

## NEW SONG STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS PURPOSE

New Song is a religious corporation, which, in all its operations and activities, seeks to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. The mission of New Song is to promote the spiritual, mental, and emotional well being of children, families and other individuals in the developing world, and to promote understanding of the inherent God-given dignity of every person.

New Song's mission is inspired by the following scriptural passage:

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
He turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
He set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear  
and put their trust in the LORD.  
- Psalm 40:1-3

## BELIEFS

As we work with the Body of Christ across cultural and denominational lines, New Song holds to these three basic principles:

1. In all necessary and essential beliefs—we have unity.  
"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..." (Eph. 4:4-6)
2. In nonessential or ambiguous beliefs—we have liberty.  
"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."  
(Rom. 14:1,4,12,22)
3. In all our beliefs—we show love.  
"...If I hold in my hand not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains--but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." (1 Cor. 13:2)

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Scriptures:

We believe the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, without error and infallible in the original manuscripts. We believe the Bible is the final authority in faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20; Psalm 19:7-9)

God:

We believe there is one God existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and possessing the same attributes and perfections. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Jesus Christ:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God. (John 10:33) We believe in: His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:17; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:34-35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15,7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return to earth in power and glory. (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16)

The Holy Spirit:

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, dwells in every true believer (1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16-17)

We believe the Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith. (Ephesians 1:13,14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 3:26-28).

The Condition of Man:

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, in innocence, and without sin. In Adam's sin humanity fell, inherited a sinful nature, became spiritually dead and alienated from God. We believe that, within himself, man is incapable of redeeming himself from his lost and depraved condition. (Genesis 1:26; 3:1-24; Romans 3:10-18, 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-3)

The Work of Christ:

We believe that God's eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became man, without ceasing to be God, in order to reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe Christ voluntarily offered Himself as our sacrificial substitute on the cross, satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. We believe God's only provision for our sin is Christ's death on our behalf, through which God reconciles us to Himself. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Salvation:

We believe the salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works, goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation and thereby justifies them in His sight. (John 3:16-19; Romans 3:23; 5:1-9; Ephesians 2:8-11; Titus 3:4-7)

It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written word. (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Acts 1:8; Romans 6:1-14; John 10:27-30)

#### The Church:

We believe that the church, called in Scripture the Body of Christ, is a spiritual organism, and that every true believer is a member of His Body. We also believe that Scripture affirms the establishment and continuation of local churches, groups of Christian believers called together for worship, instruction, fellowship and service. (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:42, 13:1)

#### Eternal State:

We believe there shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment. (1 Corinthians 15:20-23; John 5:28-29)

#### Second Coming:

We believe the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service. (Hebrews 10:37; Luke 21:27; Titus 2:11-14)