

• New Hope Baptist Church of Salinas Logo Meaning



The Cross

Meaning: The Cross represents the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. It is the foundation of our salvation and the centerpiece of our faith.

Scriptures:

- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 – “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
- Galatians 6:14 – “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Church Declaration:

We believe salvation comes through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary.

The Fish (Ichthys)

Meaning: The fish was an early Christian symbol identifying followers of Jesus Christ. It represents discipleship, evangelism, and our identity as believers.

Scriptures:

- Matthew 4:19 – “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mark 1:17 – “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.”
- Acts 1:8 – “Ye shall be witnesses unto me...”

Church Declaration:

We are called to share the Gospel and bring others into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Sword

Meaning: The sword symbolizes the Word of God, which is our authority, guide, and spiritual weapon against the enemy.

Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6:17 – “Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
- Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.”
- Psalm 119:105 – “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Church Declaration:

We stand firmly upon the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.

The Dove

Meaning: The dove represents the Holy Spirit, God's presence, power, guidance, and comfort in the life of every believer.

Scriptures:

- Matthew 3:16 – "The Spirit of God descending like a dove..."
 - John 14:26 – "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost..."
 - Acts 1:8 – "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."
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Church Declaration:

We depend upon the Holy Spirit to empower our worship, witness, and daily walk with Christ.

The Shield

Meaning: The shield represents God's protection, faith, and spiritual security in Christ.

Scriptures:

- Ephesians 6:16 – "Above all, taking the shield of faith..."
 - Psalm 28:7 – "The Lord is my strength and my shield."
 - Proverbs 30:5 – "He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."
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Church Declaration:

We are protected by God's grace and stand secure through faith in Jesus Christ.

Overall Logo Theme

"Proclaiming Christ, Grounded in the Word, Empowered by the Spirit, Protected by Faith, and Committed to Reaching Souls."

Key Scripture:

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

– Acts 2:42

This logo reflects the mission of New Hope Baptist Church: **to exalt Christ, evangelize the lost, equip believers through God's Word, and empower God's people through the Holy Spirit.**
