

Calvary Chapel Association Fellowship Application

Doctrine:

1. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error and the infallible rule of faith and practice. The Word of God is the foundation upon which the church operates and is the basis for which the church is governed. We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures. ([Isaiah 28:13](#); [Nehemiah 8:8](#); [John 17:17](#); [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#); [1 Peter 1:23-25](#); [2 Peter 1:3-4](#) and [1:21](#)).
2. We believe that there is one living and true GOD, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all things. ([Genesis 1:1](#); [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [Isaiah 44:8](#) and [48:16](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [John 10:30](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#)).
 - a. We believe in the person of God the Father, an infinite, eternal, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. ([Deuteronomy 33:27](#); [Psalms 90:2](#); [Psalms 102:27](#); [John 3:16](#) and [4:24](#); [1 Timothy 1:17](#); [Titus 1:3](#)).
 - b. We believe in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal, visible return to earth. ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [Micah 5:2](#); [Matthew 1:23](#); [Mark 16:19](#); [Luke 1:34-35](#); [John 1:1-2](#), [8:58](#) and [11:25](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [Hebrews 1:8](#); [1 John 1:2](#); [Revelation 1:8](#)).
 - c. We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; ([Acts 1:8](#); [2 Corinthians 3:18](#); [John 16:8-11](#); [Romans 8:26](#) and [15:13,16](#); [Hebrews 9:14](#)), We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. ([John 6:13](#), [14:16-17](#) and [16:8-11](#); [Romans 8:26](#)). We believe in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as a distinct and separate experience to that of regeneration, occurring, either subsequent to or simultaneous with salvation, evidenced by a greater dynamic in the Christian's life enabling that person to be a bold and more effective witness. The supreme evidence of the Spirit filled life is the fruit of the Spirit, love. We believe in the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit in regard to the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the instructions given to us in 1 Corinthians Chapters 12 through 14.
3. We believe that all people are sinners by nature and choice, falling short of God's standard and breaking His commandments - and therefore are under God's righteous judgment. Yet God saves and gives new life to all who come to Him in repentance and faith, trusting in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. At the cross, Jesus Christ died in our place as our substitute, absorbing God's wrath

that should have come upon us. Because Jesus died for the sins of the world the invitation to believe is open to all, and whoever desires may come unto Jesus for new life and the forgiveness of sins. (Romans 3:23, Acts 3:19, Acts 20:21, Ephesians 2:1-3, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 2:2, John 3:16, Matthew 11:28, Revelation 22:17).

4. We believe in the pattern and principle of male leadership and responsibility in both the home and the church, according to the sacrificial example of Jesus. We believe this limits the roles of pastoral leadership and doctrinal authority to qualified men (1 Corinthians 11:1-12, 1 Timothy 2:1-15). We believe in the universal church, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all who are born again are a part of the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:15-16)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances for the church: (a) full immersion water baptism of believers, and (b) the Lord's Supper. (Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
6. We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell and that all those who place their faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord, while those who reject Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity separated from the Lord. (Psalm 9:17; Matthew 5:3, 5:22, 18:9 and 25:31-34; Mark 9:42-49; Luke 12:5; John 3:18; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 14:10-11 and 20:11-15)
7. We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, which is His personal, visible return to earth and the establishment of His millennial kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless separation of the wicked. (Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:11-15) We believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church where all believers will meet the Lord in the air and be taken out of this world prior to the Tribulation that will come upon the earth. (Isaiah 26:20; Matthew 24:29-31; Luke 21:36; Romans 1:18, 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-16 and 5:9; 2 Peter 2:7-9; Revelation 3:10, 5:7-10 and 7:13-14)
8. We believe that God created man and that He created them male and female. As such He created them different so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. Therefore, we perform marriages in accordance with the Bible consistent with the Old and New Testament. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; John 4:16-18; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 5:11, 6:9-11, 6:18-20, 7:1-3 and 7:8-9; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-7; 1 Timothy 1:9-11)

Philosophy of Ministry:

1. Biblical Exposition - Skip Heitzig

"We place great emphasis on the exposition of Scripture and teaching the entire Bible chapter-by-chapter and verse-by-verse. We believe that the Spirit of God works through the Word of God in the hearts of the people of God. Exposition is more than merely speaking *about* the bible or *from* the Bible; it is the proclamation of the Bible itself. The work of the expositor is to determine what God has said in Scripture and then to convey it to God's people so that God's own voice is heard. We believe that Bible exposition is *inductive*: directing the listener to the Bible's own truth without preconceived ideas. We believe that Bible exposition is *exegetical*: demanding that the pastor critically examine the text with accuracy and basing his message upon observable principles of interpretation."

2. Evangelism – Greg Laurie

We believe that, the Great Commission, entrusted to the church by Jesus Himself (Mark 16:15) is a command that is to be taken seriously. It is both the responsibility and privilege of the church to declare, share, and testify to the good news of Christ's substitutionary death and resurrection. We also believe that the great commission, is to not only preach the Gospel but to also 'make disciples'. (Matt. 28:19-20). There is salvation in no other name than the name of Jesus (John 14:6; Acts 4:12); and the gospel of Jesus is the power of God for salvation to all who hear and believe (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, we are passionate in our responsibility to declare the gospel, both simply and boldly. This can take place one on one, or when speaking to large numbers of people (Acts 8:26-38; 2:14-42). The Scriptures clearly state that unsaved people must hear about Jesus and what He has done for them through the cross in order to respond and be saved (Rom. 10:8-10, 14-15). The gift of God's salvation comes to everyone who responds by faith to the message of the gospel (Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:17, (Eph. 2:8-9).

3. Christ Centered Worship – Don McClure

Revelation 4:11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

- ☐ When the Lord created man in His image (Gen 1:26) we were created with the glorious capacity to be a reflection of the Lord Himself. We were created to literally share His life, His nature, His character, His love and joy and peace. Thus man at his highest identity is found as he shares his life with the Lord and the Lord shares His life with us. Thus, we were made to worship the Lord as He is so worthy to receive glory and honor and power as we have been made to bring him pleasure. And nothing brings more pleasure to man than when man is pleasing God.
- ☐ In Calvary Chapel, we love offering ourselves to the Lord and worshipping and praising and rejoicing and resting in Jesus for all He has accomplished for us. We worship Him for what He has done in taking our sin on Himself and giving His life for us. And we worship Him for ever living at the right hand of the Majesty on high making intercession for us and presenting us faultless. And we worship the Father and the Son and the Spirit for all they mean to us for the rest of eternity. Yes, worship is the precious gift God has given us.

4. Eschatology- Jack Hibbs

Calvary Chapel Association holds to the Pretribulational Premillennial interpretation of Biblical Eschatology. This view anticipates a literal fulfillment of yet unfulfilled prophecies just as previously fulfilled prophecies have been literally fulfilled. **(Matthew 5:17-18)**

The Pretribulational Premillennial understanding encourages the most obvious and literal interpretation of the scriptures and has proven to be the most reliable and historically accurate form of interpretation of prophetic events. **(Matthew 24:25, John 14:29)**

Pretribulational Premillennial teaches that before the establishment of the one thousand year reign of Christ known as the millennium **(Revelation 20:6)**. Jesus Christ will first remove His church, the bride of Christ from earth prior to the advent of the Antichrist and the tribulation period of the end times. **(2Thes 2:7-8 John 14:1-3. 1Thes. 4:13-18. Titus 2:13).**

The Pretribulational Premillennial view espouses the Doctrine of Imminency which delineates between the sudden and joyous rapture of the church **(Luke 21:36, 1Corinthians 15:50-58, Revelation 3:10)** from the global and predictable Second Coming of Christ with the church in judgment. **(Revelation 19:11-16)**

5. God's Grace and Love - Chuck Smith

Grace has been defined as God's unmerited favor. In contrasting grace, mercy and justice, I see that justice is getting what I deserve, mercy is not getting what I deserve, and grace is getting what

I don't deserve. I don't deserve the blessing that He bestows daily on my life. In Newell's commentary on Romans 6 he has some great comments on grace, he declares that it is God acting freely, according to His own nature of love, with no promises or obligations to fulfill: and acting righteously in view of the cross it is uncaused in the recipient: its cause lies wholly in the giver. It cannot act where there is cause or desert, it does not help, it is absolute, it does it all. Thus our proper attitude should be, to consent to be loved, though we are aware of how unworthy we are of that love; to refuse to make resolutions and vows to be better, for that is to trust in our flesh; to expect to be blessed, though we know how unworthy we are of those blessings. Satan would have me to focus on myself, and when I do, I can see many reasons for God to withhold His blessings, but when I focus on His grace, I expect and receive abundant blessings that never stop.

6. Male Leadership in the Pulpit – Sandy Adams

Gender matters to God. Masculinity and femininity are not just social constructs. When God created mankind He did so male and female.

And God uses gender to teach important spiritual truths about His relationship with His people. The Bible reveals God as masculine, and His people as feminine. This is why in the Church and in the home, God wants our relationships between the sexes to mirror His relationship with His people. Like Christ, men should lovingly lead - and like the Church, women should willingly follow.

1 Timothy 1-3 sets out four qualifications for elders and pastors: moral character, giftedness to teach, divine calling, and male gender. God uses women in strategic ways, but pastoral authority and the teaching of doctrine in the church is reserved for qualified men.

In Calvary Chapel we have been blessed with a wonderful example of male leadership. Pastor Chuck has been a spiritual father to thousands of young people. He has been a model of biblical masculinity - strong yet gracious. A high priority in the Calvary Chapel philosophy is to help all our men be the servant leader God desires and their family deserves.

7. Baptism of the Holy Spirit/ Gifts – Malcolm Wild

The task of reaching the world with gospel of Jesus Christ is an impossible one. Impossible that is without the equipping and enabling of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge that to live for and serve the Lord we need the dynamic that the Lord Jesus imparts through the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. He has called us, commissioned us, and promised to equip us. (Acts 1:8) The promise of this power (Dýnamis) is a gift for every believer (Acts 2:39) subsequent to the Holy Spirit's work of regeneration and to be received by faith as a separate and distinct work of grace to that of salvation. The Lord has also promised to equip His servants with spiritual gifts for the work of the ministry. (1 Cor 12:4-11) These gifts are for all believers to experience as the Lord wills and did not cease to be manifest at the end of the apostolic age.

8. Equipping the Saints – Mike Macintosh

When Don McClure, Tom Stipe and I were asked by Chuck Smith to become interns at Calvary Chapel, we were thrilled. The crowds were gigantic and we were thrown into the ocean of ministry. The three of us were at every Bible Study that Pastor Chuck taught, plus we each had two or three studies going on at the same time either on campus or in homes.

Boy, we were blessed to learn deep and rich truths from Pastor Chuck as we sat and listened chapter by chapter and verse by verse through the Bible every Sunday, Monday and Thursday evening and Sunday mornings as well. Two of the early books we heard, along with all the church goers, we learned the depth of Romans. We knew we would die to ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus. As a side note, I hear of "stars" or "Christian celebrity teachers" having their names and conferences promoted. Pastor Chuck never has or would draw attention to himself. We were not following a man, but someone who always pointed us to Jesus.

We learned about the Walk of the Spirit and having a renewed mind. The book of Ephesians lit me up as I learned that I was God's workmanship. And that God gives gifts to men, each of us has

a gift of a measure of faith. When we learned that Jesus gave men gifts to serve His people, and I think the "Equipping of the Saints" happened with great fervor among us interns.

When I arrived in San Diego, not knowing anyone, not having any cash or savings, my wife Sandy and I arrived by faith. From the beginning I incorporated the things the Holy Spirit had taught me at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. Pastor Chuck's ministry is easily defined. And, it is that definition that I have used to plant new churches and start new para church organizations, to send people all around the world for God's glory. May we all "Equip the Saints" for the work of the ministry.

Here is the simplicity that I minister and have learned by watching Pastor Chuck serve the Lord:

1. Win people to Jesus.
2. Disciple that person in Jesus.
3. Send that person for Jesus.

9. Servant Leadership - Damien Kyle

One of the things the Lord has been pleased to bless in Calvary Chapel is its emphasis upon servant leadership. This is the conviction among its pastors that the churches we pastor do not exist to serve us, but that we are called to serve and lay our lives down for them. Jesus taught that we are not to be like the rulers of the Gentiles who lord their power and authority over others, but rather that the way to greatness in the kingdom of God comes by being a servant. He declared Himself to be our example in this, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25-28).^[1] Pastors who consider themselves to be too important to do anything needed in order to serve the flock entrusted to them reveal that they have come to think of themselves as more self-important than our Lord. As pastors, we cannot represent our "Servant" Lord without being servants ourselves. Pride, harshness, a sense of self-importance, or a dictatorial spirit is inconsistent with Jesus' example.^[2] There are wonderful promises in God's Word for those who choose to live a life of servant leadership, including 1 Peter 5:5, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

10. Integrity and Morality in Leadership – David Rosales

When Paul wrote to Timothy concerning the qualifications of an pastor, he made it clear that a pastor was to be "able to teach" (1 Ti 3:2). The question is: was Paul only saying that one of the qualifications of a pastor is that he be able to verbally communicate theology, clearly? If that is the case, then even non-believers who read prepared scripts could qualify as a teacher of God's Word, and thus become a pastor. Many church pulpits are occupied by such men.

Teaching the bible is different than teaching someone how to read, or write, or to do basic math. It is the communication of spiritual truth, and God's Word is to be communicated by those who have personally partaken in the transforming power of the message that they now give.

Paul said that pastors are to be "examples to the believers" (1 Ti 4:12), because the Word of God is lived out amongst people, and pastors of all people are "walking sermons" before the world, and the churches that they lead.

This means that, as ministers of the gospel, pastors should have lives that clearly line up with scripture, and as such a pastor's life should be earmarked by integrity and moral purity.

Sadly, the gospel message has often been undermined, not only by obvious heretics, but also through ministers who have not "lived out" the gospel and have, by moral failures of every kind, done damage to the message of salvation and transformation that we find in its message.

In Calvary Chapel ministries, we desire to be men who not only *talk* the message, but also *walk* the message. We take Paul's admonition to Titus to heart, where Paul instructed Titus to "in all things show himself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence (and) incorruptibility" (Titus 2:7).

As a group of men birthed by the Jesus Movement, it is our desire to keep Jesus first, to honor His name, and to keep ourselves “unspotted from the world” (Jas 1:27). Because this is true, we place a high emphasis on not just giving out, but living out the gospel before the world, our family, and those whom God has entrusted to our care.

As Calvary Chapel pastors, we know that the ministry is not a job, a fast-track to fame, a place to show off our talents, or something we try to do because we are not skilled enough to do something else. It is a calling, something that we *must* do because we long for nothing else. And this longing to minister is undergirded by a hunger to please God, and a desire to walk worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are aware that God has entrusted the care of His sheep to us, and because we take such a charge seriously, we guard our hearts, and we minister with integrity, and moral purity.

11. Informal/ Relaxed Style – Chuck Smith

Another distinctive characteristic of Calvary Chapel is our relaxed casual style. We don't get involved in a lot of spiritual hype. We don't try to motivate people carnally, and we aren't apt to shout at the congregation. I believe this stems from our belief and trust in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. We are of the belief that if the Lord doesn't build the house, they labor in vain who build it, so all of our hype and pressure aren't really going to do the job. We simply trust in the work of the Holy Spirit, and of Jesus Christ who is building His church as He said He would. If we have complete confidence that it's His church, that He's going to build it, and that He's going to do His job, then all I have to do is be faithful. I simply need to watch His work, and then the pressure isn't on me. I don't get all hyped or pressured because the work of God isn't my responsibility. It's not my church. It's His church. I believe that it's very important to remember this, because if you try to carry the load and bear the burden, you'll find that it's too great for you. You'll find yourself under pressure to create schemes and hypes, and then you begin to push and manipulate people. That isn't the Calvary Chapel style.

Calvary Chapels are minus the hype. We're not into the carnal pursuit of new programs or spiritual hype to try to appeal to people. It's the Word of God that we trust in, that we teach, that we rely on. It's the foundation upon which we are built. It's inexhaustible. There's no burnout with it. It just keeps going on and on and on.

For this reason, we have a relaxed, casual style that's reflected in our ministry. It's His church so we don't have to sweat it. We're not really into seminars on how to build a church, how to create a user-friendly church, or how to develop a five-year plan. Who knows if we'll even be here five years from now! Let's minister for today!

Morality:

If you understand and agree with the doctrinal, philosophical, and moral position of Calvary Chapel, please sign below:

If you do not understand or disagree with any part of our doctrinal, philosophical, and moral position, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Signed and Accepted By: _____

Date: / /

Senior Pastor

Date: / /

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PASTOR'S PERSONAL INFORMATION: All pastors' personal information will remain completely confidential.

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Country _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Home Phone Number _____

Pastor's Personal Email Address _____

Pastor's Wife's First Name _____

Pastor's Wife's Email Address _____

This will be used for the Pastors Wives Retreat correspondence.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Church Name _____

Church Meeting Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Church Mailing Address _____

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Country _____

Church Phone Number _____ Church Fax Number _____

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