



# PETITION FOR GRADUATION

## CALVARY CHAPEL BIBLE COLLEGE, DISTANCE LEARNING

A MINISTRY OF CALVARY CHAPEL OF COSTA MESA  
CHUCK SMITH, PASTOR

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name the way you want it to appear on the diploma.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the boxes that apply to you:

- I have reviewed the graduation worksheet with a Distance Learning Administrator.
- I plan to walk in the Main Campus, Murrieta \_\_\_\_\_ (check below) \_\_\_\_\_ commencement.
  - Fall (November)
  - Spring (May)
- I do not plan to walk in the Main Campus, Murrieta commencement.
- Degree petitioned for:
  - Associate in Theology
  - Bachelor in Biblical Studies
- I Have completed a CCBC-approved mission trip.
  - I have submitted a letter from the mission trip leadership
  - The mission trip was completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date
- I Have Not completed a CCBC-approved mission trip. (Mission Trip is not mandatory for graduation)
- I Have completed all academic requirements needed for graduation.
- I Have Not completed all academic requirements needed for graduation but am currently enrolled in my final courses.

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(Please list the courses you are currently enrolled in)

- I have read and signed the Statement of Faith on the back of this page.

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Address where your diploma can be sent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

(Please do not write below this line.)

Accumulated credits: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits needed: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Student accepted for:

- Associate in Theology
- Bachelor in Biblical Studies
- All Transcripts have been received

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Note anything still needed for graduation

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## Statement of Faith

Calvary Chapel has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our supreme desire is to know Christ and be conformed to His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only to their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the Body of Christ.

**We believe** the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

**We believe** worship of God should be spiritual. Therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.

**We believe** worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give great place to music in our worship.

**We believe** worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon the teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshiped.

**We believe** worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been truly worshipping Him.

**We believe** in all the fundamental doctrines of orthodox evangelical Christianity.

**We believe** in the inerrancy of Scripture, that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible Word of God.

**We believe** in the One Eternal God, eternally existent in three distinct persons, each person being fully God and one in essence.

**We believe** that God the Father is the personal, transcendent, and sovereign Creator of all things.

**We believe** that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, that He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, provided for the atonement of our sins by His vicarious death on the Cross, was bodily resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit, ascended back to the right hand of God the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us.

**We believe** that after Jesus ascended to Heaven, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today.

**We believe** that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

**We believe** in the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures, and that they are valid for today if they are exercised within the scriptural guidelines. We as believers are to covet the best gifts, seeking to exercise them in love that the whole Body of Christ might be edified. We believe that love is more important than the most spectacular gifts, and without this love all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless.

**We believe** that the church government should be simplistic rather than a complex bureaucracy, and we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead, rather than on fleshly promotion.

**We await** the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, and we believe that the second coming of Christ with His saints to rule on the earth will be personal, pre-millennial, and visible. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, and participation in adult baptism by immersion and Holy Communion.

**We seek** to teach the Word of God in such a way that its message can be applied to an individual's life, leading that person to greater maturity in Christ.

**We reject:** (1) The belief that true Christians can be demon possessed; (2) "5-point Calvinism" (i.e. a fatalistic Calvinistic view that leaves no room for free will; specifically, we reject the belief that Jesus' atonement was limited, instead we believe that He died for all people, and we reject the assertion that God's wooing grace cannot be resisted or that He has selected some people to go to hell; instead we believe that anyone who wills to come to Christ may do so); (3) "positive confession": (the faith movement belief that God can be commanded to heal or work miracles according to man's will); (4) human prophecy that supersedes the Scripture; (5) the incorporation of humanistic and secular psychology and philosophy into Biblical teaching; and (6) the overemphasis of spiritual gifts, experiential signs and wonders to the exclusion of Biblical teaching.

In our services, we focus on a personal relationship with God through worship, prayer, and the teaching of the Word of God. We teach both expository and topically. We do not allow speaking in tongues loudly during services, nor prophecy while a Bible study is in progress, because we do not believe that the Holy Spirit would interrupt Himself. We have specific "after-glow services" and believer's meetings when these gifts of the Spirit may be exercised.

**I certify that I am in agreement with the above statement of faith.**

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