

# Hope in Christ Church: *Statement of Faith*

*Scripture*

*God*

*Man*

*Grace*

*Church*

## We Believe:

**GOD:** There is only one God, existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is self-existent, eternal, unchanging, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, righteous and loving. God created the universe from nothing and He is the sovereign ruler over His creation.

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

- One God:** God is one in essence (unity) Deuteronomy 6:4 (Mark 12:29), John 10:27-30, 17:22-23  
There is only one true God Nehemiah 9:5b-6, Psalm 86:8-10, Isaiah 45:5-6, 1 Corinthians 8:4b
- Three Persons:** Father/God John 20:17, Son/God Matthew 1:23, John 1:1,14, Holy Spirit/God Acts 5:3-4  
The Trinity Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 48:12,16b, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:1-2
- Self-existent:** God existed before the creation (from the "beginning") Genesis 1:1a, John 1:1-2, 14
- Eternal:** He exists eternity past to eternity future Genesis 21:33, Exodus 3:14, Psalm 90:1-2  
Alpha/Omega, First/Last, Beginning/End Isaiah 44:6, Revelation 1:8, 17-18, 21:5-6, 22:12-13
- Unchanging:** Man changes; however, God does not change Numbers 23:19, 1 Samuel 15:27-29  
God will be the same forever Psalm 33:11, Malachi 3:6a, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:16-17
- Omnipotent:** God made and rules over everything 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, 2 Chronicles 20:6, Jeremiah 32:17  
The highest authority in Heaven/on earth is Jesus Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:9-10
- Omniscient:** Jesus knows everything: all thoughts and actions John 16:30, 21:17, Hebrews 4:13  
God creates each person, knows life span & time of death Job 14:5, Psalm 139:13-16
- Omnipresent:** The Lord can see everything Psalm 33:13-15, Proverbs 5:21, Jeremiah 23:23-24  
He sees people when they are good & when they sin Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 16:17
- Holy:** Holiness is the Lord's defining attribute Trihagion in Isaiah 6:3 & Revelation 4:8  
God's holiness is revealed in sovereignty and righteousness Psalm 99:1-5
- Righteous:** Jesus is the Righteous One (the unblemished lamb) 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 2:1-2  
In everything, the Lord is both righteous Ezra 9:15 and loving Psalm 145:17  
Saved by righteousness Romans 5:19-21 to live for righteousness Revelation 19:8
- Loving:** God loves everybody John 3:16-17, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Peter 3:9 first 1 John 4:8-10, 19
- Creator:** "In the beginning God created" Genesis 1:1a, 21, 27 and will create again Revelation 21:1  
Jesus was/is the creator Psalm 33:6,9, John 1:1,3, Hebrews 11:3, sustainer Colossians 1:15-17
- Sovereign:** God can do "whatever pleases Him" Psalm 115:3, Isaiah 45:7, Jeremiah 32:17, Luke 1:37

**Genesis 1:1a** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**2 Chronicles 20:6** O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

**Nehemiah 9:5b-6** Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

**Psalms 33:11** But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

**Psalms 33:13-15** From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth – he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

**Psalms 90:1-2** Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Psalms 99:1-5** The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy. The King is mighty, he loves justice – you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

**Psalms 115:3** Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

**Psalms 139:13-16** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**Psalms 145:17** The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

**Proverbs 15:3** The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

**Isaiah 48:12,16b** "Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. ... And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit."

**Mark 12:29** "The most important [commandment]", answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' "

**John 3:16-17** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

**John 17:22-23** "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

**John 21:17** The third time [Jesus] said to [Peter], "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

**Romans 5:19-21** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 8:4b** We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Colossians 1:15-17** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**Colossians 2:9-10** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

**Hebrews 4:13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**1 Peter 1:15-16** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

**1 John 2:1-2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 4:19** We love because he first loved us.

**Revelation 4:8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

**Revelation 19:8** Fine linen, bright and clean, was given [to the Bride of Christ] to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

**Revelation 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away

**Revelation 22:12-13** "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."