

## ACRES OF HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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1. **We believe** that all 66 books of the Bible are the only inspired word of God to the world, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*).
2. **We believe** that God is one, but reveals Himself through the persons of the Trinity as The Father, The Son as Jesus, and The Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we believe that each person of this Trinity is God (*1 Cor. 8:6 6:44; Rom. 1:7; Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:1 Acts 5:3; Heb. 9:14; Jn. 4:24*).
3. **We believe** that God is the creator of all things, is all-powerful, all-knowing, and in control to do as He wills (*Jer. 32:17; Eph. 3:20; Psa.139:1-4; 1 Sam. 2:6-9; Psa. 24:1*).
4. **We believe** that Jesus was literally conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin named Mary (*Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-33*).
5. **We believe** that Jesus lived a sinless life (*1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5*).
6. **We believe** that all of humanity has fallen short of God's glory and is in need of salvation; hence the reason Jesus came to the earth (*Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:8; Jn. 14:6*).
7. **We believe** that those who die without salvation go to a literal place called Hell (*Psa. 9:17; Psa.73:12-19; Luke 16:23,26; Jn. 12:48*).
8. **We believe** that salvation is in none other than through the name, person, work, and grace of Jesus Christ (*Jn. 14:6; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8*).
9. **We believe** that those who belong to Christ will inherit eternal life in a literal Kingdom of Heaven (*Isaiah 65; Zech. 14*).
10. **We believe** that Jesus will return to gather His people, as well as the resurrection of the dead in Christ at His return (*1 Cor. 15:21-23*).
11. **We believe** in the water baptism of believers in Christ (*Acts 2:38-41; Acts 22:16*).
12. **We believe** in the observance of communion (the bread and the cup) as a means to remember our Lord (*1 Cor. 11:24*).
13. **We believe** that Christ is the Head of the church, which should be governed by Him (*Eph. 5:23*).
14. **We believe** that all of Christ's ministers are servant-leaders, not dictators (*Jn. 13:3-16; Phil. 2:3-8*).
15. **We believe** that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today, for the common good of building up the church (*1 Cor. 12, 1 Cor. 14*).
16. **We believe** that all Christians are one in Jesus Christ, and that God uses both men and women to exercise the giftings of the Holy Spirit, including teaching and leadership (*Gal. 3:28-29*).