

Statement of Faith

Heart of Worship Ministries

1. The Scriptures – God’s Inspired Word

We believe the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:21). It is the final rule for faith and conduct. The Word reveals God’s nature, His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, and His instructions for the Church, including the operation of the Holy Spirit until Christ’s return.

2. The One True God

We believe in one God, eternally existent in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14). God is the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of all.

- **Monotheism:** There is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- **Trinity:** This one God exists eternally in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
- **Nature of God:** He is Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of all things.

This means that while there is only one God, His being is revealed in three coequal, coeternal Persons:

- **The Father** – Source of all creation and the One who sent the Son.
- **The Son (Jesus Christ)** – The eternal Word who became flesh for our redemption.
- **The Holy Spirit** – The divine presence who empowers, sanctifies, and indwells believers.

3. The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). He lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), worked miracles, died a substitutionary death (1 Peter 2:24), rose bodily from the dead (Luke 24:39), ascended to heaven (Acts 1:9–11), and is seated at the right hand of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). He will return for His Church in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

4. The Fall of Man

We believe man was created good and upright in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–27). Through voluntary disobedience, man fell, incurring both physical death and spiritual separation from God (Romans 5:12–19).

5. The Salvation of Man

We believe salvation comes only through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. By grace, through faith, we are justified, regenerated, and born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3–7; Titus 3:5–7; Ephesians 2:8–9). This new life is sealed by the Spirit as the believer grows in holiness.

6. The Ordinances of the Church

- **Baptism in Water** – commanded of all believers as a public testimony of their faith in Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47–48).
- **The Lord's Supper** – observed as a memorial of Christ's sacrifice, proclaiming His death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as promised by the Father and poured out in Acts 2. This baptism is distinct from and subsequent to salvation, empowering believers for witness and service (Acts 1:8).

Scripture teaches that there does not need to be a specific outward display of physical emotion in order to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Bible declares that we are baptized into one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13). This baptism is the true power of transformation, providing believers with the ability to boldly proclaim the gospel (Acts 4:31). Speaking in tongues is one of the gifts of the Spirit, but it is not required as the sole evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

8. The Gifts and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit distributes His gifts to the Church according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:4–11). These gifts include:

- **Revelation gifts:** Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits
- **Power gifts:** Faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles
- **Vocal gifts:** Prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues

We hold firmly that the Church “does not lack any gift as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Therefore:

- The gifts of the Spirit are not temporary but remain until Christ gathers His Church.
- These manifestations are for edification, guidance, correction, and the building up of the Body (1 Corinthians 14:3–5, 12, 26).
- The Spirit Himself guarantees that we will be “kept firm to the end” by these gifts until the day of Christ’s appearing.

Heart of Worship Ministries emphasizes prayerful desire, active use, and biblical order in all gifts of the Spirit, believing they are essential for the Church’s mission in this age.

9. Sanctification

We believe sanctification is both a definitive act of separation from sin and a progressive work of the Spirit. Believers are called to holiness in heart and conduct (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 12:14). Sanctification is accomplished by the indwelling Spirit and obedience to God’s Word (Romans 12:1–2).

10. The Church and Its Mission

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ, called to be His habitation through the Spirit (Ephesians 1:22–23). The Church’s mission is to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:19–20), to build up believers, and to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through the manifestations of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:26).

11. The Blessed Hope – The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ to catch away His Church before the Great Tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; 1 Corinthians 15:51–52). This event is the blessed hope of the believer (Titus 2:13). At that moment, the Church will be “taken out of the way” and caught up to be forever with the Lord. Until then, we live in expectancy, filled with the Spirit, and operating in His gifts.

12. The Millennial Reign of Christ

We believe in the visible, bodily return of Christ with His saints to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth (Revelation 20:1–6; Zechariah 14:4–9).

13. The Final Judgment

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a final judgment (Revelation 20:11–15). The righteous will enter eternal life in God's presence, and the wicked will face eternal separation in the lake of fire.

14. The New Heavens and the New Earth

We believe in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells and God's people shall reign with Him forever (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21–22).

Closing Emphasis

At Heart of Worship Ministries, we declare: **we do not fall short in any gift as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). The Spirit's manifestations are vital for the Church's holiness, mission, and perseverance until the rapture of the saints. We therefore commit ourselves to walk in the Spirit, operate in His gifts, and remain steadfast until Christ calls His Bride away.