

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING, INC.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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Preamble

Apostolic Christians Together Serving, Inc. (ACTS) is a Christian ministry founded upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and the faith and practice of the New Testament Church. We affirm the authority of the Holy Bible and seek to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, equip believers for Christian service, and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through both word and action.

The following Statement of Faith expresses the foundational beliefs of ACTS and provides the doctrinal basis for its ministry, leadership, teaching, and Christian fellowship.

1. The Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and the authoritative foundation for Christian faith, doctrine, and conduct.

ACTS prefers and primarily uses the **King James Version (KJV)** in its ministry and official teaching. We also recognize faithful translations of the Holy Bible as the Word of God and acknowledge their value for study, teaching, understanding, and Christian growth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2. The One True God

We believe in **one God**, eternal and indivisible. God has revealed Himself as Father, in the Son, and through the Holy Spirit.

We believe Jesus Christ is the visible manifestation of the invisible God. He is the Word made flesh, and in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (KJV)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Colossians 2:9 (KJV)

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

3. Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. He lived without sin, ministered with divine authority, suffered and died for our sins, was buried, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will come again.

Through Jesus Christ, God has provided salvation and reconciliation for humanity.

John 1:14 (KJV)

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJV)

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

4. Salvation

We believe all humanity is in need of salvation and that salvation is made possible through the grace of God and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel calls us to respond to Jesus Christ through faith, repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38 (KJV)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. Repentance

We believe repentance is a sincere turning away from sin and toward God. True repentance involves a change of heart, mind, and direction and should produce a life increasingly submitted to Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

6. Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ

We believe in water baptism by immersion **in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**, according to the teaching and practice of the New Testament Church.

Through baptism, the believer identifies with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and responds in faith and obedience to the Gospel.

We understand Jesus' command to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" in Matthew 28:19 in harmony with the practice of the apostles recorded in the book of Acts. We believe Jesus Christ is the revealed name in which the apostles fulfilled this command, and therefore ACTS administers water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Acts 19:5 (KJV)

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

7. The Holy Ghost

We believe in the promise, presence, power, and continuing work of the Holy Ghost. We believe believers should seek to be filled with the Spirit of God.

We affirm the biblical manifestation of spiritual gifts and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The Holy Ghost empowers believers for witness, ministry, Christian living, spiritual growth, and service.

Acts 1:8 (KJV)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:4 (KJV)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

8. Christian Life and Holiness

We believe followers of Jesus Christ are called to lives of holiness, love, integrity, humility, mercy, and obedience to God.

Holiness involves the continuing transformation of the believer's life as we seek to reflect the character of Jesus Christ in our conduct, relationships, service, and treatment of others.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV)

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

9. Human Dignity

We believe every human being possesses God-given worth and dignity and should therefore be treated with love, compassion, justice, mercy, and respect.

We affirm the biblical reality of sin and the universal need for repentance while rejecting the practice of reducing any person to his or her sins, failures, past, circumstances, or condition. Every person we encounter is a human being whom God created and for whom Christ gave Himself.

Because people matter to God, they must also matter to His Church. Christian ministry should recognize the value of the whole person and seek to serve people without humiliation, unnecessary exclusion, partiality, or condemnation.

We believe the Church should demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ not only through what it teaches, but also through how it treats people.

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

James 2:1 (KJV)

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

10. Divine Healing

We believe God is able to heal and that Christians should pray in faith for those who are sick, suffering, injured, or in need of restoration.

We believe God may heal **divinely and immediately**, and we also recognize that healing may occur over time and through a process. The timing and manner of healing remain within the wisdom and sovereignty of God.

We believe faith in divine healing and the responsible use of medical care are not contrary to one another. Christians may pray, trust God, and seek appropriate care while continuing to believe in God's power to heal.

James 5:14-15 (KJV)

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

11. The Church and the Body of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that believers collectively comprise the Body of Christ.

ACTS does not believe that the Body of Christ is limited to one fellowship, organization, congregation, or denomination.

Denominational distinctions may divide Christian organizations, but they do not define the full boundaries of the Body of Christ.

ACTS therefore welcomes appropriate opportunities to serve, fellowship, pray, praise, worship, learn, and work alongside other Christians and Christian ministries when those opportunities are consistent with our faith, mission, and commitment to Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Ephesians 4:4-6 (KJV)

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

12. Christian Ministry, Servant Leadership, and Impartiality

We believe God calls and equips people for ministry and Christian service. Leadership in the Church is a sacred responsibility and must never become an excuse for domination, self-exaltation, or abuse of authority.

Jesus Christ established the model of servant leadership. Those entrusted with ministry leadership are therefore called to serve others, exercise integrity, accept accountability, and care faithfully for those entrusted to them.

We believe positions of Christian leadership and ministry should be entrusted according to calling, character, spiritual maturity, qualifications, and the needs of the Church. Family relationship, friendship, social standing, financial influence, or personal loyalty should neither automatically qualify nor disqualify a person from Christian service.

We reject partiality and favoritism in ministry leadership. Those entrusted with authority should seek God's direction and exercise sound judgment without preferring individuals merely because of personal or family relationships.

Mark 10:42-45 (KJV)

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise

lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

1 Timothy 5:21 (KJV)

I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

13. Prayer, Worship, and Spiritual Gifts

We believe prayer and worship are essential to Christian life. We believe God hears prayer and continues to work through His people according to His will.

We believe the Holy Ghost gives spiritual gifts for the edification of the Church and the work of ministry. These gifts should be exercised in love, humility, biblical order, and accountability.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (KJV)

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

14. Communion

We believe in observing **Communion** in remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In Communion, believers remember His body given for us and His blood shed for us and proclaim His death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV)

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

15. The Great Commission and Christian Service

We believe the Church has been commanded by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, teach His Word, and bear witness to Him.

We also believe Christian ministry requires service. Followers of Jesus Christ should demonstrate His love through compassion, generosity, mercy, and practical service to others.

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 25:40 (KJV)

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

16. The Return of Jesus Christ and Eternal Life

We believe Jesus Christ will return. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the judgment of God, and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The hope of His coming calls believers to remain faithful, prepared, and committed to the work Christ has entrusted to His Church.

John 14:2-3 (KJV)

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Closing Affirmation

ACTS believes that **the Body of Christ is greater than ACTS**. No single fellowship, congregation, organization, or denomination possesses the entirety of the Church of Jesus Christ.

While denominations and Christian traditions may differ, ACTS seeks appropriate opportunities to **serve, pray, praise, worship, learn, fellowship, and work alongside other Christians** when doing so is consistent with biblical faith and the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.

Our commitment is to Jesus Christ, the Holy Bible, the proclamation of the Gospel, Christian service, discipleship, servant leadership, and the building up of the Body of Christ.

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