

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
NEW MEMBER CLASS SESSION #1  
DOCTRINE (PART I)**

**Introduction**

At New Life Community Church (NLCC), our central mission is making disciples (Mt. 28:19-20). The cornerstone of this activity is the teaching of sound biblical doctrine.

*Doctrine* refers to that which is taught. It is a principle, position, or body of principles in a belief system (Webster's Dictionary). For NLCC, it is what we adhere to being the body of theological truths that define and describe God and His activity in the world (generally) and in the lives of people (specifically).

Here we present a brief synopsis of the doctrinal beliefs of NLCC. Our focus will be on what we affirm in the following four areas: (1) God, (2) The Holy Scriptures, (3) Man, and (4) Salvation.

**I. God**

Moses inquired of God how he should answer if the children of Israel should ask him what is the name of the God of their fathers. God replied that he should tell them "I AM" has sent him. Who is the Great "I AM"?

A. *His Essence.* He is...

1. the one \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God (Deut. 6:4; Is45:5a; 1 Cor. 8:4-6)
2. an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit (Jn. 5:24; I Kings 8:27)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 90:2; Is 43:13a; Is. 44:6)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 139:7-12; Pr. 15:3)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 6:17-18; Ja. 1:17)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 139:1-6; Job 34:21)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:1; Jer. 32:17)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 46:9-10; Rom. 8:28)
9. He's also *holy, just, merciful, love, and truth.*

B. *His Existence.* God eternally exists in three Persons.

1. God *the Father* (first Person of the *Trinity*)

- a. He is Father of \_\_\_\_\_, making us all God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:7; Eph. 4:6)
- b. He is spiritual Father only to \_\_\_\_\_; thus, we are not all God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 1:12-13, Eph. 2:3; Eph. 1:5; Gal. 3:26)

2. God *the Son.* **Jesus Christ**, the second Person of the *Trinity*...

- a. is coequal and coeternal with the father. (Jn. 10:30, 14:9)
- b. was there in the \_\_\_\_\_ and all things were \_\_\_\_\_ by Him. (Jn. 1:1-3)
- c. was born of a \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 1:23-25; Lk. 1:26-35)
- d. was 100% man and 100% God, thereby representing both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in indivisible oneness. (Micah 5:2; Jn. 5:23, 14:9-10; Col. 2:9).
- e. accomplished our redemption through the voluntary shedding of His \_\_\_\_\_ and sacrificial death. (Jn. 10:15; Rom. 3:24; 5:8)
- f. Jesus' literal, physical \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead authenticated His \_\_\_\_\_ and affirmed our justification. (Mt. 28:6; Lk. 24:38-39; Acts 2:30-31; Rom. 4:25, 8:34)

3. God *the Holy Spirit.* The divine third \_\_\_\_\_ of the *Trinity*...

- a. is coequal and consubstantial (of the same substance) with the Father and the Son (Mt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 28:25-26; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14, Jer. 31:31-34 with Heb. 10:15-17)
- b. possesses  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 2:10-13)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:30)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 12:11)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 9:14)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 139:7-10)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 40:13-14)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:13)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 16:13)

## II. The Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, God's written \_\_\_\_\_ to man, \_\_\_\_\_ in every word.

A. *Revelation* – writings in Scripture which the writer could not have known without special communication from God.

God uses the Bible to reveal...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 34:6-8)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (Gen. 1:1-25; Ps. 104:1-24; Jn. 1:1-3)
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ will for mankind (Eccl. 12:13; Micah 6:8; 1 Cor. 10:31)
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ will for mankind (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Th. 5:16-18; 1 Th. 4:3)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind (Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 25:31-46)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (Rev.)

B. *Inspiration* – being moved to record what one did, saw, or learned from others.

The apostles indicated that the Holy Spirit was the Author of inspiration in the writing of the Old Testament.

1. Peter said of David... (Acts 1:16) Paul said of Isaiah... (Acts 28:25)
2. Peter stated that \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture was inspired (2 Peter 2:20-21)
3. Paul stated that \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture was inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16)

C. In conclusion, we affirm that the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, is the Word of God, and

1. is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ in the original documents;
2. is the only \_\_\_\_\_ authority of Christian faith and practice (see pg. 3 of doctrine pamphlet)
3. in any given passage of Scripture, has only one true \_\_\_\_\_, although possibly several \_\_\_\_\_