



Promise Christian Church Statement of Family

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Promise is a church based on the Holy Bible. While there are day-to-day operating processes which are not detailed in the Bible, the doctrines and teachings of day-to-day life are detailed there. Promise operates within the Bible's authority and it is the goal of its Leadership to remain within the Bible's scope of doctrine.

Family is the core of any home. Promise actively supports the family unit and the ideals set out in scripture describing it. Ideally a family consists of a husband and wife and their children. In today's world full of blended families, it could sound like that excludes anything else, but that kind of exclusion is not what the Bible teaches.

Sin in the world somehow has an impact on everyone. Even a faithful husband, or a wife who is the perfect picture of fidelity, sometimes ends up on the losing side of an awful situation. Sometimes children grow up in homes which are abusive to them rather than healthy homes that equip them to lead successful, productive, and fulfilled lives.

It is the responsibility of parents to raise children in the way they should live, so that when they are older they can make balanced decisions and live uprightly. To make sweeping statements trying to cast blame or shirk responsibility in a broken situation is not only unreasonable, it does not help. Promise believes it is more important to minister at a person's point of need when and where they need help than it is to require someone to conform to a particular image before they can be loved.

God shows us the perfect example of being the Holy Father, and He gave His only Son to pay for our sins without requiring us to clean up first. Instead, He first paid the price and made the way for us to become righteous. We can follow His example by loving people as freely as we have received God's love, and allowing His Holy Spirit to work from the inside out in their lives.

As a church family, Promise teaches the Bible's doctrine of holy living in the family setting. This includes spiritual nurturing, sexual purity, faithful marriage, and other examples in the Bible.