

# NTC STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**: We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the only infallible and inspired written Word of God; cannot be added to, subtracted from, or superseded; is our source for all doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness; and is authoritative in matters of faith and conduct. (Psalm 119; Matthew 4:4; Luke 24:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21).
2. **GOD**: We believe there is only one true God, eternally existing in the three Persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7).
3. **JESUS CHRIST**: We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal and only begotten Son of God, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His teachings and miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death at the Cross of Calvary, in His bodily resurrection from the dead, in His ascension and exaltation to the right hand of God the Father, and in His Second Coming (John 1:1-4; Ephesians 2:13-18; Revelation 19-20).
4. **SIN**: We believe that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that sin results in spiritual death, which is separation from God (Romans 3:23; 5:12-19; 6:23).
5. **SALVATION**: We believe that salvation from sin is received exclusively by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice at the Cross of Calvary by all who call upon the name of Jesus with a true heart of repentance (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).
6. **SANCTIFICATION**: We believe that sanctification, which is separation from sin and dedication to God, is the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Ghost to live a life of holiness which is made possible by keeping one's faith exclusively in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 12:14; 13:12; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
7. **THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST**: We believe that all who have received salvation are entitled to and should earnestly seek the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an experience distinct from and received subsequent to salvation and is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Holy Ghost gives the utterance (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 2:1-4; 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9; 19:6).
8. **DIVINE HEALING**: We believe that divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is provided for in the Atonement in response to the prayer of faith (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24).

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9. **THE ORDINANCES AND PRACTICES OF THE CHURCH:**
  - A. **Water Baptism:** We believe that water baptism by immersion after repenting of one's sins and accepting God's gift of salvation is an outward sign of the inward, spiritual change that has already taken place (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16).
  - B. **Holy Communion:** We believe that Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine, is a symbol of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a memorial of His suffering and death, and is to be performed by believers "till He come" (1 Corinthians 11:26).
10. **THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH:** We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ and is made up of all believers who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ and that every believer is an integral part of the mission of the Church which is to (1) worship God, (2) evangelize the lost by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, (3) build and edify the body of Christ, and (4) meet human needs with Godly love and compassion (Mark 16:15; John 4:23-24; Galatians 2:10; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:22; 4:11-16).
11. **THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH:** We believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church, which is our blessed hope, and at this imminent, unknown moment in time, all believers who have died will be resurrected from their graves and Christians who are alive will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air to live with Him for eternity (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13).
12. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST:** We believe in the pre-millennial Second Coming of Jesus Christ with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth where believers will rule and reign with Christ for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27,30; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6).
13. **THE FINAL JUDGMENT:** We believe that there will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be resurrected and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, and the antichrist and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire, which is the second death (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15).
14. **NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH:** We believe and look forward to the perfect New Heavens and New Earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him, where we will live and dwell with Him for eternity (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1).
15. **MARRIAGE:** We believe that marriage, as ordained by God and defined in the Bible, is the sacred union of one man and one woman, as they were originally created by God (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5; Ephesians 5:31).
16. **THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:** We believe that God created humanity in His image and likeness and that all human life, from the moment of conception, is sacred and is therefore to be valued, respected, nurtured, protected, and preserved (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139; Proverbs 24:11-12; Romans 13:9).