



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

CCC Statement of Faith

I. THE BIBLE

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the written record of His supernatural revelation of Himself to man, absolute in its authority, complete in its revelation, final in its content, and without any errors in its original manuscripts. We believe in the plenary-verbal inspiration of the Bible. We also believe that the Scriptures are given to reveal God's plan of salvation for mankind, and to provide the source of our teaching reproof, correction, and training in righteousness. We do not judge the Book . . . we let the Book judge us.

Exodus 24:4a; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6:6-9; Psalm 119; Isaiah 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:3-7; 3; Matthew 5:17-18; Mark 13:1; Luke 1:35; 24:44-45; John 1:1; 5:46; 17:17; Romans 1:16-17; 10:17; 15:4; 16:25-26; I Corinthians 2:6-16; II Timothy 2:15; 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; I Peter 1:24-25; II Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 1:1-3; 22:18-19.

II. GOD

There is only one true God. He is eternally existent, having no beginning nor end. He reveals Himself as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1; 1:26; Exodus 3:14; Deuteronomy 6:4; II Samuel 7:22; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; 12:29; John 14:26; 15:26; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:11; 14:11; II Corinthians 1:21-22; 13:14; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:17; 4:4-6; James 2:19; I Peter 1:2.

A. God the Father

God the Father is the Eternal Father who rules all creation with perfect love, kindness, and justice. He is sovereign in the affairs of men including but not limited to world events, government affairs and leaders, and the personal lives of each of His creation. He is all wise and reveals Himself in His providential care, absolute wisdom, and utter truth. He is majestic in holiness, and is faithful to His Word to perform all that is written therein. He especially displays His Fatherly care toward His prized creation, man.

Genesis 1:1; Exodus 15:11; 20:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:4-6; 33:27a; Psalm 19; 90:1-2; 139; 145; Isaiah 6:1-3; 40; 43:10-13; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10, 12-16; 17:10; Matthew 6:9; 23:9; John 3:16; 4:24; Acts 1:7; 17:24-31; Romans 8:15; I Corinthians 8:6a; I Timothy 1:17; James 1:17; I John 1:5; 4:8.

B. God the Son

God, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the eternal begotten Son of God. Being God, He, for a time, emptied Himself of the manifestations of His glory and took upon Himself flesh and dwelt on the earth. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and gave Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice by shedding His blood and dying on the cross. He did this to make an eternal, absolute, and total payment for the past, present, and future sins of mankind. He then was resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the one mediator between God and man. Mankind enters into relationship with God through receiving the Son as Savior and Lord. God the Son will one day return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission.

Genesis 3:15 ; Psalm 2, 22, 23, 24, 110; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11; 42:1-4; 53; 61:1-3; Daniel 9:24-27; Micah 5:1b-5a; Matthew 1:18-25; 3:16-17; 14:33; 16:16; 17:1-13; 24:29-31; 26:63-64; 28:18; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:34-35; 3:11; 4:16-21; 24:25-27, 44-48; John 1:1-18; 5:19-47; 10:30, 37-38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:6-13, 28-31; 16:15a, 28; 17:1-5; 20; Acts 1:9-11; 2:22-24; Romans 1:2-4; I Corinthians 8:6b; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:19b-23; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 12:2; 13:8; I John 1:1-4; 2:1-2; 5:20; Revelation 1:8, 17-18; 5:9-10, 12-13; 19:11-16.

C. God the Holy Spirit

God, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of God. He was active in the creation. He inspired the writing of the Holy Scriptures. He convicts all mankind of sin, righteousness, and judgement. He indwells those who believe to illuminate the Word, to cultivate godly character, comfort believers, bestow spiritual gifts by which men serve God, and seal the believer unto the day of final redemption. This indwelling occurs the moment a person receives Jesus Christ as his Savior. Concurrent to the indwelling, the Holy Spirit baptizes the new believer into the body of Christ and energizes him in all areas of life.

Genesis 1:2; I Samuel 16:14; Judges 14:6; Psalm 51:11; 139:7; Isaiah 61:1-3; Ezekiel 36:27; Joel 2:28-32; Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 1:18; 10:20; 28:19; Luke 4:1, 18-19; 11:13; John 3:16; 4:24; 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:4, 17-18; 5:3; 7:51; 13:2; 16:6; Romans 8:1-17, 26-27; I Corinthians 2:9-12; 3:16; 6:19; 12:1-11, 13; II Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 4:6; 5:16-18, 22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:16; 4:30; 5:18; Philippians 2:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:19; II Timothy 1:7; II Peter 1:21; I John 2:27; 3:24b; 4:13; Revelation 22:17.

III. MANKIND

Man was created perfect by God, in His own image. Through the rebellion and fall of Adam, all men, being descendents of Adam, have inherited his disobedient nature which is fallen, sinful, and totally separated from the life of God. This

depraved nature exposes the hopelessness of every man and shows how desperate is their need of salvation.

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7, 21-23; 3; 5:1-2; Psalm 51:5; 139:13-16; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Jeremiah 1:5; 17:9; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 15:18-20; 16:26; Mark 7:20-23; John 2:23-25; 3:18-20; 5:28-29; Acts 17:26-28a; 24:15; Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6, 8, 12, 19; 7:14-24; I Corinthians 1:25; 2:14-3:3; 15:21-22; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 1:21; I Thessalonians 5:23b; Hebrews 4:12; 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15.

IV. SALVATION

Salvation is offered freely to all who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord by grace through faith. Salvation is a gift, costly to Jesus, free to us. This salvation is predicated by the act of Jesus Christ on the cross and not on the performance of man. Because of God's salvation through Jesus Christ, He removes the penalty of past sin, removes the power of present sin, and will ultimately remove the believer from the presence of all sin forever.

Genesis 3:15, 21; Exodus 15:1-2; Numbers 21:7-9; II Samuel 22:2-4; 23:5; Psalms 27:1; 71:15; Isaiah 12:2; Jonah 2:9c; Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:68-69, 76-77; 2:28-32; John 1:12-13; 3:3-21, 36; 5:24; 6:37, 40; 10:9, 27-30; 14:6; 15:1-17; 17:3; 20:31; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-17; 3:23-25; 4; 5; 6; 8; 10:9-10; 12:1-2; 13; 17; I Corinthians 1:18, 15; 6:19; II Corinthians 2:8-10; 6:10-18; Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13; Colossians 1:13-14, 22; 2:6-10; 3:3-4; I Timothy 1:15-16; II Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:3; 9:11-28; 10:8-12; 11:6; 13:5b; James 2:14-26; I Peter 1:2-23; I John 1:5-10; 2:1-2; 3:2; 5:1-15; Revelation 3:20; 22:17.

V. THE CHURCH

The church (The Bride of Christ), composed of all who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, is the Body of Christ into which relationship each member of the body enters into the moment of their spiritual birth. The Church was born through the death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and subsequent giving of the Holy Spirit at the day of Pentecost by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This special organism fills a unique position in the redemptive plan of God as it was grafted into God's plan because of the unbelief of the chosen race, the Jews. The Bride of Christ will one day be caught away as a unit to spend time everlasting reigning and ruling with their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christ Community Church is a local expression of this Body bound together by commitment and covenant.

Matthew 16:18b; 18:15-20; 28:18-20; John 13:34-35; 14:2-4; 17:20-26; Acts 2; 6:3-6; 13:1-4; 15:1-21; 20:28; Romans 12:4-8; 13:1-2; I Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 12; 13; 14; Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11; 4:2-6, 11-16;

5:18-30; Philippians 2:1-5; Colossians 1:18; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Timothy 3:1-15; 4:14; James 5:14; I Peter 5:1-5; Revelation 19:11-14; 21:2-3.