

Hope in Christ Church: *Statement of Faith*

Scripture

God

Man

Grace

Church

We Believe:

MAN: Man is a physical and spiritual being (composed of spirit, soul and body) who was created in God's image. However, because of sin, man has lost his fellowship with God and is destined to die.

Key Verses Supporting the Doctrinal Statement concerning *God*:

Physical & Spiritual: Man is both material & immaterial, believers have 3 parts [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#)

Human Creation: Man's creation was unlike the animals, he was formed with spirit [Genesis 2:7](#)

The first man (*âdâm*) was created in the image of God [Genesis 1:26-27](#)

As God's crown of creation, man was to rule over the creation [Psalm 8:6-8](#)

The first woman (*isha*) came from the first man's (*ish*) side [Genesis 2:22](#)

Adam named his wife and the first woman: Eve (life-giver) [Genesis 3:20](#)

Commands: love God & fellow man [Leviticus 19:18/Deuteronomy 6:4-5 \(Mark 12:28-31\)](#)

Sin: Fall of man produced the original sin [Genesis 2:16-17a, 3:1-6, Romans 5:12](#)

"Sinful nature" in the NT refers to original sin [Romans 8:5-8, Galatians 5:16-21](#)

Everyone sins, because it comes naturally [Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 3:23, 7:14-20](#)

Death: The consequence of sin is death [Genesis 2:16-17, Romans 6:23a, 1 Corinthians 15:21](#)

Adam's sin caused immediate spiritual death [Genesis 2:16-17, Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

Bodily death came later, but is certain for all [Genesis 5:5, 1 Corinthians 15:22](#)

Spiritual death, without rebirth, results in a second death [Revelation 20:11-15](#)

All will die, decay, return to dust, be judged [Psalm 90:3, Acts 13:36, Hebrews 9:27](#)

Bodies die, but through Jesus the spirit can live [Romans 8:10-11, Ephesians 2:4-5](#)

Following physical death, the saved get a heavenly body [1 Corinthians 15:35-57](#)

Physical death is actually a blessing from God [Genesis 3:24, Romans 6:6](#)

Extra/Preview: Who is able to save man from the second death? [John 14:6, Romans 7:24-25a](#)

Jesus saves man by providing a new birth of man's spirit [John 3:3-15](#)

Each person must choose: life/death, Heaven/hell [Deuteronomy 30:19, Luke 9:20](#)

Christians must work to win souls [Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:2-3, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#)

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over ... all the earth..." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7 ...the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God [said], "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Deuteronomy 30:19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live...

Psalms 8:6-8 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Psalms 90:3 You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

Daniel 12:2-3 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Mark 12:28-31 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important [commandment]", answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Luke 9:20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

John 3:3-15 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...

Romans 6:6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:14-20 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:24-25a What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:5-8 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Romans 8:10-11 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,...

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.