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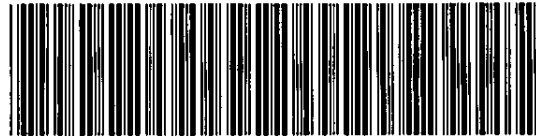
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TO: Amendment Section  
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Life of Christ Church, Inc

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

Life of Christ Church, Inc.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:**

*The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

**B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:**

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

**C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:**

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

**D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:**

Name of New Registered Agent:

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

**New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:**

*I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.*

*Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing*

**If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:**

*(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)*

*Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:*

*P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.*

*Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.*

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**E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:**

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

*Amended*

*See Attached Articles*

*Modified Article II to include "Purpose" per I.R.S. requirement*

*Modified Article IX to include IRS requirement*

*Added Article XIV for Employment*

# **LIFE OF CHRIST CHURCH**

## **ARTICLE I -- NAME**

**The name of this assembly shall be: Life of Christ Church, Inc.**

## **ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE - CREED**

**Purpose:** This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purpose, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Creed:** This Assembly is to meet and worship on a regular basis. It is also to meet for special services for fellowship, revival, discipleship, teaching and preparation for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that the only way to be given eternal life is through the redemptive blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is not a way to get to heaven, but the **only** way. In order to gain access to the kingdom you must first believe and have faith that Jesus died for your sins and will forgive you of them. Nevertheless, faith alone is dead. We also believe that works or action is crucial for salvation. First, we believe you must repent and die out to your sins and accept Christ as your Savior. Second, you must be buried through water baptism with Him, which signifies an outward expression of an inward change and further signifies the washing away of our sins. Finally, when our sins have been washed away and our temple has been purged, we are ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a seal or covering that aids us with our daily struggles in life.

## **ARTICLE III -- ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The regular order of business for any Business Meeting of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Devotional.
2. Reading of previous minutes by Board Secretary.
3. Report of Secretary and/or Treasurer.
4. Report of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Election of officers, if necessary
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

## **ARTICLE IV -- ORDINANCES**

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Acts 2:38) shall be administered to all those who have repented of their sins and who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls, and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Romans 6:3-14, Romans 10:9, I Timothy 3:16).

## **ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP**

### **Qualifications:**

Active voting membership in this assembly shall be open to all those who possess the following qualifications:

1. A testimony to an experience of the "new birth" in Jesus Christ.
2. Having been baptized in water by immersion.
3. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 13:13, 14;
4. Faithful to church, pays tithe faithfully, agrees to submit to Articles of Faith, and attends church services regularly.
5. Having reached at least 18 years of age.
6. Having regularly attended services of, and supported this assembly for a period of a least three consecutive months prior to the date of application for membership.

### **Procedure for Membership Recognition:**

Those individuals eligible for membership who shall desire to become members of this church shall make written request to the pastor or church board. The church board shall have the right and authority to determine the eligibility and acceptability of all applicants for membership by majority vote. Those approved for membership by the church board shall be received into the church publicly at any of its regular services, and their names thereupon added to the church membership roll. No applicant for membership shall be accepted as a member within 30 days before an annual business meeting or within 10 days before a special business meeting.

### **Honorary Members:**

The church board, at any regular or special meeting, may approve honorary members by a unanimous vote of the members present. Honorary membership is available to any member who has left or is leaving the church indefinitely for ministry purposes. Honorary membership recognition shall continue as long as the member maintains a consistent Christian life, remains sound in doctrine, and maintains a cooperative attitude toward this home assembly.

**Inactive Members:**

Active voting members who shall, without good cause, absent themselves from the services of the assembly for a period of three consecutive months, may be declared inactive members by a majority vote of the church board, and thereupon shall lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship, their standing to be settled by action of the assembly through its church board.

**Membership Roll:**

The church board shall review the list of active voting members at least annually, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the board immediately preceding the annual business meeting, and compile a current list of active voting members.

**ARTICLE VI -- MEETINGS****Worship:**

Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Sunday and during the week as provided under the direction of the Pastor and the church board.

**Sunday School:**

Sunday School may be held for classes weekly, immediately before Sunday morning worship.

**Youth:**

Youth meetings may be held as directed by the Pastor and Youth Leader.

**Monthly Board Meeting:**

The church board shall meet monthly or at the call of the Pastor for the transaction of business for this assembly; time and meeting location shall be announced by the Pastor. A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum. Anything that affects the whole body of the church needs to be brought before tithe-bearing voting members to inform them of actions needed or taken

**Annual Business Meeting:**

There shall be an annual business meeting of the assembly, at which time the election/confirmation of officers shall take place and the report of all officers shall be presented. This meeting shall be held during the month of February of each year. The time and place shall be announced by the Pastor. Notice of the date, time and place of each annual meeting shall be announced from the pulpit during morning worship services on each of the two Sundays immediately preceding the date of the meeting.

**Special Business Meeting:**

Special business meeting of the assembly may be called by the Pastor, or by a majority of the church board of this assembly. Only those active voting members who have regularly attended services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of a least three consecutive months prior to the meeting shall be counted.

Petitions pertaining to the business affairs of the church shall be submitted to the Pastor or the Secretary of the board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

A petition pertaining to the status of the Pastor shall be directed to the board, who shall arrange for a special business meeting of the assembly.

No more than one petition on a given subject shall be recognized in any twelve month period.

Notice of the date, time, place and purpose of each special business meeting shall be announced from the pulpit during morning worship services on each of the two Sundays immediately preceding the date of the meeting.

No business other than that specified in the notice of meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the assembly.

## **ARTICLE VII -- FINANCES**

### **In General:**

All funds for the maintenance of the assembly shall be provided by the voluntary contributions, tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the assembly. Offerings shall be accepted by the assembly at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and the board and shall be administered by the Treasurer under their direction (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; I Corinthians 16:1,2; I Corinthians 9:6-8).

### **Handling of Offerings:**

All offerings shall be counted by at least two authorized persons before the funds are removed from the church building. A record shall be kept of all receipt and disbursements of the local assembly and of all individual giving.

### **Salary:**

The Pastor may/shall receive a salary agreed upon by the church board itself. The church board shall review the Pastor's salary at least annually.

### **Spending:**

Pastor spending limit is \$300.00 per month without the approval of board.

The secretary/treasurer spending limit is \$100.00 per month without the approval of board.

### **Expenses:**

A record of expenses shall be kept by the secretary/treasurer and report to the Pastor and board at each monthly meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII -- PROPERTY**

### **Purchase and Sales of Property:**

All purchases of furnishings, equipment or other items of tangible personal property exceeding \$10,000 in cost, and all purchases and sales of real property shall be authorized by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership who are in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the assembly.

## **ARTICLE IX -- DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE X -- GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

### **A. In General:**

We agree by scripture that a Pastor is sent by God to lead until such a time God sees to remove him, or the active board must by necessity vote to remove him. Eph. 4:11-13

The government of this assembly shall be vested in the church board, which shall consist of the Pastor and at least Two (2) Board members (deacons).

Board members shall be chosen in accordance with Acts 6.

Officers shall consist of Teachers, Lay Ministers, Youth Leaders and others that the Pastor or board may put in positions of ministry.

Board members, officers or any other person in a position of authority over this assembly agrees to abide by the Articles of Faith of this assembly.

Any member breaking any of the Articles of Faith shall be subject to removal by majority vote of the board.

Members desiring a leadership position of this assembly shall conduct themselves morally and biblically according to Romans 1.

### **B. Duties:**

#### **Pastor:**

The Pastor shall be considered the spiritual overseer of the church and shall oversee all of the activities. He shall be the chief executive officer of the church and act as the chairman of all the business meetings of the church and of the Official Board. He shall provide for all the services of the church and arrange for all special meetings, conventions or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the meetings of the church without his approval. Pastor shall be ex officio member of all committees.

#### **Board:**

The Board is chosen to serve the Church and therefore shall act in an advisory capacity with the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the church in its spiritual life and in the administering of its ordinances. The board shall act in the examination of applications for membership and the administration of discipline. The board shall have the authority, with 100% Board approval, to remove any person, including Pastor, if the need should arise. A majority present at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided all the Board members have been notified of

said meeting. In the event the church is temporarily without a Pastor, or the Pastor is unable to be present, after being notified of said meeting and approving of the meeting, the Board shall be empowered to provide its own chairman from its membership in order to transact business for the church.

**Secretary:**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board and of the annual and special business meetings of the church. He/She shall perform any other clerical work necessary to the proper discharge of his/her duties. He/She shall be custodian of all legal documents. Secretary shall have easy access to current Church financial information. This information shall be available to the Board at regular meetings. When necessary the Secretary may also be the Treasurer.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all finances of the church, which may be committed to him/her. He/She shall deposit all funds in a responsible bank in the name of the church and shall disburse the same by check, debit or credit card as authorized by the Pastor and Official Board. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements. He/She shall make an itemized report at the regular meetings of the Official Board and a summarized report to the church at its regular business meetings. His/Her accounts shall be audited under the direction of the Pastor and Official Board. When necessary the Treasurer may also be the Secretary.

**Sunday School Superintendent:**

The Sunday School Superintendent shall oversee all Sunday School classes and activities. He/She shall make sure all appropriate biblical literature is provided for each class.

**Teachers:**

Those representing the Church shall abide by a modest dress code. They shall teach biblical truths in accordance with the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

**C. Qualifications of the Board Members and Officers:**

1. Board members and Officers shall serve under the Pastor to carry out the duties of church as directed by the Pastor and according to Scripture.
2. Board members and Officers shall be active voting members of this assembly for a least one year immediately preceding election or appointment to office.
3. All Officers agree to abide by the Articles of Faith of the church. Any Officer breaking any of the Articles of Faith shall be subject to removal by majority vote of the Board.

**D. Conflict of Interest Policy:**

No Board member or Officer shall vote on any item or petition that promotes his/her own personal gain or interest or the personal gain or interest of immediate relatives.

## **ARTICLE XI -- ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

### **Vacancies:**

#### **1. Pastor:**

Anytime a Pastor fails to function in a manner according to Scripture, a vote of confidence shall be called. A majority vote of active Board Members shall determine whether the Pastor stays or is dismissed. A prospective Pastor shall be nominated by the church board. Recommendations may be made to the church board by any active voting member of the assembly.

When a new Pastor comes into the church he shall be allowed by a unanimous vote of the Board. All offices other than the Pastor and original existing board members shall be appointed by the Pastor with approval of the Board as needed within the body to perform relative duties.

#### **2. Other Officers:**

Any office may be declared vacant by an act of a majority of the membership of the Board at any regular or special business meeting. Grounds for such action shall be as follows:

- a. Resignation of board member or officer.
- b. Unscriptural conduct.
- c. Doctrinal departure from the articles of faith.
- d. Incompetence in office.

## **ARTICLE XII - ORDAINING OF MINISTERS**

### **Process:**

Any person desiring to be ordained to minister in this assembly must complete Ministry Ordination Course. Pastor reserves the right to refuse any person requesting to minister, at his discretion.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISCIPLINE**

### **Grounds:**

Unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the Articles of Faith held by this assembly shall be considered sufficient grounds upon which any person may be disqualified as a member. Matthew 18:15-18; Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5:11; Galatians 1:8-9; Titus 3:1-15; Romans 1:20-32

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of discipline is to promote repentance and restoration through exposing sinful behavior. It is to be redemptive in nature as well as corrective. Discipline is an exercise of scriptural authority for which the church is responsible (Matthew 16:19; 18:15-20; John 20:23; Ephesians 5:11; I Timothy 5:20; Luke 17:3; 2 Timothy 4:2; Hebrews 13:17; Acts 16:4;).

**Procedures:**

Any member of the assembly is subject to discipline on the basis of unscriptural conduct or doctrinal departure from the Articles of Faith of this assembly, as determined in the sole discretion of the church board. The discipline of ministers who hold credentials with this assembly is administered by the Board of this assembly. The assembly will follow the disciplinary procedure set forth in Matthew 18:15-20. This procedure consists generally of the following steps:

1. The Pastor or a designated member of the church board discusses the charges with the member in an effort to resolve the matter privately;
2. If the first step does not resolve the matter, then the member shall meet with the Pastor and church board or with a designated committee of the church board in an effort to resolve the matter privately;

If the first or second steps do not resolve the matter, then the member or the church board may submit the matter to the membership of the assembly in a special business meeting called for that purpose. Only active voting members of the church shall be permitted to attend such a special business meeting. The decision of a majority of the voting members present at such a meeting shall be final. A member found guilty may be dismissed from membership in the church (Matthew 18:17). However, lesser disciplinary sanctions may be imposed as appropriate, depending on the circumstances of each case.

## **ARTICLE XIV - EMPLOYMENT**

**Purpose:**

The Purpose of this Policy is to notify all Employees, potential Employees and Volunteers of our Employment/Volunteer Process. For the purpose of this Policy, all Employees and Volunteers representing Life of Christ Church, Inc., will hereafter be referred to as Employees.

Any person employed or desiring to be employed by Life of Christ shall submit to and get a background check and fingerprints, to be kept on file at the Church, in the Pastor's office in a locked file cabinet. The only people with access to this information will be the Pastor, Secretary or any other person specifically designated by the Pastor.

Background checks and fingerprinting will be initiated and performed per our Child Protection Guidelines, Page 11.

These Background checks are two-fold. Our Insurance carrier strongly recommends them and we want to protect our staff and friends from inappropriate behavior and unwarranted lawsuits

**"It is the intention of this agency to prevent engaging the services of individuals who have a history of sexual abuse and molestation/misconduct, and to this effect, all efforts will be made to discover such histories. Signed completion of this application gives this agency permission to conduct such background checks, and the applicant is hereby notified such background checks will be made vigorously."**

## SCRIPTURE SUPPORT FOR BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE IV – ORDINANCES

#### Baptism

Acts 2:38 - 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.

#### Salvation

Romans 6:3-14 – Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection:

<sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

<sup>7</sup> For he that is dead is freed from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

<sup>9</sup> Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

<sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

<sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

<sup>13</sup> Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 10:9 – That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

I Timothy 3:16 -And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

### ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

#### Qualifications

Romans 13:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

<sup>14</sup> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

## ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

### In General

Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Luke 6:38

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

I Corinthians 16:1-2

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

<sup>2</sup> Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Corinthians 9:6-9

6But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

9(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

## ARTICLE X – GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### In General

Ephesians 4:11-13

- <sup>11</sup> And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- <sup>12</sup> For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- <sup>13</sup> Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Acts 6

- <sup>1</sup> And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
- <sup>2</sup> Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
- <sup>3</sup> Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- <sup>4</sup> But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- <sup>5</sup> And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
- <sup>6</sup> Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
- <sup>7</sup> And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- <sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
- <sup>9</sup> Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
- <sup>10</sup> And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
- <sup>11</sup> Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.
- <sup>12</sup> And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,
- <sup>13</sup> And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
- <sup>14</sup> For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
- <sup>15</sup> And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Romans 1

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup> (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)  
<sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David  
according to the flesh;  
<sup>4</sup> And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by  
the resurrection from the dead:  
<sup>5</sup> By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all  
nations, for his name:  
<sup>6</sup> Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:  
<sup>7</sup> To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace  
from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of  
throughout the whole world.  
<sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that  
without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;  
<sup>10</sup> Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by  
the will of God to come unto you.  
<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may  
be established;  
<sup>12</sup> That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and  
me.  
<sup>13</sup> Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto  
you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as  
among other Gentiles.  
<sup>14</sup> I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the  
unwise.  
<sup>15</sup> So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.  
<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation  
to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.  
<sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The  
just shall live by faith.  
<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and  
unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;  
<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it*  
unto them.  
<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being  
understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that  
they are without excuse:  
<sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were  
thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.  
<sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,  
<sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible  
man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.  
<sup>24</sup> Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts,  
to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

- <sup>25</sup> Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- <sup>26</sup> For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- <sup>27</sup> And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
- <sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- <sup>29</sup> Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- <sup>30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

## ARTICLE XIII – DISCIPLINE

### Grounds

Matthew 18:15-18

- <sup>15</sup> Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
- <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
- <sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
- <sup>18</sup> Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Romans 16:17-18

- <sup>17</sup> Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
- <sup>18</sup> For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

I Corinthians 5:11

- <sup>11</sup> But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

Galatians 1:8-9

- <sup>8</sup> But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- <sup>9</sup> As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Titus 3:1-15

- <sup>1</sup> Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,
- <sup>2</sup> To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- <sup>3</sup> For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.
- <sup>4</sup> But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
- <sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- <sup>6</sup> Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
- <sup>7</sup> That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- <sup>8</sup> *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- <sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.
- <sup>10</sup> A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;
- <sup>11</sup> Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.
- <sup>12</sup> When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.
- <sup>13</sup> Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.
- <sup>14</sup> And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.
- <sup>15</sup> All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen. (*It was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.*)

Romans 1:20-32

- <sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- <sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- <sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- <sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
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- <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

## ARTICLE Xi – DISCIPLINE

### Purpose

Matthew 16:19

- <sup>19</sup> And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

John 20:23

- <sup>20</sup> And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Ephesians 5:11

- <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

I Timothy 5:20

- <sup>20</sup> Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Luke 17:3

- <sup>3</sup> Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

2 Timothy 4:2

- <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Hebrews 13:17

- <sup>17</sup> Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

Acts 16:4

- <sup>4</sup> And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

## ARTICLE Xi – DISCIPLINE

### Procedure

Matthew 18:15-20

- <sup>15</sup> Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
- <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
- <sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
- <sup>18</sup> Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- <sup>19</sup> Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
- <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

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