# WHAT WE BELIEVE Statement of Faith Living Faith Christian Church of Porac

Sta Cruz Porac Pampanga, Philippines

## THE HOLY BIBLE / SCRIPTURE: OUR OWNER'S MANUAL

The Bible is the Word of God, intended for all humanity. Though written by human authors, it was inspired by the Holy Spirit. It serves as the ultimate authority for Christian beliefs and practices. Because it is divinely inspired, the Bible is entirely accurate and without error. The original manuscripts are infallible and provide a fully authoritative guide for faith and life. Therefore, it is our all-sufficient rule for doctrine and spiritual training. **Key Scriptures**: 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21; John 10:35; John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105, 160; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13

## **GOD: THE CREATOR**

God is the Creator and sovereign Ruler of the universe. He exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and one God.

**Key Scriptures**: Genesis 1:1, 26–27; Genesis 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

# THE TRIUNE GOD

**Key Scriptures**: Matthew 3:16–17; Matthew 28:19; John 14:16–17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Acts 2:23–33; John 10:30; John 17:11, 21; 1 Peter 1:2

#### **GOD THE FATHER**

God the Father embodies holiness, righteousness, and justice. He is eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present, sovereign, and unchanging. His love and mercy were demonstrated through the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus Christ, for humanity's redemption.

- One true God: Isaiah 43:10; 44:6, 8; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:5–6; Galatians 4:8–9
- Omniscient: Acts 15:18; 1 John 3:20
- Omnipotent: Psalm 115:3; Revelation 19:6
- Omnipresent: Jeremiah 23:23-24; Psalm 139

Sovereign: Zechariah 9:14; 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Holy: 1 Peter 1:15

Just: Psalm 19:9; 116:5; 145:17; Jeremiah 12:1

Love: 1 John 4:8

Truth: Romans 3:4; John 14:6

Creator: Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24

• **Eternal & Immutable**: Psalm 90:2; Genesis 21:33; Acts 17:24; James 1:17; Malachi 3:6; Isaiah 46:9–10

## JESUS CHRIST: THE SON

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God and co-equal with the Father. He lived a sinless life, died as a perfect sacrifice for humanity's sins, and rose from the dead on the third day, demonstrating His victory over sin and death. He ascended to heaven and will return in glory to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We affirm Christ's deity, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and return.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

John 1:1, 14, 18; 10:30–33; 20:28; Colossians 1:15–19; 2:9; Philippians 2:5–8; 1 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:3, 8; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:22–23; John 14:6

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a divine person who brings conviction of sin, leads people to repentance, and indwells believers, transforming them into the likeness of Christ. He seals believers until the day of redemption and teaches and guides them in all truth.

**Key Scriptures**: Romans 8:9–14; John 4:24; Acts 5:3–4; 1 Corinthians 2:11–12; 3:16; 6:19; John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14

# MAN: GOD'S GREATEST CREATION

Humans are made in God's image, designed to reflect His character. Although capable of great good, sin marred humanity, which separates us from God.

## THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN

Although created in God's image, mankind fell through Adam's sin, resulting in spiritual and physical death. Salvation is only possible through rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalm 14:3

# **SATAN**

Satan is the originator of sin and the tempter of humanity. He will ultimately be condemned to eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

**Key Scriptures**: Revelation 20:15; Luke 10:20

## **ETERNITY**

Every human will exist eternally—either in union with God (heaven) or in separation from Him (hell).

Key Scriptures: John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 25:31–46

# **GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION**

Salvation is God's gift, not earned by works. It comes through faith in Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection secure eternal life.

**Key Doctrinal Scriptures**: Romans 3:23; 5:12–15; Isaiah 59:2; John 14:6; 1 John 2:2; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9

# **HEAVEN AND HELL**

Heaven is the eternal home of the redeemed; hell is the eternal separation from God for the unredeemed.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 25:41, 46; Revelation 19:20

# THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ, made up of all born-again believers. The local church is a fellowship for worship, discipleship, and evangelism.

#### Seven Foundational Doctrines (Acts 2:38-42):

- 1. Repentance
- 2. Baptism by immersion
- 3. Receiving the Holy Spirit
- 4. Studying God's Word
- 5. Fellowship
- Breaking of bread
- 7. Prayer

# **ORDINANCES**

#### Water Baptism:

Performed by immersion, for born-again believers, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:38)

#### Lord's Supper:

A memorial of Christ's death, observed by baptized believers in self-examination. (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

# THREE BAPTISMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- a) Baptism into Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
- b) Water Baptism (Romans 6:4; Acts 2:38)
- c) Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; Luke 3:16)

# **HOLINESS**

Sanctification involves separation from evil and dedication to God. Holiness is essential to see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)

# **DIVINE HEALING**

Healing is part of the atonement and a gift still active today. Believers are encouraged to pray for the sick. (James 5:14-16)

# MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Marriage is a sacred, lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. Sexual activity is intended only within marriage.

We affirm the sanctity of biblical marriage and reject all sexual immorality, including fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

Divorce is discouraged, permitted only under biblical grounds.

Living Faith Christian Church of Porac Inc. does not conduct same-sex marriages.

## THE END TIMES

## The Rapture

Believers will be taken up to be with Christ. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

## The Second Coming

Christ will return to judge the living and the dead. (Acts 1:10-11)

#### The Resurrection

The dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

## **Final Judgment**

All will be judged; Satan will be cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:10; Hebrews 9:27)

## **New Heaven & Earth**

God will make all things new. (Revelation 21:1; 2 Peter 3:13)