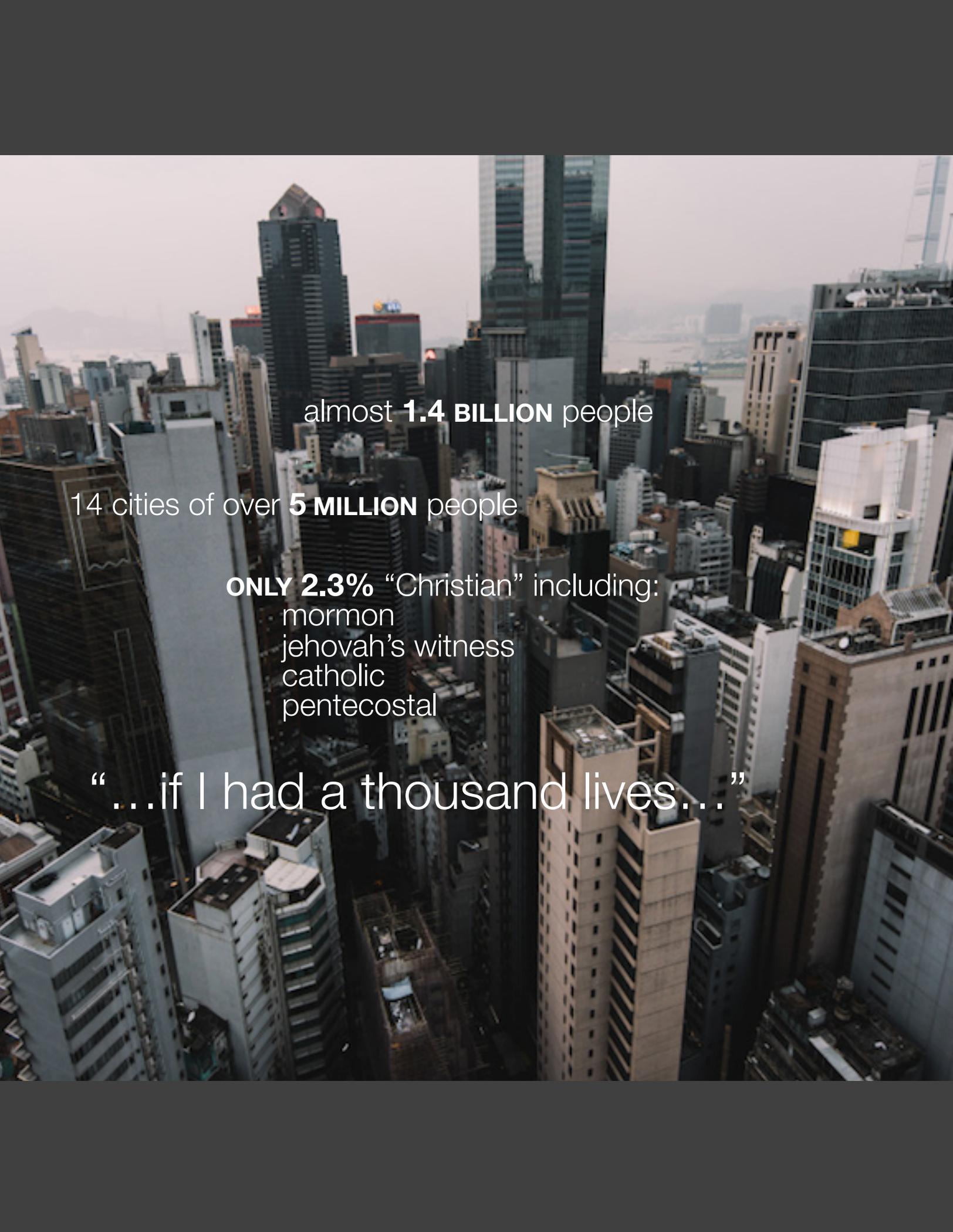




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## Edward, Bethlem, Eden and Noah de los Reyes

Church planting missionaries to China. It is our goal to glorify God through making disciples, planting churches, and training leaders of leaders.

**T**hank you so much for your time and consideration in reading our information packet. God has put a desire in our hearts to serve Him in China and we are excited about our part in reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We count it a great honor to be used of God in this way.

We desire to see churches started and leaders trained all

over China and the entire world. Jesus Christ heavily invested His life in twelve men and it is our desire to do the same in our ministry.

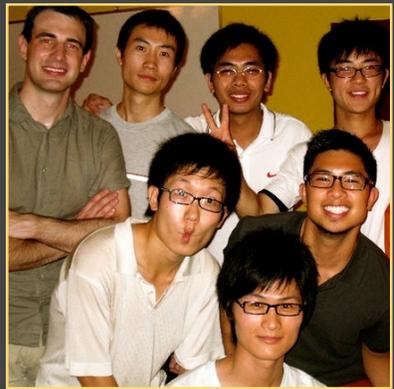
In this packet, you will find who we are, our plan, and what we believe. It would be a great honor and privilege if you would allow us the opportunity to present our ministry and burden for the country of China in your church.

## Salvation Testimony and Call to Ministry

**Edward:** “My parents moved to America from the Philippines before I was born, lost and on their way to hell. An uncle of mine was witnessed to by an American missionary in the Philippines. He got saved, came to America, and shared the gospel with my parents. My parents got saved and in 1987, God began to change my family. • I was raised in church and because of years of sitting under faithful Bible preaching, at the age of 14, I too accepted Jesus as my Savior. Since that day in 2002, God began to change my life. • As an 18 year old at a camp, the riches of the Gospel became clear to me. It was at that camp that I decided that I could do nothing with my life, other than spread the Gospel. It was then, in 2006, that I would give my life for God to use to change the world.

• Thanks to a missionary to the Philippines, today I am a church planting missionary to China to continue God’s changing power around the world.”

**Bethlehem:** “I was born and raised in Ethiopia and my family and I moved to the United States when I was 11 in 2001. My parents raised me in a Christian home but, it wasn’t until my youth pastor’s wife took personal interest in my need for the gospel and began to personally disciple me that I was able to see my need for myself. After diligently pursuing my young heart, Christ got a hold of me at 13 and I was saved at an Easter service that year. • I began serving in that church’s children’s ministry. Later, God placed a burden on my heart to share the wonderful news of the Gospel with those that have never had the chance to hear it before. At 17, I surrendered my heart to going wherever He would send me to declare His glory.”



**TOP:** Chinese Pastor, Tian Yi, was saved, baptized and trained by another missionary. Here he preaches to a Chinese house church.

**MIDDLE:** A young man emerges after being baptized surrounded by friends and others waiting to be baptized as well.

**BOTTOM:** Me (middle right) with some of the church people during an internship I did in China.



“I surrendered...to going wherever He would send...”

“I could do nothing...other than...spread the Gospel.”

# Training and Experience

**China Internships-** I have spent a total of 8 months on the mission field in China working with senior missionaries. During my time there, I began learning the language, was able to preach multiple times, start different Bible studies, and personally evangelize, see individuals

saved, baptized, and discipled.

**Our Generation Training Center-** I attended the OGTC from 2011 until 2014 where I studied a wide variety of classes and spent time with veteran missionaries and the pastoral staff of Vision Baptist Church learning ministry in a disciple/mentor type relationship.

**Music Director-** At Vision Baptist Church, I served as the Music Director for over two years. I was also in charge of orchestrating the schedule for

each service, holding music practices, as well as leading the church to worship through singing.

**Sunday School Teachers-** At Vision Baptist Church, we have had many opportunities to teach. I was able to teach high school students, college age students and adult Sunday School classes. Bethlehem has had the opportunity to teach in the children's church every week.

**Discipleship-** We have had many opportunities to disciple others. I personally taught the Bible to and spent time with individuals ranging from age 8 to 24. A few of these young men got saved and began attending church faithfully as a result! Bethlehem has discipled a number of high school and college age girls. Since then, she has seen some get baptized, begin serving in the church, as well as surrender their lives to serve on the mission field!



“Bethlehem has discipled... high school and college age girls”

“I...was able to preach multiple times...”



TOP: Dozens of Chinese people gather together at a river for a baptism service.

MIDDLE: Jie Ke, Kang Jian, and I (middle) together after teaching a Bible study. I had the pleasure of leading Kang Jian to the Lord.

BOTTOM: Chinese Christians and their friends gather to watch a their friends and family get baptized.



TOP: Chinese Pastor, Tian Yi, baptizes a young man who has gotten saved, is growing in His faith, and desired to be baptized.

MIDDLE: I (left) share the Gospel in China with a couple who has come to church for the first time.

BOTTOM: One of the Chinese house churches started by a Missionary

## The story of Alex

During my internship in China, I met Chinese college student, Alex. He began to tell me how his grandmother had become a Christian when he was just a young boy. He would go to visit her and sit and listen to her read the Bible to him. However, his parents remained strong Buddhists.

One night, almost 20 years later, he and I talk outside his dorm room as I explain the gospel of Jesus Christ to him for the first time. He then states, "I cannot be a Christian yet. I am not good enough yet." I take him to Eph 2:8-9 and Titus 3:5. He realizes the saving grace of God and that night, puts His faith in Jesus. "So," he says, "now, I am a Christian. Thank you. I have been waiting for this moment for a long time."

He was soon after baptized and today he is in the same Chinese church, serving and growing in his faith!

## Vision/Goals

**-Bold evangelism:** In China, many fear evangelizing the lost. We plan to boldly share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

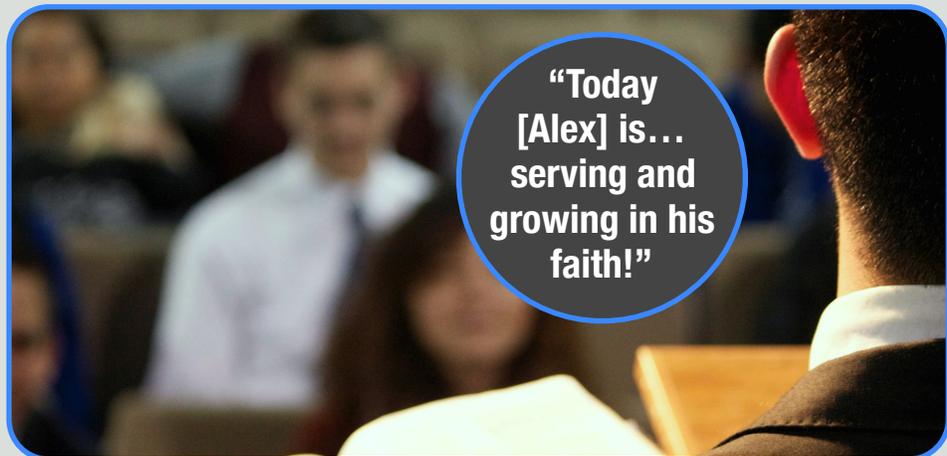
**-Plant multiple churches:** Once new believers have been saved and baptized, they need a church. We plan to start multiple churches.

**-Preaching:** I plan to preach and we plan to teach the Bible which is the only truth that can save and sanctify.

**-Assisting in church growth:** The missionaries with Project China have already started churches. We plan to assist these churches in any way possible.

**-Discipleship:** Part of The Great Commission is to teach, making disciples of all nations which we plan to do in China. (Matt. 28:19)

**-Training men:** We plan to train national leaders that will be able to train others also (2 Tim. 2:2)



"Today [Alex] is... serving and growing in his faith!"



"...new believers... need a church."

# Pastoral Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

God has given me the privilege of being Edward and Beth de los Reyes' pastor for several years now! I have watched as the Lord has grown Edward and Beth and has prepared them for the ministry that God has given them.

Edward has served as our music leader, special music, Sunday School teacher, and any other ministry where he was needed. Edward loves Jesus. You can't be around Edward without feeling a contagious love for Jesus. Beth is one of the sweetest, most exciting young ladies God has given our church. People are drawn to Beth. She will bless your church and young ladies.

Edward comes from a godly family. His sister, Stephanie Taube, is a missionary wife serving in Taiwan right now! Beth was made for Edward. She is the perfect complement to him.

Losing Edward and Beth to the mission field has cost our church and me! They have been a tremendous blessing to Vision Baptist Church. I never want to see anyone go to the mission field who doesn't cost the church to send them. They cost. That is a tremendous recommendation. We are not sending extra people that were sitting on the pew but a man and woman greatly used of God in our church. Beth's sweet love for Jesus and people lights up a room. She will be sorely missed

Edward and Beth will be serving as a church planting missionaries in China. They have prepared for this for years now. It is time!

Edward is a man of character. He is hard working, diligent, faithful, and hungry to be used of God. Ed is taking a very big step now as he sets out to start deputation. China is in desperate need of church planting missionaries, the kind that really start churches! Churches are being started there with regular services, real Bible preaching, and evangelistic outreach.

I wanted to write to you and ask you to have Edward and Beth de los Reyes in. They will bless your church. They will do a good job in China. They are worthy of your support.

If you have any further questions about Edward or Beth, their character, dedication, preparation, or service please feel free to give me a call.

Yours to evangelize the world in our generation,



**Pastor  
Austin and  
Betty  
Gardner**

**-W. Austin Gardner**

**Matthew 6:33**

# Doctrinal Statement

**The Bible** - I believe that the BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD, and that it is divinely inspired. I believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration, that it is the only complete and final revelation of the will of GOD to man, and the supreme, infallible, authority in all matters of faith and conduct. I use the King James Bible for all teaching and preaching in English. II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21; Mark 13:31; John 8:31,32; John 20:31; Acts 20:32

**God** - I believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: The FATHER, The SON, and The HOLY SPIRIT. They are equally perfect in every divine quality, and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (A) I believe in GOD the FATHER (B) I believe in JESUS CHRIST (C) I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT. Genesis 1:1,26; John 1:1,3; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; Romans 1:19,20; Ephesians 4:5,6

**The Father** - I believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. I believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Luke 10:21,22; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16; 6:27; Romans 1:7; I Timothy 1:1,2; 2:5,6; I Peter 1:3; Revelation 1:6

**Jesus Christ** - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. I believe Jesus Christ is God. I believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. I believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 8:46; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-23; John 20:30, 31; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:4; Acts 1:11; Romans 5:6-8; 6:9,10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; I Timothy 3:16

**The Holy Spirit** - I believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. I believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. John 14:16,17,26; 15:26,27; John 16:9-14; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; Galatians 5:22-26

**Man** - I believe that all men by nature, choice and practice are sinners, but that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and, by faith, receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to receive Christ as Lord and Savior will be forever separated from God. John 3:14,16; 5:24; John 5:30; 7:13; 8:12; 10:26; Romans 9:22; II Thessalonians 1:9; Rev. 19:3,20; 20:10,14,15; 21:18; Psalm 51:7; Jeremiah 17:9; James 1:14; Romans 3:19; 5:19; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9; John 3:16; John 1:13; II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1

**Eternal State** - I believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. I believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. I believe in Hell, the Christless eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation, who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. I believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever. Matthew 13:41-43 Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

**Salvation** - I believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

# Doctrinal Statement

**Baptism-** We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). We reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults. Baptism is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and simply a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Romans 6:1-5; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 2:41; Matthew 3:16; Matthew 28:19-20.24; John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21-22

**The Church-** We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed in a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches we are committed, for perpetual observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 10:23-25

**The Relationship between Church and State-** We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Acts 5:29; I Timothy 2:5; Romans 13:1-7; 14:7-9,12

**Spiritual Gifts-** We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ, and His purpose is to exalt and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts and was given as a sign for unbelieving Jews. That is why Vision Baptist Church does not teach or practice speaking in tongues. John 7:37-39; 14:17; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 1:22; 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 12-1

**Eternal Security-** We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that each believer is kept by the power of God and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in him or her, but not lose his/her salvation. John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-39; 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Titus 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 24

**World Evangelism-** We believe that the apostolic office ceased with the death of the Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer, and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

**Second Coming-** We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in his bodily visible return with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. We believe that unbelievers will face God and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment according to their works, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the lake of fire. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1, Matthew 16:27; Mark 14:62; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Phil. 3:20; Thessalonians 4:15; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 4:5; I Corinthians 15; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:4-6,11-15

**Biblical Separation-** We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God. II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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...No, not China, but **CHRIST.**”

- - Hudson Taylor, missionary to **CHINA**  
1832-1905

