

# BELIEVE



## C4 CHARLOTTE: STATEMENT OF FAITH

The sole basis of what we believe is the Holy Bible, the perfect Word of God. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the breath of God, and that it was written without error. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2/Psalms 119:11, 89, 105/Isaiah 40:8/Matthew 22:29/John 5:39/16:13-15/17:17/Romans 15:4/II Timothy 3:15-17/Hebrews 1:1-2/4:12/I Peter 1:25/II Peter 3:16*

### GOD

*Exodus 3:14/Numbers 23:19/Leviticus 11:44-45/19:2/Psalm 11:4-6  
Malachi 3:6/John 3:16/4:24/5:26/14:1/Acts 17:28/Romans 3:3-4*

1. There is only one God, eternally existing in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Each possesses the attributes of Godliness and the characteristics of righteousness/holiness. *Deuteronomy 6:4/Isaiah 61:1/Matthew 28:19/Mark 1:9-11/Luke 1:35/John 5:21-23/14:10, 16/Romans 8:9-11/I Corinthians 8:6/II Corinthians 13:13/Hebrews 1:8-10/James 2:19*
2. Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, who became flesh on our behalf, through His miraculous conception through His virgin birth. He is fully-God and fully-man, united in one entity.
3. He lived a sinless life and of His own choosing, laid down His life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. At His death on the cross, He satisfied God's divine justice and accomplished salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
4. On the third day, He was resurrected from the dead, fulfilling the promise of defeating death and the grave.
5. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes upon our behalf.
6. Jesus Christ will return to the earth, as He promised, to fulfill history and the eternal plan of God. *Isaiah 7:14/53/Matthew 1:18-23/3:17/8:29/14:33/16:16/28:5-6/Luke 22:70/24:46-47/John 1:1, 14/10:30/11:25-27/17:1-5/Acts 1:9/2:22-24/7:55-56/Romans 1:3-4/3:23-26/8:1-3/10:4/I Corinthians 8:6/II Corinthians 5:19-21/Galatians 4:4-5/Philippians 2:5-11/Colossians 1:15; 2:9/I Timothy 2:5-6/3:16*
7. The Holy Spirit, the Counselor of God, has come into the world to glorify Christ and to show us His saving grace. He puts within us a Spirit of conviction and discernment, continuously drawing us to Christ, from the moment of our new birth to the time of Christ's return. His fullness, power and control are evident in the lives of those who believe. *Genesis 1:2/Psalms 51:11/139:7/Isaiah 61:1-3/Joel 2:28-32/Mark 1:10/Luke 1:35/4:1/11:13/12:12/John 15:26/16:7-14/Acts 1:8/2:1-4/13:2/Romans 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27/I Corinthians 3:16/Ephesians 1:13-14/II Peter 1:21/Revelation 22:17*

### US

1. We were made in the image and likeness of God. Even though, we were created to honor and worship God wholeheartedly, we became separated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, we are destined to a fate of condemnation. *Genesis 1:26-30/2:7, 18-22/3/Psalms 8:3-6/32:1-5/51:5/Isaiah 6:5/Jeremiah 17:5/Acts 17:26-31/Romans 1:19-32/3:10-18, 23/5:6/6:6/7:14-25/I Corinthians 1:21-31/15:19, 21-22/Ephesians 2/Colossians 1:21-22/3:9-11*
2. We possess a corrupted nature, thus are totally unable to please God, through our own merits. So, every man, woman and child is in need of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Our salvation is built upon God's free and available grace, through the sacrifice of His Son alone, and not of our own deeds or works. God instills His righteousness and favor to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone. *Isaiah 1:18/53:5-6/55:7/Matthew 1:21/27:22-28:6/Luke 1:68-69/2:28-32/John 1:12/3:16, 36/5:24/Acts 2:21/4:12/16:30-31/Romans 1:16-18/3:23-25/5:8-10/6/I Corinthians 1:18/II Corinthians 5:17-20/Galatians 2:20/3:13/Ephesians 2:8-10/Philippians 2:12-13/Hebrews 9:24-28/Revelation 3:20*
4. Every follower is called to a life of holiness, bearing fruit that glorifies God. In that choice of living, we should not fulfill the lust of our flesh. *John 3:16, 36/Romans 6:23/I John 2:25/5:11-13/Revelation 20:15*

## BODY

*Matthew 16:18-19/18:15-20/Acts 2:41-47/5:11-14/13:1-3/14:23/16:5/20:28/  
I Corinthians 7:17/9:13-14/12/Ephesians 1:22-23/2:19-22/3:10-12/5:22-32/  
Colossians 1:18/3:15/I Timothy 4:14/I Peter 5:1-4/Revelation 21:2-3*

1. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men and women, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
2. God commands His people to assemble together regularly for worship and fellowship, in response to their mutual walk in the light of the Father. The Body is called to praise, meditate, and apply His Scriptures for growth.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all followers to live out the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of every nation. The Great Commission requires that we make a total commitment to His calling and purposes in our lives to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."



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