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INTRODUCTION

The following sections, Preamble and “Discipline of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church”, are a reprint, of three pages from the original text contained in the “Discipline of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church.” The writers and editors of this text, who later became educators, preachers, and pastors, were sons and daughters of slaves. These same men and women of God latter became the founders and workers of a Pentecostal organization that had a major influence in the history of the Pentecostal movement in the United States as we now know of.

PREAMBLE

(To the Original Discipline)

This book contains the doctrine, government, and constitutions of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church. As you read it you will find its origin and growth.

As Christ Holy Sanctified Church is a progressive and spiritual church, we have carefully and prayerfully revealed its fundamentals and principles in this manual. The church has been commissioned to spread the gospel of our Lord and Savior throughout all of the world.

Seeking the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of the backslider, preaching sanctification to the believers and the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2. And the second coming of Jesus.

It will give each one faith and courage to study this book carefully under the guidance and leadership of the Holy Ghost.

Now may your love be multiplied and faith increased and your loyalty sincere.

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The Doctrines, By-Laws and Regulations
of the Church

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In the year 1910, Rev. Judge King and a board of nineteen members of the said church of Christ Holy Sanctified Church did organize in Keachie, La., for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of God, through this wide world; to bring the notice of true holiness and immediately commenced preaching and teaching to all whom he had the opportunity and soon others became interested and sought and obtained this blessing of holiness as a distinct and separate blessing from that of justification, whom was a hundred and eighteen persons, filled with the Holy Ghost and began preaching and teaching the word throughout the country and signed their names to protect the Word of God as none but holy men can understand to preach the Gospel of God without being clean and holy. Neither would they pay any preacher unless he lives holy and clean before God and man, then they were commanded at once to buy a piece of land and build a small church. Oh! How we thank God for the improvements, and now the church has been improved and has been built larger and we have bought and paid for six acres of industrial school ground and have built and industrial school ground under said name of the heading of this book. The Reform Committee was called before the Mansfield Court and organized the same church and school, whose names are signed on another page.

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ARTICLE 1 – AGREED STATEMENT of BELIEF

The Christ Holy Sanctified Church of America, Inc. requires all who seek its fellowship to believe:

- (a) In God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- (b) In the Holy Bible - Old and New Testaments – which is the Scripture
- (c) That the Scripture was written by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost
- (d) That they must be sanctified (clean) and baptized with and in the Holy Ghost
- (e) In the Articles of belief that this discipline teaches

ARTICLE 2 – DOCTRINE

Section 1. God

We believe in God, and that HE is the only God. He is a Triune being revealed as God, the Father - the First Person of the Trinity); God, the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, and God, the Holy Spirit - the Third Person of the Trinity. The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM,” the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22).

We believe that God’s purpose concerning man is (1) to seek and to save that which is lost, (2) to be worshiped by man and (3) to build a body of believers in the image of His Son. That these believers, saved and called out of the world, constitute the Body or Church of Jesus Christ built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

Section 2. Christ

We believe that Christ is the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity. He was incarnated in the flesh, born of the Virgin Mary, thus called Jesus. And, in so doing, uniting one person, God and Man. Since the name *Immanuel* embraces both God and man, in the one person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that His title, *Son of God*, describes His proper deity, and the title, *Son of Man*, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title *Son of God* belongs to the order of eternity, and the title *Son of Man* to the **order of time** (Matthew 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Hebrew 7:3; 1:1-13).

Section 3. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Third person of the Trinity, and is ever abiding, convicting, regenerating and sanctifying believers. Being baptized with the Holy Spirit adds to believer’s power. Mark 16:16, 17, 18; Acts 2:4.

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Section 4. Origin of Sin

We believe that man was created good and upright in God's likeness without sin. By his own choice he transgresses against God and thereby brought on physical and spiritual death. Sin is the determined death of mankind, a corruption that is inherited from the first man, Adam; by it we became separated from God. Scripture reference: Heb. 9:11; Rom. 7; 1 John 1:6-10.

Section 5. Salvation of Mankind

We believe that the blood is the atonement for man, for without it there is no life. Man's only hope of restoration to rightful place in God is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Lev. 17:11; Rom. 5:11; Heb. 9:7, 12, 13.

Section 6. Repentance

We believe that repentance is a through change of heart and mind, by so doing man turns away from the guilt of sin. For a penitent heart God will not reject. Ps. 51:4; Ezek. 18:31; Acts 2:38

Section 7. Regeneration

We believe in that new birth and that recreation, that is, God's work, causing us, believers, to live a spiritual life, which is regeneration. John 3: 3, 6; Titus 3:5; 1 John 3:14.

Section 8. Justification

We believe that God through His mercy justifies us through faith, by which He grants unto us full pardon when we accept Christ His Son as Lord by faith. Rom.3: 23, 24; Isa. 53:11; Rom. 5:1 Rom.10: 8,9,10

Section 9. Destiny

The impenitent sinner is brought to a final punishment. There is an end to all things, for there is an end to time. Rev. 19:19:20; Rev. 20:3. The glorious rewards are laid up for those who believe on the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, until the day of resurrection. 1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 13:43; Rev. 21:4; Rev. 22:5; Rev. 22:14.

Section 10. Baptism

What we teach and believe concerning Baptism is to be buried with Christ and also risen with Him. To be immersed in water and according to the words of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19.) It is a sacrament in which we believe in our Lord ordained before He ascending up into Heaven and is to be carried out by His ministers. Matt. 16:16; John 3:5.

Section 11. Resurrection

We believe that the dead in Christ shall rise first. For Christ, who died, and rose again. (1 Cor. 15:12, 13, 14, 20; John 11:25; Rom. 5:6).

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Section 12. Second Coming of Christ

Our teaching of His coming is strongly our conviction, for it is our hope of glory. St. John 14:3, 7; 1 Thess. 4:13, 18. The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints here on earth, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6.) This millennial reign will bring the salvation of the national Israel (Ezekiel 37:21, 22; Zephaniah 3:19, 20; Romans 11:26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3, 4).

Section 13. The Sacrament of Communion or the Lord's Supper

It is a memorial communion supper of our Lord and Savior, that was celebrated by Him and His disciples during that particular Passover season. Since that time, we refer to this sacrament as, "Communion" or "The Lord's Supper." (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:24, 25.) We believe in serving an unsalted (unflavored) wafer or cracker which represents the Body of the Lord Jesus and unfermented grape juice which represents Jesus' blood, which was shed. As Jesus did not specify how often Communion should be served, we do not mandate any specific day or the number of times; however, we encourage all of our assemblies to serve Communion at least once per month, if at all possible.

Section 14. Foot Washing

For it is our belief to be doers of His Word and not hearers only and foot Washing is a humble act of obedience of the example laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ. John 13:1-8, Ps. 119:5.

Section 15. Spiritual Gifts

Our belief and teaching of spiritual gifts is of God, for His Son rose, led captivity captive and gave gifts to me. Eph. 4:7; 1 Cor. 12:13, 14.

Section 16. The Gift of the Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9.) With the baptism in the Holy Ghost comes such reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrew 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Act 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

We believe:

- (a) That there are nine (9) gifts of the Holy Spirit; *Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment, Prophecy, Miracles, Faith, Healing, Diverse Tongues (speaking in the heavenly language), and interpretation of tongues.* (1 Cor. 12:4-11). Further, the Fruit of the Spirit: *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, faith, gentleness, and temperance.*

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- (b) That every believer is entitled to receive the Holy Ghost once they are saved. It is a “gift” (cannot be purchased) and does not have to be begged for.
- (c) That the Holy Ghost gives us power (Acts 1:8) and boldness to carry out the work of the Lord (Acts 4:13)
- (d) The Holy Ghost as a baptizer (Luke 3:16, Acts 1:5) and there is an “indwelling” and a continual re-filling (baptism in the Holy Ghost)

Section 17. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James5: 14-16). We believe as the Apostle James has said in James 5:15, “*And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up,*” and as it is spoken in Isaiah 53:5. We do not fight doctors or medicines, for the Bible gives evidence of their necessities. (Ezek. 47:12; Proverbs 17:22).

Section 18. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication (consecrated, set-apart) unto God (Romans 12:1, 2; 1 Thessalonians 5:32; Hebrew 13:12). The Scripture teaches a life of “holiness without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrew 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command: “Be ye holy, for I am holy” 1 Peter 1:15, 16.

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11, 13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:12, 13; 1 Peter 1:5).

Section 19. The Church and its Mission

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her Great Commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:22; Hebrew 12:23). Since God’s purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son the priority reason-for-being of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church as part of the Church is:

- (a) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).
- (b) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1Corinthians 12:13).
- (c) To be a channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:12).

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The Christ Holy Sanctified Church exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- (a) Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Hebrew 2:3, 4).
- (b) Adds a necessary dimension to a worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 1 Corinthians 12-14).
- (c) Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 14:12; Ephesians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:29).

ARTICLE 3 – RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

Section 1. Social Department and Dress

We recognize all true believers or converted persons to be a member of that great church, and we welcome them to all of its fellowship and communion. However, we do advise all to live according to the Word of God. (Please read 1 Thess. 4:3; Rom 12:1; Acts 26:18).

It is strongly recommended that the members of Christ Holy Sanctified Church avoid:

- (a) Quarreling; returning evil for evil.
- (b) Gossiping, slandering or libeling
- (c) The use of vulgar language or profanity
- (d) Gambling
- (e) Tobacco products or marijuana for non-medical purposes
- (f) Drunkenness or the abuse of legal or illegal substances
- (g) Immodest dress (1 Tim 2:9)

ARTICLE 4 - MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, and FAMILY LAW

Section 1. Marriage

The institution of marriage is between one man and one woman as established by God according to Genesis 2:24. God created male and female (man and woman) for the enjoyment and pleasure of each other in marriage. According to Hebrews 13:4, *“Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled.”* That is, the union of marriage, from the earliest recordings of civilizations and cultures, has always been between a “man and a

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woman” (male and female). Therefore, despite new-age thought or personal opinions from those who are regarded in high esteem, we, the Christ Holy Sanctified Church, yet maintain our position that marriage is reserved for those of the opposite sex (man and woman - male and female) as ordained by God and written in His Word.

We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that marriage is of God; that marriage is a divine joining between a MAN and a WOMAN; therefore, marriage “is not” a union between two persons of the same sex. Both husband and wife are “gender” specific (male and female).

And He (Jesus) answered and said to them, *"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*
Matt 19:4-7 – NKJV

Section 2. Divorce

We feel that marriage is holy and of God and that only death terminates the marriage. However, when there are extenuating circumstances in which a couple is considering a divorce, it is strongly recommended that the couple seeks counsel (professional marriage counseling along with spiritual counseling) and enter into much, much prayer in efforts of saving the marriage (if at all possible).

Divorce is a personal issue that can have serious consequences spiritually, emotionally, financially, and the effects are devastating and can be felt in both the natural and church family.

"He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. " Matt 19:9 (NKJV)