



We, the members of New Covenant Bible Church, having carefully considered the teachings of the Scriptures, do herein set forth our convictions and beliefs.

### **A. The Scriptures**

We believe the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, to be literally the Word of God, inspired and inerrant, in the original manuscripts. It is the only perfect rule and source of faith, creed and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17; Matthew 5:18)

### **B. God**

We believe God is the one infinite and eternal being. He is spiritual in essence, the supreme personal intelligence, the creator and preserver of all things and the perfect moral ruler of the universe. He alone is to be worshipped. He eternally exists as a tri-unity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and yet the one God. (Genesis 1:1; Psalms 90:2; John 4:24; Isaiah 46:9-10; Psalms 24:1; Revelation 19:6; Matthew 28:18-19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

1. *God the Father:* The Father is leader within the Godhead. He is sovereign in all that was, is, and shall come to pass. He is the author of election, through which He chooses a people for Himself, and is the sender of the Son. His love is forever bestowed on the Son, and on all true believers who are His children. (Isaiah 46:10; Job 9:6-9; Romans 11:25-29; Ephesians 4:6; John 3:16; Galatians 3:26; John 17: 20-26)

2. *God the Son:* We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Word (i.e., living communication of God) and only begotten Son of the Father. He eternally existed with the Father and Holy Spirit. He became man without ceasing to be God, and, therefore, is now continuing forever as both true God and true man, one person with two natures. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God to man and redeem man from the penalty of sin. He paid with His death the penalty we deserved to pay for sin and rose the third day. We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ. (John 1:1; John 1:14; John 3:16; Philippians 2:5-8;

Colossians 2:9; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14; 1 John 2:1-2; Titus 2:11-14; Acts 2:23-24; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

3. *God the Holy Spirit*: The Holy Spirit is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son. He is third in the procession of authority within the Godhead and is committed to glorifying the Son. He convinces the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; convicts and empowers, gives gifts, guides, and teaches all who come to Christ. (Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; John 16:7-11; John 3:5; John 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Romans 8:14; 1 John 2:27)

### **C. Angels, Fallen and Unfallen**

We believe that God created an innumerable company of sinless, spiritual beings, known as angels. One of them, "Lucifer, son of the morning", the highest in rank, sinned through pride and thereby became Satan. A third of the created company of angels followed Satan in his rebellion and fall and are active with him today in their opposition to the Kingdom of God. We further believe that a great company of angels kept their holy estate and are before the throne of God, from whence they are sent forth as ministering spirits for those who are heirs of salvation. (Matthew 18:10; Matthew 26:53; Job 38:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Ephesians 6:12; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 7:11-12; Revelation 12:4)

### **D. Man**

We believe that man was directly created by God after His image and in His likeness, for fellowship and communion with Himself. Man was created without sin, and his purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. He sinned voluntarily and now all men are under condemnation until they repent and trust in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:7; Genesis 3:1-24; Genesis 5:3; John 3:16-18; Isaiah 64:6)

### **E. Marriage, Sexuality and Gender**

We believe that God calls some men and women to celibacy and some to marriage. We believe that God established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest and use of pornography) is sin. (2 Corinthians 7:8; Genesis 2:24-25; Exodus 20:14,17; Exodus 22:19; Leviticus 18:22-23; Leviticus 20:13,15-16; Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 19:4-6,9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7). We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is sin. (Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5) We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that

every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity without being exposed to hateful or harassing behavior. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31)

## **F. Salvation**

We believe that salvation from the eternal result of sin is possible only when we repent and personally place our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting Him alone to save us. Salvation is by grace through faith alone and not by any works that we can do. Once we truly accept Him we are eternally secure as a child belonging to God. (Romans 6:23; Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 10:28; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 7:25)

## **G. Church**

1. *Universal:* We believe that the universal Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism, made up of all born again Christians. The Church began at Pentecost (Acts 2) and a believer is placed into the Church by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Church to be distinct from Israel in the plan and purpose of God. (Ephesians 4:4; Ephesians 4:16; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 11:1-2; Romans 11:24-27)

2. *Local:* We believe that the local church is an assembly of professing believers in Jesus Christ who are voluntarily joined together in one locality to worship God, to minister to one another, and to evangelize. (Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:11-16)

## **H. The Ordinances**

We believe that Christ instituted the ordinances of water baptism and communion, which are to be observed by believers until He returns. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 10:46-48; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30; Luke 22:17-20).

1. *Baptism:* By participating in water baptism believers are giving an outward sign of the inward reality that the Holy Spirit has baptized them into Christ. It is a public identification with Jesus Christ as Savior.

2. *Communion:* By celebrating communion believers memorialize Christ's death and give witness to their belief in the voluntary self-giving of Christ and the effectiveness of His shed blood for the remission of sin.