



ROCSI - Reformation of CSI

THE NEED

Just like any other **great denominations**, the **Church of South India (CSI)** **needs reformation** till second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The **founders entrusted us with a responsibility** that we **always keep it biblical as our theology deepens** for the glory of God.

FRUITFULNESS

If there is **no biblical betterment**, it would **not be as fruitful** as God desires. It **stays weak** and doesn't serve God's purposes well. **Its members will waste their potential in not fully aligning with God's Word.** The grand opportunities of fulfilling God's heart's desires will go wasted if we don't act in time.

IMPROVEMENT

It needs **openness to self-examination** and **humility** to **biblically change its faith, tradition and practice.** It needs to be **evangelical** and review its **unbiblical traditions** like **child-baptism.** It **needs to correct** "Take not your Holy Spirit from us" kind of **unbiblical statements** from its liturgy.

It needs to **biblically review its faith, tradition, practices, constitution, liturgy, hymns and almanac.** If not at **Synod level, at least Diocese or the Church** should have some **biblical autonomy** to carry out the Will of God.

ENRICHMENT

It needs to **strive to strengthen the spiritual muscles of all its members** to a **greater extent** so that they **biblically walk with God and serve the church and country** at large. **Every member** needs to **biblically engage well** without **fear of leadership, openly discuss the soundness of sermons,** and grow to a level to **use their Spiritual Gifts for God's glory.**

STRUCTURAL CHANGE

It **needs structural change of leadership** in line with **the Bible.** **The divide** between **clergy and laity** keeps it **ineffective.** It needs **plurality of elders** to **oversee the spiritual matters of the diocese and church.**

YOUR PRAYERFUL COOPERATION

We can together **pray and work towards God's intervention** for the reformation to **make CSI, Dioceses and Churches biblically better.** Thanks.

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Area	Concern	Explanation with Biblical Basis
Spiritual	Believer's Manual	Every CSI member should demonstrate a solid foundational knowledge of Scriptures. Hence, an official CSI Believer's manual with Doctrines, principles of Hermeneutics, False Teachings, and Spiritual guidelines, needs to be published. Primary role of the Church: The church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. 1 Timothy 3: 15
	Spiritual Gifts	The Church should have freedom to organize itself into different WORKING TEAMS (Evangelism, Discipleship, Church Planting, Social Service etc) as fitting so that every believer's gift is recognized and used. 1 Corinthians 12:7 , Romans 12:6, 1 Peter 4:10
Tradition	Child Baptism	New Testament consistently shows baptism after personal faith (Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:36-38).
Liturgy	Altar	The Communion Table is often called an "altar." Biblically, Christ's sacrifice was once for all (Heb. 10:10-14), and the New Testament speaks of the "Lord's Table" (1 Cor. 10:21), not an altar in a Church context.
	Biblical Statements	Statements like "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me" are to be corrected for they do not align to New Covenant's permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Ezekiel 36:26-27, Eph. 1:13-14, Eph. 4:30, & 1 Thess. 5:19) The liturgy book needs to be fully reviewed to correct the doctrinal errors and enrich the worship biblically.
Hymns	Doctrinal Review	In the light of today's improved theology, any doctrinal errors needs to be corrected in the hymns.



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Teaching	Church concept	To increase the members' love for church, wrong teaching of Church concept is not to be done. Church is believers - the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 5:25 Church building is just a place where the church (believers) meet for worship and fellowship.
Leadership	Plurality of Elders	Deacons assist in Spiritual tasks and also help Parish Committee to look after administrative affairs. The New Testament teaches the priesthood of all believers (1 Pet. 2:9). Yet clergy function in a priest-like role (especially inherited from Anglicanism), whereas in the NT there is no priesthood kind of service in the Epistles for churches. Even NO gap between the altar and wall as if Pastor is a mediator between God and Believers. Plurality of Elders like 2 equal ranked pastors and 2 laity elders are together made the "Equal powered Eldership Team" for Spiritual Overseeing and to make all the Spiritual decisions together. Including the critical review of all the Sermons. Acts 14:23, Acts 20:17, 28, Titus 1:5, Philippians 1:1, 1 Peter 5:1-2, James 5:14
	No Father (THANDRI GAARU)	And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' (THANDRI GAARU) for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Matthew 23:9
	Plurality of Overseers / Bishops	In the NT, leadership is plural (elders/overseers, Acts 20:17, Titus 1:5), not hierarchical like one Bishop over many churches. A team of 3 or 5 Bishops is preferable over the Diocese.