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LSC Family: Class 1 Love is Commitment

We are a Non-Denominational, Evangelistic, Charismatic, Biblical-World-View, Christ Centered, Ecclesiastical, Spirit Filled Church. We are a member of the LINC Association of Churches. Life Song Church has official By-Laws and a Statement of Faith for those who are interested in more specific details.

LSC Vision: Teaching Answers for *Life!*

Motto: Living the Power of Praise.

Making a commitment to one another to walk in love, forgiveness and unity releases God's anointing, His covering of protection over a Church Family. Establishing **By-Laws** and a **Statement of Faith** helps protect us not only spiritually, but legally. Marriage, funeral/memorial, use of this building, baby dedication, and ministering support are all blessings of being a part of this Church Family.

Ps 92:13-15 *Those who are **planted** *(committed) in the **house** of the Lord *(family) Shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be **fresh** *(filled with fresh oil) and flourishing, 15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. *Definition expounded*

Different Christian churches have different doctrines. A doctrine is how we believe we should walk out our faith as a group of believers. No one has complete knowledge of the Word of God. We see and understand "**our part**" of the Body of Christ. The greatest "part" is that we walk in love, and **agape love means commitment**.

1 Cor 13:12-13 *...but the **greatest of these is love**.*

1 Cor 2:1-2 *know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**.*

In a spirit of humility, we acknowledge no church has everything figured out. Since God's anointing flows through unity, we agree to disagree as long as **Jesus and His crucifixion** is the foundation for everything! "**Got grace? We're good!**" It is very difficult to express the vast manifold wisdom of God (His Word) as to how it relates to Life Song Church in only four 30-minute classes. Our hope is to give people a peace in their heart knowing we are truly dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach. Salvation is in Christ alone, by faith and grace. **Our doctrine** is not about a religion, but a **relationship with our loving God** we call Father, Abba, Daddy God. Through the cross and shed blood of Jesus Christ we have been adopted into His family. We are grafted into the lineage of Abraham. We are now joint heirs with Christ as we have become children of God.

Rom 8:14-17 *...**Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father**."*

Gal 4:4-7 *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the*

All of this must be accomplished through His **agape love** that is poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Without love, we have nothing. Love is the bond of our covenant relationship. It is a commitment to love one another in good times and in bad. This love is not based on how we are treated by others, or how we "feel" (**phileo love**). It is based on a choice to lay down our lives and love others as Jesus loves. His love is not based on works, feelings or how He is treated. His love is unconditional. Satan can manipulate our emotions, and our mind, but not our will.

Rom 5:3-5 *...**love of God** has been **poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit***

1 Cor 13:1-3 *...**but have not love**, I have become sounding brass*

1 John 4:17-19 *...**but perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment.*

By faith, the **sacrament of communion** fills and empowers us with His unconditional love. Through communion we are signifying our willingness to pick up our cross and love like Jesus loves.

"We love people right where they are at and pray for the power and love of the Holy Spirit to change our hearts."

John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;*

Making a commitment to become part of a church family is our **defense against the attack of the enemy**. This commitment is a statement of faith, **making a decree** to walk out our salvation as brothers and sisters in the Lord. A decree has authority, and authority brings protection as God's synergistic covering is released as we gather and connect in the name of Jesus Yeshua Hamashiach.

Luke 22:31-34 *...that he may **sift you as wheat**. 32 But I have prayed for you, Satan will do everything he can to separate us as wheat by releasing his demons of offense, pride, criticalness, jealousy, unforgiveness, self-pity, selfishness, doubt, rejection, resentment and deception. If we stand together in love, holding on to one another, allowing God's covenant commitment to flow through us, we will stand strong in unity. **God's anointing flows when we stand in unity**. This is only possible through a spirit of humility and forgiveness.*

Every one of us will go through "**targeted attacks**" from Satan in order to separate us from the fold, our Church Family. When this happens, we will do and say things that are hurtful and damaging to one another. In this critical moment those of us who are mature in the love of Christ, must forgive and build up those who are under this attack. That is how we protect one another from the Destroyer. **We don't kick a family member when they are down.**

Gal 6:1-5 *...**Bear one another's burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

There are times when God will move people from one church family to another. We still love and care about one another. It is about the Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of Life Song Church. **Be like Jesus and make a commitment to walk in love with your Church Family!**

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