

## **Nations 360 Church Statement of Faith**

### **THE HOLY BIBLE**

The Holy Bible is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is God inspired, infallible and inerrant (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

### **TRINITY**

There is One Living and True God, eternally manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is equal in power and glory (1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 2:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

### **JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus Christ is the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to live a perfect and sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory (John 1:1,14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5).

### **VIRGIN BIRTH**

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the Virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35).

### **REDEMPTION**

Man was created in the image of God and was made to be in fellowship and relationship with God. However, after man's disobedience to God in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world and the perfect fellowship in the Garden was broken. Man's only hope to being restored in right standing before God and to have fellowship restored with the Lord is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

## **REGENERATION**

For anyone to know Jesus, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. Just like we are born in the natural, when anyone accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, he or she is born again. This is their spiritual birth. Regeneration is simply to be born of the Holy Spirit (John 3:1-8; John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5).

## **SALVATION**

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Our salvation is secure because of His death, burial and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

## **REPENTANCE**

Repentance is a godly remorse of sins and a desire and commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and turn to Jesus Christ, the salvation of our souls. This allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:2, 3:8, 4:17; Acts 2:21, 3:19, 5:31; 1 John 1:9).

## **SANCTIFICATION**

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit for the completion of Christ's character to be fully developed in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled and empowered to live a holy and godly life (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:9, 12:1-2; Hebrews 2:11).

## **JESUS' BLOOD**

The Word of God declares that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission or forgiveness of sins. The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was the ultimate, final and is 100% sufficient to cleanse all of mankind of sin. Jesus willingly died as a sacrifice for our sins so that we can be free from the penalty of sin, which is death (1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29).

## **JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS**

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to Him thus making Jesus their personal Savior and the Lord of their lives. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20).

## **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6)

## **THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of the Biblical parameters (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 Peter 4:10).

## **THE CHURCH**

The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20:23)

## **MARRIAGE COVENANT**

God created marriage to be between one man and one woman. God's word affirms heterosexual relations for married persons and celibate behavior for unmarried persons. All alternative sexual relations outside of heterosexual marriage including fornication, adultery, homosexual/bisexual relationships, incest, polygamy, pedophilia, pornography and bestiality are all sin (Genesis 1:27, 2:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

## **TWO SACRAMENTS**

**Water Baptism:** Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Water baptism is a public declaration of our faith in Jesus. It is a symbol of the death and resurrection of Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38, 10:47-48).

**The Lord's Supper:** A sacred time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of the bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

## **HEALING OF THE SICK**

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and is one of the gifts of the spirit (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29).

## **GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION**

It is the will of the Father for His children to prosper in all things, to be healthy and whole emotionally. God has promised that He would meet all of our needs according to His riches and glory.

Spiritual  
(John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10).

Mental and Emotional  
(2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).

Physical  
(Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24).

Financial  
(Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19).

## **RESURRECTION**

Jesus Christ was crucified, buried in a tomb for three days, and resurrected from the grave with all power. He took the keys of death, Hell and the grave. Likewise, believers in Jesus Christ will also be resurrected from the grave and will spend eternity with Him. Unbelievers will face eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21).

## **HEAVEN**

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4).

## **HELL**

After living a life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented by the Devil and the Fallen Angels (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9: 43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8).

## **SECOND COMING**

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7).