



## Statement of Faith

What a person believes is the foundation for both life and ministry. If after carefully and prayerfully reading the following statements and beliefs of HOPE Adult Learning, you are in agreement with them sign, date and return this with your tutor registration form.

**The Trinity:** It is the testimony of both Testaments and of the Christian Church that God is both One and Triune. The Biblical revelation testifies that there is only one God, and that He is eternally existent in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

**God the Father:** God, the Father, is the Creator and sustainer of all things, and created the universe in love to respond to Him. He created man in His own image for fellowship, and called man back to Himself through Christ after the rebellion and fall of man.

**The Son:** Jesus Christ is eternally God. He was together with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, and through Him all things were made. For man's redemption, He left heaven and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of Mary, who was a virgin; as a result, He is forever one Christ with two natures, God and Man, in one Person. He led a sinless life, preformed miracles, died for all mankind paying the penalty for sin by His death through His shed blood. He resurrected in His body and ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will return in power and glory. (John 1:1-4; Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 1:11 & 2:22-24)

**The Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is God, the Lord and giver of life, who was active in the Old Testament, and given to the Church in fullness at Pentecost. He empowers the saints for service and witness, cleanses man from the old nature, and conforms us to the image of Christ. (Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:9)

**The Scripture:** We affirm that the Bible containing the Old and New Testaments is alone the only unchanging, inspired Word of God, and that its authority is ultimate, final, and eternal. It cannot be added to, subtracted from, or superseded in any regard. The Bible is the source of all doctrine, instruction, correction, and rebuke. It contains all that is needed for guidance in godliness and practical Christian conduct. (II Timothy 3:15-17)

**The Atonement:** Christ's vicarious death on the cross paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, but its benefits are only for those who receive Jesus as personal Savior. Healing - body, soul, and spirit - is provided for in the atonement, as well as all of God's provisions for His saints.

**Salvation:** The Word of God declares clearly that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and salvation is a free gift of God through faith alone, based on the merits of the death of His Son, and is received personally by faith alone. Salvation is by personal remorse and repentance from sin, belief in the Lord Jesus (justification), and personal acceptance of Him into one's life as Lord and Savior (regeneration). The only way to God the Father is through Jesus the Son. The new life in Christ includes the privileges of adoption and inheritance in the Kingdom of God's beloved Son. Salvation is an act of free will in response to God's personal love for mankind. It is predestined only in the sense that God, through His omniscience, foreknew those who would choose Him. It is secure in the eternal, unchanging commitment of God who does not lie and is forever the same. Salvation should produce an active lifestyle of loving obedience and service to Jesus Christ our Savior. (Romans 3:23; Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Luke 24:46-47)

**The Resurrection:** We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. (Revelation 20:11-15; I Corinthians 15:51-57)

**The Church:** We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12:12 & 27)

**The Christian Life:** We believe that the Scriptures show the life of the saint in this world to be one of balance between what is ascribed to us as Christians and what is imparted to us according to our faith and maturity. As a result, God's provision for His children is total, and the promises are final and forever. The shortcomings of the individual and of the Church are because of the still progressing sanctification of the saints. The Christian life is filled with trials, tests, and warfare against a spiritual enemy. For those enduring in Christ until their deaths or His return, the promises of eternal blessing in the presence of God are guaranteed. To remain faithful through all circumstances of life requires dependence upon the Holy Spirit and a willingness to die to personal desires and passions.

**Evangelism:** We believe that the ministry of evangelism is a responsibility of both the Church and each Christian. (Romans 10 9-15; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 3:15)

**Baptism & the Lord's Supper:** The Word of God places on the Church two unending ordinances of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first, baptism, is the outward sign of what God has already done in the individual's life, and is a testimony to all that the person now belongs to Jesus. It is identification with Jesus and is affected in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a remembrance of the death of the Lord and is done in memory of Him until He comes again; it is a sign of our participation in Him. Both ordinances are restricted to those who are believers.

**End Times:** We affirm the bodily, personal, second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the saints, the millennium, and the final judgment. We affirm with the Bible the final state of the new heavens and the new earth.

My beliefs are in agreement with all these statements:

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Signature

Print Name

Date