

# Position Statement on Membership in Greek Letter Organizations

At Mt. Zion Church, our highest allegiance is to the Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm that Jesus Christ alone is Lord, and that believers are called to love, serve, and worship Him exclusively (Matthew 22:37; Philippians 2:9-11).

In recent years, questions have arisen regarding whether Christians may be members of Greek letter organizations (fraternities and sororities). Some have expressed concern that membership in such organizations necessarily involves idolatry because of historical references to Greek mythology, ritual language, or symbolic traditions.

We offer the following biblical guidance.

## ***1. Idolatry Is Sin and Must Be Rejected***

Scripture clearly commands believers to avoid idolatry in all forms:

- “Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:21)
- “You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3)
- “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.” (1 Corinthians 10:14)

If any organization—religious, civic, social, or otherwise—requires a Christian to make vows, pledges, or acts of devotion to a pagan deity or spiritual power, participation would be inconsistent with biblical faithfulness to Christ.

A Christian cannot swear allegiance to another god or participate in worship that contradicts the exclusive Lordship of Jesus Christ.

## ***2. Membership Is Not Inherently Sinful***

However, not all Greek letter organizations require worship of pagan gods or acts of spiritual devotion. Many are civic, academic, or service-oriented organizations that use historical or symbolic language without requiring religious worship.

The Apostle Paul teaches that believers live in the world and must navigate cultural realities with discernment (1 Corinthians 8-10). Symbols, names, or historical references do not automatically constitute worship. Sin occurs when the heart gives devotion or allegiance to something in place of God.

Therefore, Mt. Zion Church does not teach that membership in a Greek letter organization is inherently sinful. Each believer must evaluate:

- What is required of me?
- Does this conflict with my allegiance to Christ?
- Can I participate with a clear conscience before God? (Romans 14:23)

### ***3. Guard Against Making Anything an Idol***

Even if an organization does not require pagan vows, it can become sinful if it occupies a place in the believer's heart that belongs only to Christ.

Anything can become an idol—career, family, ministry, nationality, social status, or fraternity/sorority affiliation. An idol is not merely a statue; it is anything we love, fear, or serve more than God.

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters." (Matthew 6:24)

If a Christian finds that their identity, loyalty, time, finances, or devotion to an organization rivals or surpasses their devotion to Christ and His Church, that individual should repent and, if necessary, withdraw from that organization.

In such cases, we strongly encourage members not to struggle alone. Anyone who is wrestling with questions of allegiance, conviction, or potential idolatry should seek the elders of Mt. Zion for biblical counsel, wisdom, and prayerful guidance (Proverbs 11:14; Hebrews 13:17).

### ***4. Christians Are Called to Be Witnesses in the World***

Believers are called to live as ambassadors for Christ in every sphere of life:

- "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:13-16)
- "We are ambassadors for Christ." (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Christians may serve in educational, civic, professional, and social organizations as long as their participation glorifies God and does not compromise biblical truth. In many cases, involvement in such spaces can provide opportunities for gospel witness, service, and influence.

## **5. Matters of Conscience and Unity**

Romans 14 teaches that believers may differ in conscience on disputable matters. We urge members:

- Not to judge one another hastily (Romans 14:4, 10).
- Not to pressure others to violate their conscience (Romans 14:23).
- To pursue unity in love (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Those who feel convicted that they should not participate in Greek organizations should abstain. Those who participate must do so in a way that honors Christ and maintains a clear testimony.

## **Conclusion**

Mt. Zion Church affirms:

1. Idolatry is sin and must be rejected in every form.
2. Membership in a Greek letter organization is not inherently sinful.
3. Any requirement of devotion to a pagan deity is incompatible with Christian faith.
4. Christians must guard their hearts against making any organization an idol.
5. In all things, believers are called to glorify God and represent Christ faithfully.

Our ultimate identity is not found in any fraternity, sorority, title, or affiliation—but in Christ alone.

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

Signed,

The Elders of Mt. Zion