

## **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia Statement of Faith**

### **The Godhead**

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, having the same nature, attributes, and perfections, and are worthy of the same homage and obedience. (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-5; II Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6)

### **The Lord Jesus Christ**

We believe in the pre-existence, incarnation and virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ who came into the world to reveal the Father, and was the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person; that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, for by Him the worlds were made. We believe that in Christ dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that He was very God and very Man, the I AM, the Jehovah of the Old Testament. We further believe in the sinless life of our Lord Jesus Christ, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His bodily ascension into heaven and His imminent return. We further believe that He is presently seated at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for His redeemed. We also acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord over all things in Heaven, and in earth, and under the earth. (John 1:1-2; I Timothy 3:16; Acts 7:37-38; Philippians 2:-9-10; Hebrews 7:25)

### **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit, though omnipresent from all eternity, after the glorification of Jesus Christ was sent on the day of Pentecost, dwells in every believer, unites all to Christ in one body, and is the source of all power and all acceptable service. We believe that ministries are committed to the Holy Spirit including the restraining of evil in the world; the convicting of the world respecting sin, righteousness, and judgment; the regeneration of all believers; the sealing and service of those among the saved who are yielded to Him and to His will. We believe that the fruit of the Spirit is the manifestation of the character of Christ in the believer's life. We further believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to Christians today and that all the gifts of the Spirit should be and must be operative in the Church for the Church to manifest her full glory under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (John 3:6, 14:16-17; Romans 8:9, 12:10-11; I Corinthians 6:19, 12:-8-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:22, 4:11-13)

### **Man's Fallen Condition**

We believe that man by willful transgression fell from a state of righteousness and holiness in which he was first created into total spiritual depravity; a state of death in trespasses and sins in which he is held as a slave of sin and an enemy of God, being unable to attain divine righteousness by his own efforts, but must be redeemed and delivered by the power of the Gospel. (Romans 3:23-25, 5:12-21; I Corinthians 15:1-4; II Corinthians 4:3-4)

### **Salvation Only Through Christ**

We believe that repentance and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ produces the work of justification in the believer through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Further, we believe that, owing to universal spiritual death through sin, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless born of the Spirit. We also believe that our redemption has been accomplished solely by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died as our substitute. (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9)

### **Divine Healing**

We believe in divine healing for the whole man through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; Acts 4:30, 19:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14; I Peter 2:24-25)

### **Evangelism and Missions**

We believe that it is the explicit message of our Lord Jesus Christ to those whom He has redeemed, that they are sent forth by Him into the world to be witnesses of His saving grace and that their primary purpose in life should be to glorify God by obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ's command to preach the Gospel to every creature. (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:18-20; I Peter 1:17, 2:11)