

# Hope in Christ Church: *Statement of Faith*

Scripture	God	Man	Grace	Church
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## We Believe:

**SCRIPTURE:** The Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

It is the ultimate, complete and eternal source of knowledge about God and the definitive guide for our daily lives.

### Basic information about the Bible

66 books written by 40 authors in 3 languages over 1500 years on 3 continents

The word Bible comes from the Greek word (*biblos*) for the outer coat of the papyrus reed

Original documents (the *autographos* ⇒ self-written) are gone, but copies are very reliable

**Old Testament** (39 books): 5 books of Law, 12 of History, 5 of Poetry, 17 of Prophecy

**New Testament** (27 books): 4 books of Biography, 1 of History, 21 Letters, 1 of Prophecy

### Key Verses Supporting the Doctrinal Statement concerning *Scripture*:

**Inspired:** Scripture originated in the mind of God [Romans 16:25-26](#), [2 Timothy 3:16a](#), [2 Peter 3:15](#)

Men wrote the Bible, but were directed by God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit [2 Samuel 23:1-2](#), [Zechariah 7:12](#), [Acts 1:15-16](#), [Ephesians 3:2-5](#), [2 Peter 1:20-21](#)

**Inerrant:** God's Word is "flawless" [2 Samuel 22:31a](#), [Psalm 12:6](#), [18:30a](#), [19:7](#), [Proverbs 30:5a](#)

**God knowledge:** God the Son (Jesus) is equated with the Word [John 1:1,14](#), [Revelation 19:11-13](#)

The Word of God is eternal [Psalm 111:7-8](#), [119:89-90](#), [144](#), [Isaiah 40:8](#) ([1 Peter 1:24](#))

Scripture is complete ('do not change') [Deuteronomy 4:2](#), [Proverbs 30:6](#), [Revelation 22:18-19](#)

God will finish everything planned in His Word [Matthew 5:17-18](#), [Isaiah 46:10-11](#), [55:11](#)

**Life guide:** Scripture is the source of Truth [1 Kings 17:24](#), [Daniel 10:21](#), [John 8:31-32](#), [14:6a](#), [17:17](#)

Salvation results from hearing the Word [Romans 10:17](#), [Galatians 3:2-5](#), [1 Peter 1:22-23](#)

His Word provides assurance of salvation [1 John 5:13](#) and peace [Romans 5:1-5](#)

Scripture study produces growth in spiritual maturity [Hebrews 5:12-14](#), [1 Peter 2:2-3](#)

The Word is Godly food from the LORD [Deuteronomy 8:3](#) ([Matthew 4:4](#)), [Psalm 104:14-15](#)

God's Word brings understanding (light) to life's 'path' [Psalm 119:105](#), [130](#), [2 Peter 1:19](#)

Scripture prepares for "every good work" [Romans 15:14](#), [Colossians 3:16](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

God's Word divides the worldly from the heavenly [Hebrews 4:12](#), [Revelation 19:11-21](#)

Knowing God's Word keeps people from sinning [Psalm 18:22-23](#), [119:9,11,133](#)

The only offensive weapon in God's armor is the Word [Luke 4:1-13](#), [Ephesians 6:17](#)

**Psalm 12:6** And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified 7 times.

**Psalm 119:9,11** How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ... I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Proverbs 30:6** Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.

**Matthew 4:4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Deuteronomy 8:3

**Matthew 5:17-18** [Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

**John 1:1, 14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 14:6a** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

**John 17:17** [Jesus said:] "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

**Romans 5:1-5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

**Romans 10:17** ...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

**Ephesians 3:2-5** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generation as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

**Ephesians 6:17** Take the...sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**Hebrews 5:12-14** In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

**1 Peter 1:22-23** Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

**2 Peter 1:20-21** Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**1 John 5:13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Revelation 22:18-19** I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.