

Choice Harvest Church

Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the **Bible**, Old (Concealed) and New Testament (Revealed), is the **inspired** and **infallible (Factual)** Word of God, that the bible is the **inerrant** (absence of error-Harmonius) Scripture, and the **revealed (Disclose)** will of God (2 Tim 3: 16, 2 Pet 1:21, Heb 4:12).

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, **(Divinely Breathed)** and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness: **2Ti 3:17** That the **man of God** may be **perfect**, throughly furnished unto all good works **Heb 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **2Pe 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost

2. We believe that **God** is **eternally existent** in three separate manifestations comprised of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All are one representing the **Godhead** (Matt 28:19, I Jn 5:7). Jesus Christ, God made manifest in the **flesh**, is the second member of the Godhead and the only begotten Son of God (Is 9:6, In 1:1,12, Lk 3:21,22). Godhead (the word) is found in Romans 1:20.

Lu 3:21 ¶ Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, Lu 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Mt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 1Jo 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these **three are one**. Ro 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

3. We believe that **Man** was created in God's **Image** and God is the Creator of all things. By an act of His own will, man fell in **sin** and his only hope of redemption is in **Jesus Christ**, the Son of God (Gen 1:26-31, Rom 8:29).

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4. We believe that **Jesus Christ** is fully **God** and fully **human**, that He was born of a virgin by **Immaculate Conception** of the **Holy Spirit**. That He lived a sinless life, provided for **atonement** of our sins by His death on the cross, was **Resurrected** after **three days**, ascended back to the right hand of God the father, and ever lives to make **intercession** for us.

Luke 1:27- 38 Mt 1:18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Ac 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

5. Salvation of Man:

a) Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed **blood** of Jesus Christ. When Jesus died on the cross He became **sin** and sickness for us, providing the **salvation** and healing for all (Ps 103:3). Salvation comes by **believing** in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and by **confessing** with your mouth Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life (Rom 3:23, 24, 10:8-10 Eph 2:8, Rom 6:23, 5:20,21, 1 Pet 2:24).

b) The inward evidence to a believer is the **personal** witness of the Spirit (Rom 8:16, Gal 4:6, 1 In 3:24). The outward evidence to all men is a **changed** life of true holiness and love. Although no one except Jesus is perfect and sinless, an outward showing of a changed lifestyle must take place, representing a **conversion** of heart and life. (Mk 16:17,18, Jn 13:35).

c) Salvation comes by **faith** in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works are **proof** of our faith. (Rom 10:9,10, 2 Cor 5:10, Eph 2:8,9, Titus 3:5-8, Jam 2:18).

6. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of **separating** from evil and coming into relationship with God. (Rom 12:1,2 1Thess 5:23, Jn 17:17, Eph 5:26, 2Tim 2:21). The Bible teaches that without **holiness**, no one will see the Lord (Heb 12:24). By the power of the Holy Spirit, the command of holiness can be **obeyed** (1 Pet 1:15, 16m Heb 12:9, Phil 2:13, Deb 13:21). Through sanctification, man realizes that Jesus **died** for his sins so he may have life everlasting, and by daily allowing the Holy Spirit to **complete** the work that God began until the day of the return. (Phil 1 :6).

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7. **Baptism by immersion** in water is a statement to the world that a believer has died to (or put away) the old, sinful ways of life, and that they have been **raised** (to a new way of life) with Christ to walk in **newness** through Him (Matt 28:19, Acts 10:47,48, Rom 6:4).

8. We believe in the celebration of the **Lord's Supper** by corporately eating the bread and drinking the cup is a **symbolism** and **remembrance** of Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. (1 Cor 11:24-30).

9. We believe that the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** is available to all believers and believers should eagerly expect and diligently **seek** the promise of the Father, according to the command of Jesus Christ. This includes the infilling power for life and service, the granting of **gifts** and their uses in the way of the ministry. This experience is different from, and in addition to the experience of the **new birth** (Lk 24:49, Acts 1:2-8, 2:38,39, 8:16,10:44-46,15:7-91:17, 1Cor 12:1-31).

10. We believe that the **Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**, according to scripture, is an uncompromising **love** for your fellow man, **boldness** to witness to others concerning the testimony of Christ, an earnest desire for **Christian** service, as well as speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 10:44, 19:2-6).

11. We believe in the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** mentioned in I Cor 12:1-11 as being available to all believers and are valid and **active** in the church today with an emphasis of being exercised within Scriptural guidelines. We as believers are to desire the best gifts seeking to **exercise** them in love that the whole Body of Christ would be edified.

12. We believe that each **Believer** is a **contributing** part of the Body of Christ. Every member of the family of God does their share and everyone has something to offer to others. All are important in God's eyes and all work together to **establish His kingdom** in the earth. (Rom 12:3-8),1 Cor 12:14-27, Eph 4:16).

13. We believe in the **Blessed Hope**: That Jesus is coming back again in person to gather all His saints to Himself to rule on the earth and will be visible to all, that there will be a new **heaven** and a new earth.. This motivates us to heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, and regular **fellowship** with other Christians (1 Cor 15:51,52 1 Thess 4:16,17 2 Thess 2:1, Rev 21 :1,2 Pet 3:13).

14. We believe according to **Scripture** that those who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior with the evidence of the fruit of **repentance** will suffer eternal judgment, separation from the Godhead, and will burn in the lake of fire (Rev 19:20,20:10-15).

IN CONCLUSION

We hope this brief explanation of our beliefs here at Choice Harvest Church brings some clarity to help you gain insight into who we are. It has not been our motive to imply that we are better than anyone else, or that everyone else is wrong. We stand forever on the side of Christ and trust in the Holy Spirit to help us give an accurate defense for His Gospel.