

NewGen Statement of Faith

Our statement of faith is essentially a summary of what we believe as a church. Truth is not relative or a fad, it is timeless. John Wesley says that, "if it is new, it is not true, and if it is true, it is not new." This is what we believe to be God's truth regarding Himself and His creation, as referenced by His Word.

We believe **THE BIBLE**, including the Old and New Testament, to be God's Holy Scriptures¹. Verbally inspired by God², they serve in their original writings as God's inerrant³ and infallible⁴ self-disclosure⁵, functioning as God's totally relevant final authority and transforming power for the Christian faith and life⁶.

We believe **THE GODHEAD** is triune, one God⁷ eternally existing in three persons⁸, Father, Son and Holy Spirit⁹; co-existent¹⁰, co-equal¹¹ and co-eternal¹² having the same attributes and perfections¹³.

We believe **GOD THE FATHER** is the Sovereign Creator of all things¹⁴, that through the creative¹⁵ and sustaining¹⁶ power of His Word He brought creation into being. He is faithful to every promise¹⁷ and works all things together for the good of those that love Him¹⁸ and in His astounding grace gave His Son, Jesus Christ to redeem a lost and broken world¹⁹.

We believe that Jesus Christ is **GOD THE SON**²⁰, that he was the eternal Word made flesh²¹, supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit²² and born of the Virgin Mary²³. He is fully God²⁴ and fully man²⁵ and through him all things were created²⁶. Through His death on the cross²⁷, as a propitiatory²⁸ and substitutionary²⁹ sacrifice, and through His physical resurrection³⁰, he accomplished our redemption and justification³¹. And ascending into heaven He is highly exalted at God's right hand³², where, as our High Priest, He acts on our behalf in relation to God³³.

We believe that **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT** convicts mankind of sin, of righteousness and of judgement³⁴. And by His powerful and mysterious work regenerates spiritually dead sinners³⁵, by awakening in them repentance and faith³⁶, baptising them into Christ³⁷, renewing³⁸, sanctifying³⁹ and adopting⁴⁰ believers into God's family. Furthermore the Holy Spirit leads believers to bear spiritual fruit⁴¹ and gives them supernatural gifts⁴².

We believe that **MANKIND** was created⁴³ - both male and female - as image bearers of God⁴⁴ and as the crown of His creation⁴⁵. But through Adam's sin, mankind rebelled against God⁴⁶, inherited a sinful nature⁴⁷ and became alienated from God⁴⁸. As a result, mankind is unable in himself to be reunited with God⁴⁹.

We believe that **THE GOSPEL** is the good news revealed in the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ⁵⁰. That in mankind's rebellion against God, they became his enemies⁵¹. But God, being rich in mercy and love⁵², sacrificed his only begotten perfect Son Jesus Christ on the cross, to satisfy his Holy justice⁵³. Thereby and through the cross, imputing the righteousness of Christ onto those that believe and the sin of mankind onto Jesus Christ⁵⁴.

We believe that **SALVATION** is the free gift of God⁵⁵, provided by grace alone⁵⁶, through faith alone⁵⁷, because of Christ alone⁵⁸ and for the glory of God alone⁵⁹. This salvation is made possible because of Christ's substitutionary death⁶⁰, whereby His righteousness is imputed to the believer and as a result the believer is declared justified and receives the free gift of eternal life⁶¹.

We believe that **THE CHURCH** is the body Christ, which is made up of all Christians everywhere and is the one true church⁶². This universal church finds its expression in local communities of baptised believers unified through faith in Christ⁶³, committed to His teachings, obeying all His commands⁶⁴ and seeking through love to bring the gospel to the world⁶⁵. Local churches are autonomous, lead in the plurality of a male eldership team⁶⁶ and called to witness to their commitment to Christ through the believer's baptism⁶⁷ and regular celebration of communion⁶⁸. We believe that marriage is consummated before God between a man and a woman, and is a prophetic picture of Christ, His bride the church and the wedding feast to come⁶⁹. We believe God's grace calls believers everywhere to say no to ungodliness⁷⁰. And where God's grace is abused, the local church has a responsibility to deal with such sin as described in scripture⁷¹.

We believe that the **CONSUMMATION** of all things, includes the visible, personal and glorious return of Jesus Christ⁷², the resurrection of the dead⁷³, the renewal of all things⁷⁴ and the judgement of the just and unjust⁷⁵ leading to the fulfilment of the promise of the New Heaven and the New Earth⁷⁶.

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