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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 *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. **Now I know in part**, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the **greatest of these is love**.*

1 Cor 2:1-2 *And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to 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 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God**. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father**." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

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 law, that we might **receive the adoption as sons**. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "**Abba, Father!**" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an **heir of God through Christ**.*

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 *And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God** has been **poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.*

1 Cor 13:1-3 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but have not love**, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, **but have not love**, it profits me nothing.*

1 John 4:17-19 *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.*

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; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for 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 *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may **sift you as wheat**. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your **faith should not fail**; and when you have returned to Me, **strengthen your brethren**." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." 34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."*

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 *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 **Bear one another’s burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.*

There are times when God will move people from one church family to another. We always tell everyone you need to do what you believe the Lord is telling you. When a person or family leaves and goes to another church, we are still all in the family of God. 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!**