

Hope in Christ Church: Statement of Faith

Scripture

God

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We Believe:

GOD: There is only one God, existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is self-existent, eternal, unchanging, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, righteous and loving. God created the universe from nothing and He is the sovereign ruler over His creation.

Key Verses Supporting the Doctrinal Statement concerning God:

- One God:** God is one (unity) (in essence) Deuteronomy 6:4 (Mark 12:29), John 10:27-30, 17:22
There is only one true God Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 86:8-10, Isaiah 45:5-6, 1 Corinthians 8:4b
- Three Persons:** Father/God John 20:17, Son/God Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:23), Holy Spirit/God Acts 5:3-4
The Trinity Isaiah 48:12,16b, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:26, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 1:1-2
- Self-existent:** God existed before the creation (from the "beginning") Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-2, 14
- Eternal:** He exists eternity past to eternity future Genesis 21:33, Nehemiah 9:5b, Psalm 90:1-2
Alpha/Omega, First/Last, Beginning/End Isaiah 44:6, Revelation 1:8, 17-18, 21:5-6, 22:12-13
- Unchanging:** Man changes; however, God does not change Numbers 23:19, 1 Samuel 15:29, Malachi 3:6a
God will be the same forever Psalm 33:11, 89:34, 110:4, Jeremiah 4:28, Hebrews 13:8
- Omnipotent:** God made and rules over everything 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13, Psalm 33:6, Jeremiah 32:17,
The highest authority in Heaven/on earth is Jesus Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:9-10
- Omniscient:** God knows all thoughts/actions Job 34:21, Psalm 94:11a, 139:1-4, Matthew 6:8b, John 21:17
God creates each person, knows life span & time of death Job 14:5, Psalm 139:13-16
- Omnipresent:** The Lord can see everything Psalm 33:13-15, Proverbs 5:21, Jeremiah 23:23-24, Hebrews 4:13
He sees people when they are good & when they sin Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 16:17
- Holy:** Holiness is the Lord's defining attribute Trihagion in Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8b
God's holiness is revealed in His sovereignty and righteousness Psalm 99:1-5
- Righteous:** Jesus is the Righteous One (the unblemished lamb) 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 2:1-2
In everything, the Lord is both righteous Ezra 9:15a and loving Psalm 145:17
His righteousness saves Romans 5:19-21 so man can live for righteousness Romans 6:18
- Loving:** God loves everybody John 3:16-17, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Peter 3:9 first 1 John 4:8-10, 19
- Creator:** "In the beginning God created" Genesis 1:1, 21, 27 and will create again Revelation 21:1b
Jesus was/is the creator Psalm 33:6,9, John 1:1,3, Hebrews 11:3, sustainer Colossians 1:16-17
- Sovereign:** The LORD does "whatever pleases Him" Psalm 115:3, 135:6, Isaiah 46:10, Daniel 4:35b

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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

1 Samuel 15:29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Nehemiah 9:5b Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Psalms 33:11 The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 33:13-15 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth – he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

Psalms 90:1-2 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalms 99:1-5 The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy. The King is mighty, he loves justice – you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Psalms 115:3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

Psalms 139:1-4 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalms 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Isaiah 44:6 This is what the LORD says – Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

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Isaiah 45:5-6 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Isaiah 48:12,16b Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called:

I am he; I am the first and I am the last. ... And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

Daniel 4:35b [The Most High] does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

Matthew 1:23 The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means "God with us". Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 6:8b Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Mark 12:29 "The most important [commandment]", answered Jesus, "is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' " Deuteronomy 6:4

John 1:1-2,14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1,3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 10:27-30 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

John 20:17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

Acts 5:3-4 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to men but to God.

Romans 5:19-21a For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Philippians 2:5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:16b-17 By [Jesus Christ] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 2:9-10 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered [in Asia], who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace & peace be yours in abundance.

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 John 2:1-2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 4:8-10,19 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ... We love because he first loved us.

Revelation 4:8b Day and night [the four living creatures] never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Revelation 21:1b I saw a new heaven & a new earth, for the first heaven & the first earth had passed away.

Revelation 22:12-13 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”