

POSITION STATEMENTS

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The following statements reflect the positions taught by the leadership of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

On the family

We believe God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church. Marriage provides the framework for intimate companionship, the only channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord and are to be protected and valued. Parents hold the primary responsibility to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage, teach their children spiritual and moral values, and lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.¹

¹ Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22;

On Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society. We are to pray for the governing authorities in order that we might live quiet and peaceful lives and that the gospel might go forth. They are to be honored and obeyed, except in things openly opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth.¹

On Stewardship

We believe God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.²

22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

¹ Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:7; Titus 3:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-14, 17

² II Corinthians 8:7; I Corinthians 16:2; Malachi 3:8-10; Hebrews 7:2-4; Matthew 23:23; Leviticus 27:30

On Missions

God demands to be glorified by all peoples from all nations in all the earth. In the gospel, God sent His Son Jesus to reconcile sinners to Himself through His life, death, burial, and resurrection. Only through hearing and believing in this gospel can men and women be saved from their sin and worship God as He deserves. The church's specific task is to make disciples by going into all the world, baptizing Christians into local churches, and teaching them all that Christ commanded. All Christians, therefore, have a duty to seek to win people to Christ through the proclamation of the gospel undergirded by various kinds of good works.¹

¹Revelation 4:11; Romans 12:1; Psalm 150:1-6; Psalm 96:1; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15::1-11; Romans 1:16, 10:14-17; John 4:23-24; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:16; Titus 3:8

Bible Verses about Missions

REVELATION 4:11

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

ROMANS 12:1

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

PSALMS 150:1-6

150:1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

3 Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

PSALM 96:1

96:1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

JOHN 3:16

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

ROMANS 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 10:14-17

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **15** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" **17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

JOHN 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1 PETER 3:15

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

EPHESIANS 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

MATTHEW 5:16

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

TITUS 3:8

8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.