



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Trinity

We believe in the one and only God who created both the heavens and the earth, is eternal, unlimited in power, unmatched in love, who created all things and holds all things together in heaven and on earth. This one God exists in unified essence as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of whom is fully God, yet there is one God.

The Father

We believe that the Father is the creator of all things in heaven and on earth. With the Son and the Holy Spirit, He created a perfect world and made man and woman in His own image. He is intentional in His pursuit of all humanity. In love, He wishes for them to repent and put their faith in Him as their Father.

The Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Who was born of the virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, both fully God and fully man. We believe that Jesus, who lived a sinless life, was unjustly accused and sentenced to die, which He willingly chose to reconcile humanity to God. He died on the cross, and three days later, He came back to life, defeating death and sin for all humanity past, present, and future. After Jesus' resurrection, we believe that He appeared to His disciples for 50 days, and then He ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us here and now. We believe that one day, Jesus will return in glory to usher in a new heaven and new earth where all of those who have faith in Him will be united with Him in glory for all eternity.

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is unified with the Father and the Son in nature and is God who is the advocate and administrator for all humanity. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we experience God's presence, the conviction of sins, and the grace of God that is freely given to all people through the sacrifice and resurrection of the Son. We believe the Holy Spirit is always present, working to connect us further to the heart of the Father and the story of the Son so that we can live in freedom from sin and become people who share God's love with the people around us.

Humanity

We believe that humanity, male and female, was created in the image of God, and because of God's love for His creation, He allowed us to choose between right and wrong, making us morally responsible for our choices. But when Adam fell, it gave birth to sin, which corrupted who we are as human beings. Because of this original sin, humanity is hopeless in reconciling with God by their merit or righteousness and prone to evil and selfish desires. We believe we are all subject to sin, but we can reconcile with God because of Jesus, who gave His life and extends grace for all. Through this prevenient grace of God, we can turn

away from our sin towards God to be saved.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift given by God and is made available to every human being. Through the story of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit's prevenient grace, a person who is fallen by nature can respond and choose to act in repentance and faith. In a personal response and repentance, they should admit that they have sinned and rebelled

against God, believe that Jesus is the Son of God and chose to die for the sins of the world and was raised from the dead three days later by the power of God, and finally commit to making Him Lord of their life. We believe that faith starts at the moment of salvation, and this faith will express itself through the acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord and an identification with His Church.

Scripture

We believe the Bible is a unified story across the Old and New Testaments that points to Jesus. We believe the scriptures are the verbally inspired word of God, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed, and provide the basis for truth and final authority for us as we follow God.

The Church

We believe the work of the Church is to usher in the Kingdom of God here and now. In this pursuit, we believe that we will see believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the work of the Gospel. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the work of believers, we will see the lost be found, the broken be healed, and widows and orphans be cared for. By doing the work of the Gospel, the individual believer will become more like Christ. As a result, the believer will mature and grow in their relationship with God and learn to be more intimate and open with Him.

Eternity

We believe that humankind will exist forever, either eternally separate from God because of sin or eternally with God because of His grace and salvation. We believe that heaven and hell are real places, but we do not know what either of them looks like in their entirety. We also believe that they are not the point of Jesus' story or the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We believe that if getting into heaven or trying to escape hell becomes the point of someone's faith, they are missing what Jesus commands in the Gospels: to love one another. If we only focus on eternity, then our salvation and faith become all about us when Jesus desires that all receive this free gift, and He has called us as believers to reach the world with this good news, so they receive His love too.

Baptism

We believe that baptism is a sacrament of the Church. It is an outward sign of an inward work. It is a symbol of the new covenant of grace and signifies acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ. By means of this sacrament, believers declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death and of our hope in His victorious return, as well as a sign of the love that Christians have for each other. The Lord's Supper is a means by which God communicates grace to the heart; because of this, it should be received humbly, with a proper spirit, and by faith.

Marriage

We believe in the sanctity of marriage. Marriage in God's eyes is between one man and one woman. It is a covenant to each other before God and a pledge to be united in marital love for the rest of their lives. We believe that husbands should love their wives like Christ loves the Church, and wives should submit

to their husbands out of reverence for Christ. We also maintain that it is only in the bond of traditional marriage that sex and sexuality can be expressed and permitted.

Gender

We believe that God perfectly and immutably created each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). This means both men and women are unconditionally equal in essence, dignity, and value, but are distinct by divine design and serve complementary roles and responsibilities inside the family, church, and society at large.

Acknowledgement Statement

I have read and fully agree with the Statement of Faith of NEWLIFE Church and NEWLIFE Tutorial. I affirm that these beliefs reflect my personal convictions, and I commit to teach from a biblical worldview in alignment with this Statement of Faith.

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Date: _____