

## Statement of Faith

The body of Christ at New Life Christian Church believes:

- Section 1 All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16). The Bible is the final authority of our Statement of Faith.
- Section 2 In one true living God (Exodus 20:3) who is revealed in and consists of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16).
- Section 3 In the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 1:26-35). That Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16). That Jesus was crucified and willingly died for our sins (John 10:16-18). That Jesus was bodily resurrected from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:55-56). That Jesus is coming back to earth in His glorified body (John 14:1-3).
- Section 4 That no person can be saved without accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior (John 14:6). That there is no other provision for me to be saved besides Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12). That salvation is received through personal repentance and being born again as a free gift from God and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:37-39) (John 3:3-8).
- Section 5 That water baptism by immersion is the direct commandment of our Lord to believers (Matthew 3:16).
- Section 6 That it is Jesus who baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11). That the gifts of the Holy Spirit are still active in the church today (I Corinthians 12:7-11) (I Corinthians 14:1).
- Section 7 That Believers should praise and worship God in spirit and truth (John 14:21-24). That our worship and praise should be given free expression by following all biblical and godly examples (John 3:15).
- Section 8 That without holiness no man can see the Lord. That the doctrine of sanctification is a definite yet progressive work of grace (Hebrews 12:14, I Thessalonians 5:23, II Peter 3:18, Philippians 3:12-14, I Corinthians 1:30).
- Section 9 That sexual intimacy belongs only within the marital relationship of a man and a woman. This was the design established by God at creation. The scriptures declare: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." (Gen. 2:24 NIV). Throughout scripture this heterosexual pattern is affirmed. The Bible makes no accommodation for homosexual activity or any sexual acts outside the circle of a heterosexual marriage. (Lev. 20:7-21; Rom. 1:24-27; Cor. 6:9-11). Jesus reaffirmed the divine creation intent: "'Haven't you read,' he replied, 'that at the beginning the Creator "made them male and female" and said, "for this reason a man will leave his

father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?" So they are no longer two, but one." (Matt. 19:4-6, NIV)

- Section 10 In the sanctity of human life, and we believe that all life is a gift from God. We believe the Bible, which says that all people, male and female, are created by God and in the image of God (Malachi 2:10; Genesis 1:27; James 3:9). We believe that personhood is never measured by age, stage of development, or mental, physical, or social skills (Exodus 4:11). We believe that each person, regardless of parentage or handicap, has been personally knit together by God in the womb, and all the days of his/her life have been planned out by God before any have taken place (Psalm 139).
- Section 11 That the local church is the only theocratic order ordained by God (Matthew 16:18). That the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is governed by the Holy Spirit working through the ascension gift ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11), along with the local ministries of elders and deacons (I Timothy 3:1-13).
- Section 12 That a statement of faith covers only a few important doctrinal positions and that the entirety of the bible consisting of 66 books is the final authority of our faith and practices (Acts 10:25-27, II Peter 1:20-21, II Timothy 3:16).
- Section 13 In and supports the right of men and women to use their God-given spiritual gifts within the church, and we affirm the right of men or women to be elected and appointed to places of leadership at NLCF. (Galatians 3:28)