



New Life Church's Statement of beliefs

We Believe:

1. That the Bible is the inspired and only infallible Word of God. It is accurate, authoritative and applicable to our everyday lives.
2. That there is one God, Creator of everything, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each fully God yet each personally distinct from each other.
3. In the complete deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His conception by the Holy Spirit; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His bodily resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father as our advocate and mediator; and personal future return in power and glory.
4. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life as they participate in an ongoing process of separating from sin and becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus.
5. In the baptism of the Holy Spirit by whom the believer is empowered for living the Christian life, for worship and for service.
6. That all people are created in God's image and matter deeply to Him. God loves people and desires them to have a personal relationship with Him and with each other.
7. That everyone has sinned and is born a sinner, and that our sin has separated us from God. We are all incapable of pleasing God or saving our souls through our own efforts.
8. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the blood of Christ, who died in our place on the cross.
9. In the believer's baptism as a witness to salvation, by total immersion in water, in obedience to the command of Christ. (Mark 16:16)

10. In the regular observance of the Lord's Supper, as set out in Scripture. (1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Matt. 26:27-29; Acts 2:42)
11. In the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.
12. That there is only one way to heaven, through faith in Jesus Christ.
13. In the priesthood of all believers, that everyone may have full and equal access to God.
14. That God continues to perform miracles, including healing the sick.
15. In the local church as an autonomous association of believers, focused on reaching unsaved people, and the discipleship of believers. It is the visible expression of the universal church, of which Christ is the head.
16. That missions are close to the heart of God, as we reach out to unsaved people across different language groups and cultures within and beyond our local community, making disciples of all nations in obedience to the great commission in Matthew 28:19.
17. In the power of prayer as a means of communication between us and God and to effect change in line with God's will, made possible through the work of Jesus on the cross.
18. In the family as the most basic unit of Church community, and in heterosexual marriage.
19. The church is a place where all can experience grace and forgiveness.
20. That we have liberty in non-essentials. We accept those whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Each of us will give a personal account to God. In all our beliefs, we show love.

The Local Church Is The Hope Of The World

Bill Hybels:

"There's nothing like the local church when the local church is working right!

Think what a local church would be like: if its people were radically devoted to Christ, irrevocably committed to each other, and relentlessly dedicated to reaching those outside God's family with the gospel of Christ. It would be: - an unstoppable force for good in the community, - an inspiration to other churches and - a testimony to God's unfailing grace."

Rick Warren:

"I love the Church of Jesus Christ with all my heart. Despite all its faults (due to our sinfulness) it is still the most magnificent concept ever created. It has been God's chosen instrument of blessing for two thousand years. It has survived persistent abuse, horrifying persecution, and widespread neglect. Para-church organisations & other Christian groups come & go, but the Church will last for eternity. It is worth giving our lives for and it deserves our best."

I See a Church....

- Full of Faith, Fire & Fun!
- That is a Generational Church embracing the whole family.
- That enjoys Fellowship with people of whatever colour, kind, culture.
- That is committed to Social Justice & helping to meet the needs of poorer people in our Community.
- That through Discipleship Grows in Faith and is committed to reaching the lost & unchurched in this community & beyond.
- That is an emotionally healthy church! People who are healed from hurts & Storms of Life.
- Who Love the Bible, know the Bible, believe the Bible & live the Bible!
- That prepares & equips its members to do the work that God has called every Christian to do.
- A Church where vibrant Life Groups comprise the heart of the Body.