



# New Beginnings Church

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## Statement of Faith

We concentrate on the clearly revealed basics of scripture and not on secondary issues that have often divided believers.

- We believe there is only one God and that within the one Divinity there are three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- We believe the scriptures are divinely inspired, true, and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice. (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- We believe that since the fall of humankind into sin, we have lost peace with God, the ability to overcome sin, and the expectation of eternal life. (Romans 3:9-20,23; 8:7,8; Genesis 3:22)
- We believe that God continually works to reconcile the world to himself and that salvation only comes through Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 5:6-11; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)
- We believe salvation is by grace through faith and depends on Jesus Christ's atoning work on the cross, not on the perfection of our works. (John 3:16-18; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, his miracles, his sacrificial death, his bodily resurrection, and his second coming. (Matthew 1:20; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28)
- We believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous, the final judgment, and eternal life for the saved and eternal damnation for the unrepentant lost. (Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15)
- We believe true faith will express itself in a life of obedience to Jesus Christ's Lordship, and that Christian character is the fruit produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-26; James 2:20-24)
- We believe that Christian maturity will manifest itself in an urgency to reach every possible person with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:14-15)
- We believe in baptizing followers of Jesus in obedience to the Great Commission, and in remembering Christ's death as we share the Lord's Supper. (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 26:26-29)
- We believe Jesus Christ calls believers to unity under his Lordship and the authority of his word, "so that the world may believe." (John 17:20-23) We believe the scriptures teach that unity comes from:
  1. agreement on the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, as for example, those listed by Paul in Ephesians 4:4-6 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,
  2. allowing each other freedom on the more disputable, controversial, secondary matters, as per Romans 14:1-15:7, and
  3. love and humility which are the fruit of the Holy Spirit, as per Ephesians 4:1-3 and Galatians 5:22-23.