejected by the Quartzsite Alliance Church.

ARTICLE VI - ORDINANCES

Section 1. General.

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are recognized as the two ordinances of the church.

1. Believer's baptism by immersion is taught and practiced as the scriptural mode. A pastor or other elders shall oversee baptism. They shall provide the instruction about baptism and shall administer baptisms themselves or choose other spiritually respected people to do these ministries.

2. The Lord's Supper is administered regularly. A pastor or other elders shall oversee Communion. They shall provide the instruction about Communion and shall administer the Communion themselves or choose other spiritually respected people to do these ministries.