



Life is in the Seed
1 Peter 1:23

CHRIST-LIFE FELLOWSHIP

A Global Ministry of Jesus Christ

Statement of Personal Religious Conviction and Accountability Before God Over the Keeping of Our Own Personhood: Body, Soul, and Spirit

Christ-life Fellowship believes and teaches that born-again believers are instantly transformed—at the moment of their belief on Jesus Christ as God’s Son and their personal savior—into God’s children, instantly joined in spirit to the Spirit of Christ and indwelt with God’s Holy Spirit for renewal of the mind, soul, will, and heart, and that the believer’s earthly body is the container of God’s Spirit while on this earth.

“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” (John 14:20)

“For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (2 Cor. 6:16)

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thess. 5:23)

Good Conscience

We thus live in a personal, intimate relationship with God through all three components of the human: spirit, soul, and body. The believer entirely belongs to God, and God is ever working in the believer to mature him/her to the full stature of Christ Jesus. In this relationship with God as our loving Father, we are held accountable to stand before Him both in faith and in “good conscience,” as referenced many times in Scripture.

“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” (1 Tim. 1:5)

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.” (1 Tim. 1:19)

With such a conscience, we must serve God and are accountable to Him for our choices and for our keeping of our personhood: spirit, soul, and body. To violate our conscience and our knowledge is sin.

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17)

“Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all

stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean." (Rom. 14:4-14)

The Body

Regarding the keeping of one's own body, we are charged to protect and honor our bodies as containers of God's Holy Spirit. We trust God's design in His creation of our bodies. Man's knowledge and wisdom is limited, his devices are imperfect. God's knowledge and wisdom is complete and perfect, and all things exist by Him.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (1 Cor. 3:16-23)

God's children shall not violate their bodies with anything they perceive as ungodly or a threat, nor act against their own conscience and faith in their Holy Father as Creator, Healer, Provider, and the One who determines our days and our boundaries. We place our trust fully in Him for our lives here and beyond.

It is the human's God-given right to guard his body and act by his own conscience; and believers are called to stand firm before men, as a light of the God's Spirit within, standing in a dark world, living uprightly before Father God.

Evil Intrusion into Human Conscience and Accountability to God

Moreover, to have demands and coercion from governments, employers, businesses, schools, and other bodies—which are vital to people's ability to live their daily lives in pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness— intruding into private matters and inserting themselves into this solemn and holy relationship between Creator and the individual, determining that man must act against God, against their own conscience, and against their desire to serve God while they know they are accountable to God for the keeping of their person, is to force humans to turn away from pleasing God to become men-pleasers, explicitly against God's Holy Word, and is truly evil.

Man's accountability to our Creator demands the societal protection of human faith, conscience, and sovereignty over his/her own person, including body, soul, mind, heart, and spirit, knowing we all will stand before God accountable for our own lives. Our faith is in God's wisdom, power, and sovereignty far above man's feigned wisdom and flawed devices. In this life and in the afterlife, our lives belong to God. Our loving Heavenly Father determines the number of our days and is our keeper, and we serve Him.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24)

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Cor. 2:5)

"We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)

Protecting the Republic

Our religious conviction to honor and serve God first and foremost in our own lives and homes must remain secure in law and in practice. For the God-given morality and right to live by religious convictions and the necessity to protect individual conscience, faith, and sovereignty protects our Republic as well.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other" (John Adams).