



COVENANT *life*

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THEOLOGY

FOREWORD: With regards to the “Theology” of Covenant Life Christian Church, we are stating our theology for the purpose of clarity. We believe in the infallibility of God’s Word and the fallibility of man’s finite mind interpreting His Word. Therefore this is not stated to say our theology is right and everyone else is wrong which produces sectarianism, but to say this is what you will hear and be taught to circumvent any “false advertising” and “misguided” expectations. We humbly reserve the right to be wrong in the light of God’s Word and the scrutiny of His judgment in eternity.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN

As a result of Adam’s fall the entire human race is affected; all humanity is dead in trespasses and sins, and man is unable to save himself from God’s wrath upon sin. (Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 1:18; Romans 3:10-18; Colossians 3:6).

UNCONDITIONAL INVITATION

Because man is dead in sin, he is unable to initiate response to God; therefore God has sent out to all men an invitation and command to repent and be saved by the drawing of the Holy Spirit through the death and sacrifice of God’s only begotten Son, Jesus Christ upon Calvary’s Cross and through His resurrection from the dead. (Matthew 11:28; John 6:44; John 12:32; John 12:42-50; Matthew 22:1-14; Acts 17:30-31; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 2 Peter 3:9)

The “Election” is distinguished through the condition of the heart of man and his response to the Invitation; those whose hearts are ready for the implanted Word are then elected, those whose hearts are “hard”, “rocky” or “thorny” are not and remain lost unless they respond by grace through faith to the invitation. (Mark 4:13-20; John 5:24; Matt 12:33-37; James 1:21)

Election and predestination are revealed and perceived through the Omniscience of God whose Sovereignty orchestrates all things with all people and situations according to the counsel of His Will. (Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 46:10; Hebrews 4:13; Ephesians 1:11; Philippians 2:13)

UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, not just for the sins of an “elect population” in the world. His death was vicariously offered for all humanity and those who repent of their sins, and put their faith and trust in His Atoning Work and Believe in His Resurrection from the dead, shall be saved and receive the gift of Eternal Life. (John 3:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:42; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 10:12; 1 John 2:2)

COMPELLING EMPOWERING GRACE

God draws mankind to Himself through Grace; man is saved solely by God's grace. When God calls and man hears, God's grace inspires man to respond and come, and empowers man to serve. Man can frustrate and turn away from God's grace; therefore God will give man over to their own desires and fleshly heart. God orchestrates His determination in man's life for His purposes. (John 6:37 & 44; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 4:9-10 & 13-15; Galatians 2:21 & 3:1; Hebrews 6:4-8; Hebrews 10:29; 1 Peter 2:8; 2 Peter 2:20-22)

PERSEVERANCE OF THE OBEDIENT

The "obedient," God has drawn to Himself through the Holy Spirit and these will persevere in faith. None whom God has saved, who walk in obedience and who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone, will be lost; they are eternally secure. Sinless perfection is not obtainable in this life of the flesh, but the "obedient" grow and go from faith to faith and glory to glory. (Isaiah 1:16-20; Matthew 7:21-25; Matthew 10:22; Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 1:10; 1 John 3:4; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 2:12; 2 Timothy 2:12; James 1:21)

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

The Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, sufficient in all matters of faith, practice, life and living for all generations and every age. (Psalm 117:2; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25)

THE NECESSITY OF EVANGELISM

Christians are in the world to make a difference, spiritually through evangelism and socially through holy living and humanitarianism. (Matthew 10:17; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:15; Romans 15:20; Romans 16:25; 1 Corinthians 1:21; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 1:12)

PREMILLENNIALISM

Christ's second coming will occur prior to the Millennial Kingdom, and that the Millennial Kingdom is a literal 1,000-year reign. All of the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus' first coming were fulfilled literally. Therefore, we should expect the prophecies regarding His second coming to be fulfilled literally as well. Premillennialism agrees with a literal interpretation of God's covenants and end times prophecy. (2 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 20:1-7)