



New Hope Christian Church

Disciples Making Disciples

Essential truth. Our Statement of Faith. These things don't change at New Hope. This is what we believe, and it's who we are at the core as a church.

We believe...

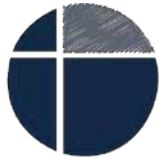
We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:16,45; 6:1,4,8,9; James 1:17/John 1:1; 14:9 / Genesis 1:2; John 4:24; 14:16-20; 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of all things visible and invisible (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3)

We believe there is one Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to earth from heaven to give us an example for meaningful living, rescue us from self- destruction through his death for our sins and give us eternal hope through his resurrection from the dead. We believe acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord over our lives is the only way to reach the God who lives forever in heaven.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, my one and only Savior (John 1:14; 1 John 4:9, John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18)

- Who was born Jesus of Nazareth, both fully human and fully divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary (Matthew 21:11; John 19:19 / John 1:14; Romans 5:15-17; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1 / Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38)
- Who suffered and was crucified under Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-46)
- Who died and was buried, and Who rose again bodily from the dead on the third day (Luke 23:44 - 24:8; John 20:24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- Who ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69; Acts 1:1-9; Colossians 3:1)
- Who will return to earth to judge both the living and the dead (Matthew 24:36- 42; John 14:1-3, Acts 1:10-11; 10:39-42; 1 Peter 4:5)



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We believe in the Holy Spirit

- Who is an active and operative part of the triune God (John 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8; Romans 8:26-27)
- Who indwells every Christian (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)

We believe in the Bible—God’s Holy Word, Scripture. We believe God inspired the autographs (original writings) of the Scripture and those autographs were consequently without error (Mark 12:36; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

We accept the Bible as the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12)

We believe this great God is a gracious God whose desire is to restore the personal relationship that He originally intended for man to have with Him. We believe God has freely opened this path to each of us without an expectation that man must earn his way into God’s presence.

We believe man and woman were made uniquely and equally in the image of God to live in peace with God and His creation. However, we believe man and woman failed their responsibilities by refusing to believe God’s blessing and His warning, thus making it necessary for Jesus Christ to become the sacrifice by which the price was paid to remove earthly and eternal consequences of man’s failure and the accompanying evil that goes with it.

We believe the Bible teaches that man, created by God, willfully sinned against God and is consequently lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23)

We believe the Bible teaches that salvation—the forgiveness of sins—is only by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7)



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Salvation - Salvation is the act of being rescued from our impending eternal punishment and given instead the gift of eternal life in heaven. This gift is the result of two factors, the grace of God and the faith of the individual.

The grace of God is revealed in the cross of Jesus Christ, as He died to pay our penalty of sin. It is unmerited favor. We did not do anything to deserve this gift. God gave it to us because He loves us and wants to spend eternity with us in heaven.

The faith of the individual is revealed in specific steps.

- Believing in Jesus Christ – John 3:16
- Repenting of sin – turning away from a life of sin – Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19
- Professing your belief about Jesus – Romans 10:9-10
- Being baptized by immersion – Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16
- Earnestly seeking to persevere – Colossians 1:21-23, 2 Peter 2:21-22

When the grace of God and the faith of the individual come together the result is the forgiveness of sins, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the promise of eternal life in heaven.

This conversion process is often called the “plan of salvation.” This plan can be summed up in that we are saved by grace, through faith, in baptism, and for good works.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the Day of Pentecost and consisting of all Christians everywhere (Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-47)

We believe the Bible teaches that the Elders are to exercise authority over the local congregation (Acts 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4)