

Statement of Beliefs (Expanded)

Doctrine of Scripture

We believe that scripture is the infallible, inerrant, and authoritative word of God. It comprised the 66 books of the protestant cannon and has been preserved by God to this very day. It was written by the apostles and the prophets, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The word of God is sufficient for knowing God, his law, his dealings with humanity, and his saving work in Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 3:2, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35, Romans 15:4, Revelation 22:18-19, Luke 24:44-47)

Doctrine of The Triune God

We believe in One God, Yahweh, eternally existent in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the Savior of the Elect, and the Judge of the World. He is Holy, and there is none that compares to him or can be likened to him. He is Merciful and Gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in covenantal love.

Genesis 1:1-2:4, Exodus 34:6-7, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19, 1 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 4:4-6, 2 Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 1:3 Revelation 1:4-5

Doctrine of God the Father

God the Father is the Source and the Origin of all things. He is without form or body, for he is Spirit. He is the Father of the Lord Jesus, Eternally pouring out his love and affection on Christ. He created all things through Jesus and for Jesus through the Holy Spirit. He is the invisible God whom no eye has ever seen. In salvation, He predestines the believer for salvation and adoption through Jesus Christ according to his eternal will and purpose.

John 1:18, 4:24, 17:24 Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:3-5, Colossians 1:16 James 1:17-18, Revelation 4:11

Doctrine of Jesus Christ

Jesus of Nazareth is the Eternal Son of God, God in the Flesh, and the Messiah foretold in the Scriptures. He was born of the Virgin Mary, fulfilled the Law of Moses in perfection, rejected and Crucified for our sins, and on the third day resurrected in power, freeing us from the power of death. After showing himself alive to his followers, he ascended to the right hand of God, where he rules over the universe, yet awaiting the final consummation of His Kingdom. He will come again in glory at the end of the age to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate the Kingdom of God, and his reign will have no end.

Matthew 1:20-23, Luke 1:31-33, John 1:1-18, Acts 1:1-11, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Colossians 1:15-22, Romans 8:1-4, 2 Timothy 4:1

Doctrine of The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, a coequal member of the Triune God worthy to be worshipped, adored, and obeyed. He gives life and sustains, empowers and upholds. At Salvation, the Believer is Baptized into and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, sealing them for salvation. He also empowers them with various giftings for the fulfillment of ministry, according to the will of God

Genesis 1:2, Luke 4:1, John 3:5-6, 14:16-18, Romans 8:9-17, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 1:13-14, Revelation 1:4-6

Doctrine of Sin

We believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Though God has made himself known to us, we reject his glory, and thus give our worship to idols. The end result of this is our evil deeds. We believe that humanity is completely dead and depraved in their sin, having nothing to offer the Holy God. The penalty for our sin is death and eternal separation from God, which was not the original design for humanity

Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 1:18-32, 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-3

Doctrine of Salvation

We believe that Salvation is offered to sinful humanity by the grace of God alone, not by adherence to religious duty or by good deeds, but solely the grace of God through the sacrificial death, resurrection, and glorification of Jesus Christ. We respond to this grace by placing our faith in Christ alone for our Salvation, and by receiving water baptism, where we experience the regeneration and grace of God. Those who trust in Jesus for salvation are declared holy, having their sins past, present, and future forgiven. The Spirit of God continually transforms them to look more like Jesus. At death, the believer is present with the Lord in heaven, awaiting the resurrection of the dead. When Jesus returns, he will resurrect the people of God and give them eternal life. They will be in the presence of God in a renewed creation, reigning with Christ forever. *Ephesians 2:8-9 Titus 3:4-7, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 50-57, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Romans 5:1-11, 6:1-11, 8:28-30, John 3:16-17, 5:28-29, Acts 2:38-39, Colossians 2:12-13, Philippians 1:6, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:23-24, Philippians 3:20-21, Revelation 21:1-7*

Doctrine of Election

God, foreseeing the state of humanity and their inability to choose him, elected and predestined people from every nation, tribe, and tongue for eternal life. He draws them to Christ by the Holy Spirit, regenerates them and gives them a new heart, and preserves them to the end. Thus the believer can have full assurance that the covenant keeping God will not abandon them, but complete the work that he began.

Ephesians 1:3-14, Romans 8:29-30, 9:15-18, Revelation 5:9-10, John 6:37-40, 44, 10:28-29, 1 Peter 1:5, Romans 8:38-39, Ezekiel 36:26-27

Doctrine of the Church

The Church is the assembled New Covenant people of God from every nation, tribe, and tongue. The Church is the Body of Christ, formed to reveal him to nations and spiritual forces. It

is the temple of God, the place where the Spirit of God dwells. It is the Israel of God, his called out ones from among both Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:11-22, 3:10, 4:4-6, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Matthew 5:14, Galatians 3:28-29, 6:16

Doctrine of the Sacraments

We believe that the Lord Jesus ordained two sacraments for the church, baptism and the Eucharist (The Lord's Supper. These sacraments are effectual for salvation and are given for the benefit of the elect.

Baptism is the act of immersion in water through which God communicates his grace and regeneration to a new believer. The new believer is baptized into the atoning death of Jesus Christ and is raised to the newness of life. It is a tangible and physical sign that points to Spiritual Rebirth in Jesus Christ.

The Eucharist is the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, symbolized in the physical elements of Bread and Wine. Christ is Spiritually present in the Sacrament, and the believer spiritually feeds on Christ and is nourished by him with all of the benefits of his atonement. This sacrament is effectual for salvation, meaning that the Lord sanctifies the believer in this meal. the exact nature of this is a mystery, but in partaking of the Eucharist we partake in the atoning death of Jesus Christ. At New Creation Church, we invite those who have received Baptism to the Lord's table.

Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26, Colossians 2:11-12, John 3:5, 6:53-56

Doctrine of Last Things

We believe in the Day of the Lord, the appointed time where God will judge the living and the dead according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ will descend from heaven together with his angels, where he will raise the dead in Christ to life and living believers, leading them into eternal life, while the wicked he will send to everlasting destruction. Christ will rule for eternity in a renewed heavens and a renewed earth, together with his redeemed people. There will be no more death, no more pain, no more sadness, and no more sickness.

Acts 17:31, 2 Timothy 4:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, John 5:28-29, Revelation 21:1-18