

LIFEWAY GOSPEL CHURCH/NEEMA MISSIONS
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Statement of Faith

What We Believe:

As a ministry, we were founded on the following pillars of faith:

1. That the Holy Bible is the inspired, authoritative and infallible Word of God. In it, we find the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of men and the divine and final authority in all Christian faith and life. The Bible reveals God's instructions to mankind as well as His promises to mankind. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)
2. That there is only one God, creator of all things, who is infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together in the grand plan of man's redemption. (1 John 5:4-7, 1 Corinthians 8:6)
3. We believe in God the Father, the creator of the universe out of nothing by the power of words and the creator of man out of dust of the ground. Mankind was given another chance at gaining God's kingdom through God's plan of salvation as outlined in the Holy Bible through the sending of His son, Jesus Christ to die for the sins of man, the only way that man could be redeemed and saved (Genesis 1, 2:7, John 3:16, John 6:38)
4. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His atoning death and victorious Bodily resurrection for the redemption of mankind. We believe in the bodily ascension of Christ Jesus to the right hand of the Father as our High Priest, Intercessor and Advocate and His personal return in power and glory. We believe Jesus is the only Way of salvation for mankind. (1 Corinthians 15:3, 1 Peter 2:21-24, John 3:16, John 14:6)
5. That man was created in the image of God but sinned. Because God is Holy, sin alienated mankind from God. The human race is born sinful by virtue of being the seed of Adam and Eve and can only be justified and saved by the grace of Jesus Christ through faith in Him (Genesis 3:1-24, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 3:21-30, Galatians 4:4-7)
6. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit that bears witness to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. During this age He indwells, guides, instructs, comforts and empowers the believer for godly living and service. (John 14:26, Matthew 28:19, John 3:5, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:14)
7. We believe that satan was once an angel called Lucifer. He was blameless and holy until unrighteousness was found in him. His personality changed to become the great deceiver and the prince of darkness that will be judged and eternally punished in the lake of fire on the Judgement Day by Jesus Christ. (Ezekiel 28:15, Isaiah 14:12-15, Revelations 12:7-9, 20:10)
8. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted two ordinances, the Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are to be administered by the church. Baptism is done by immersion in water of a true believer in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to publicly make manifest the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It symbolizes death of the old sinful ways and being born into a new holy life of the believer. The Lord's Supper is the partaking of bread and the fruit of the vine as symbols of the body and blood of Christ Jesus, commemorating His suffering and death for us and reminding us of our continual benefit of His sacrificial love for us. This ordinance is to be observed on a regular basis until the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 10:47, 1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

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9. That the true church is composed of all those who are truly born-again, spiritually united together in the body of Christ worshipping together, searching the Scriptures together and spreading the Word of God to all nations. We, as His bride, are to become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Lord and Head of His body, the church as we prepare for His Unexpected Second Coming. We believe that the local church has the right to self-governance through its pastors, elders and deacons to bring glory to God through fellowship, discipleship, and partnership to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:15-16, Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 3:21, Titus 1:5-9)
10. That Marriage, according to Scripture is between a man and a woman; that man and woman are joined to become one flesh in marriage. Any other sexual relationship or changing of gender is sinful before God's eyes. (Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24, Hebrews 13:4, Romans 7:2, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:3-5)
11. We believe in and live by the two Greatest Commandments:
 - a. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. The Bible clearly states that if we love God, we need to keep His commandments among which the first four of the Ten Commandments of God are prominent including remembering the Sabbath to keep it holy.
 - b. Love your neighbor as yourself. This commandment also aligns itself with the last six of the Ten Commandments of God. They outline how we should treat and relate with our neighbors. Additionally, as a church, we accompany our faith in Christ Jesus with works, sharing God's love to our neighbors through deeds. (Exodus 20: 1-17, Matthew 22: 37-39, James 1:27, 2:14-26)