

## At NLCF We Believe...

The **Scriptures** of the Old and New Testaments are verbally and plenary inspired of God, are written without error in the original manuscripts, and are infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

*1Timothy 3:16; 2Peter 1:21*

In one living and true **God**, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three are equal in divine perfection and they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, and redemption.

*Gen 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16, 28:19*

In **God the Father**, Creator of heaven and earth, infinite in wisdom, perfect in holiness and love, and measureless in power...that He hears and answers prayers, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

*Genesis 1:1; Exodus 15:11; Matthew 6:6; John 1:12, 3:16*

In **Jesus Christ**, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary...in His substitutionary death on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, present high priestly intercession for His people, and personal, visible, and imminent return to earth according to His promise.

*John 1:1-2, 29, 3:16; Acts 1:3, 9; Hebrews 9:24, 28*

In the **Holy Spirit**, who came forth from God to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ, indwells every believer in Christ, and He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.

*John 14:15-17, 16:7-8; Acts 5:1-4; Romans 8:1-17, 15:16*

**Man** was created in the image of God to live for His glory forever, that he sinned in Adam, and that all men by nature and choice are sinners having incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God...all men are unable to save themselves.

*Genesis 1:26; Psalm 5:5; Romans 3:23, 5:12; Revelation 4:11*

The **Salvation of Man** ...that “*God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*” Therefore, those who by faith, apart from human merits, works, or ceremonies, accept Christ as Lord and Savior are justified on the grounds of His shed blood, freed from condemnation, and given eternal life.

*John 1:12, 3:16, 18, 6:40, 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9*

In the universal **Church**, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head...that a local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith and associated for worship, work, and fellowship...that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 28:17-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-26*

A Christian should live a **life of holiness** by the help of the Holy Spirit and ... that the things God entrusted should be ministered under the will of God ... and in the expression of this **stewardship** we have to systematically and proportionately contribute to the support of this Church and of the missionary works of Christ's kingdom.

*1Peter 1:16; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:1-33*

The Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church, **baptism**, and the **Lord's Supper**...baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the triune God...the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ to commemorate His substitutionary death...until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Acts 8:26-40; Romans 6:3-5; 1Corinthians 11:17-34*

The personal and visible **return of the Lord Jesus Christ** to earth and the full establishment of His kingdom...in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal joy of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

*John 14:3; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15*

Every **local church** is independent and self-governing but is under moral obligation to associate with other churches of like faith and order in approved common enterprises that seek the promotion of Christ's kingdom,

particularly such as mission, Christian education and Christian charitable endeavours.

*Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; 1Corinthians 12:12-14*

**Marriage** is the union of a man and a woman as husband and wife...a *man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves unto his wife, and they shall become one flesh*...is an exclusive relationship, the total union of persons—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spirituality.

*Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5,6; Ephesians 5:31*