

Statement of Belief

(The statement of belief provides a concise overview of the doctrinal principles guiding NEW HIVE Church)

The Bible (66 Books)

Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12; John 17:17; Isaiah 40:8; Romans 15:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Proverbs 30:5; John 10:35; Psalm 119:160; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 55:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; James 1:22

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. It is reliable and holds ultimate authority in matters of belief, faith practice, and the human connection with God and humanity through Jesus Christ. Each passage is interpreted within the context of the entire Scripture, and the process of interpretation is carried out with carefulness, humility, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, we are encouraged to approach the Bible with all our concerns, questions, requests, aspirations, pain and hopes, with the expectation of receiving guidance, instruction, correction, healing and restoration.

The Triune God, the Holy Trinity

Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16-17; John 14:26; John 15:26; Matthew 3:16-17; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; Romans 15:16; Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 48:16

We believe in the Triune God, the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Godhead of the Father, who is the Creator and sustainer of heaven and earth, and the bestower of life.

We believe in the Godhead of the Son, Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully human, sinless in nature. He is the Lord and Savior of all creation. He sacrificially died on the cross for the redemption of humanity, and through His resurrection, granted us the opportunity to become children of God through faith and acceptance of Him. Following His resurrection,

Christ ascended into heaven, where He reigns as the exalted Lord over all and He will return to gather His people and judge all creation.

We believe in the Godhead and personhood of the Holy Spirit, who serves as the counselor, guide, and comforter, sanctifying believers towards Christ-like character.

Condition of Human Being: Sin and Salvation

Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:15; Leviticus 25:23-24; Psalm 24:1; Micah 6:8; Isaiah 43:7; Psalm 95:6-7; Deuteronomy 6:5; Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:8; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 17:24; John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:19-22; Genesis 3:1-6, 16-19; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:8-9; 1 John 3:4; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

We believe that human beings are created in the image of God, designed as male and female, with the purpose of loving, being holy, and caring for the creation of God. Furthermore, we are called to worship, fellowship, and serve the Lord alone.

We believe in the existence and power of Salvation and Sin.

Salvation is the complete work of our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested through His life, teachings, death, burial, resurrection, and the anticipated second coming of Jesus Christ to gather the children of God.

We acknowledge sin as possessing profound depth, intricacy, and complexity, resonating with the multifaceted nature of human existence across generations. Consequently, we are not only subject to the influence of sin but also actively contribute to its manifestation, both on an individual and communal level. While this complex issue requires detailed exploration, we endeavor to provide a broad overview of sin's impact on humanity across three primary dimensions:

(1) Alienation and separation from God (state of being), therefore, we turn to Jesus Christ to restore our relationship and grant us the privilege of being called children of God.

(2) Depriving us of our true humanity (missing the mark), thus, we seek to rely on the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our endeavors.

(3) Tempting us to rebel against God continually (active participation as individual and community level), hence, we seek the teachings of the Bible to guide and shape our actions, thoughts, desires, hopes and Christian growth.

God's Purpose for the Individual Christian

2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10; Romans 6:6; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 2:9; Philippians 3:20; 1 John 3:1; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 6:19-20; Matthew 5:14-16; Colossians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:24; 1 Corinthians 15:49; James 3:9

We believe that all individuals are invited to believe and embrace God through Jesus Christ, who gave us:

- 1) A renewed identity in Christ, signifying our status as children of God.
- 2) A renewed calling and purpose, to be the ambassadors and divine image; to embody and proclaim the Gospel under the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Church Identity and confession

Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; Colossians 2:19; Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 12:27; John 4:23-24; Psalm 145:18; Romans 12:1; Ephesians 6:6; Romans 14:13; Romans 14:22; 1 Corinthians 10:29; Galatians 5:1; 1 Peter 3:16; James 4:12; Colossians 2:16; 1 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 2:4-5; John 8:32; Galatians 5:13; 2 Corinthians 3:17; James 1:25; Psalm 119:45; Romans 8:1-2; 1 Peter 2:9, 16; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:4-6; 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:11; 1 Corinthians 12:27-28; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 3:14; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Corinthians 7:17; Matthew 18:20

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ, with Jesus Christ as its Head. All our actions must aim to honoring Christ and worshiping God in the Spirit and in truth.

In accordance with our theological and biblical understanding, we identify ourselves as baptistic, advocating for five foundational principles (or freedoms) of faith and belief:

- a) Freedom to listen and receive the word of God, both individually and collectively as people.
- b) Freedom to read and study the Bible, earnestly seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- c) Freedom to embrace faith and undergo baptism as an expression of personal faith and conviction in the Triune God.
- d) Freedom to pursue vocations and ministries according to one's spiritual callings and gifts, and to respond to the directives of God.
- e) Freedom to assemble and self-govern as a local congregation.

Church Worship and Mission:

Ephesians 4:1-3; Ephesians 4:11-13; Ephesians 4:29; Romans 11:29; Romans 15:1-2; Romans 10:13-15; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 1:26; 1 Corinthians 12:27; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 1 Corinthians 9:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 1 Corinthians 12:25-27; Hebrews 3:1; Hebrews 10:24-25; Philippians 3:14; Philippians 2:1-2; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Galatians 5:13; Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:16; Colossians 1:28; James 1:27; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 3:15; John 20:21; John 17:20-23; John 13:14-15; Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8;

We believe that all believers are endowed with spiritual gifts and are called to actively engage in the Body of Christ, the church.

We believe in our calling as believers to witness and proclaim the Gospel, both within our local communities and on a global scale. And, we recognize the importance of serving in collaboration with other Christian entities that share similar beliefs.

We believe that our calling, as NEW HIVE Church, is “to nurture spiritual growth, and empower people to serve, and worship God” using everything we have: spiritual gifts and callings, passions, skill set, talents, and other resources.