

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Article III OUR BELIEFS

We believe in the absolute inspiration of the Bible and hold it to be the inerrant and final authority in all matters of Christian faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16, Matthew 5:17-19.

We believe that there is only One God, and that He has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, contrary to all evolutionary theory. I Timothy 1:17, James 2:19, II Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:19, John 15:26, Genesis 1:1, Psalms 24:1-2.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, fully God and fully man, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered and died for our sins, was buried and rose from the dead on the third day and is now seated at the right hand of God. John 3:16, Matthew 1:18-23, Galatians 1:3-4, Hebrews 1:3.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the regenerative and indwelling presence of God, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We believe the Holy Spirit anointed the apostles and prophets of old and indwells believers with His presence today. We believe that the Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, manifests the glory of the risen Christ and empowers Christians to live fully for Him. Romans 8:9, Colossians 1:27, John 16:8-15.

We believe that all are in need of salvation and that there is no one who is righteous in God's sight. We believe that no one can be saved from sin and judgment and have eternal life without repenting of their sins and individually receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Romans 3:10, Romans 6:23, Acts 10:43.

We believe that water baptism is for remission of sins and should be administered to believers by immersion, in keeping with the commission of our Lord Jesus and apostolic practice. Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:25, Acts 19:5, Romans 6:3-5, Colossians 2:12.

We believe that partaking of the Lord's Supper (Communion) not only represents our vital union with Him, but a life of separation unto Him, in which we live in holiness and the fear of God. Communion remembers Christ's death until He comes again, the elements being symbolic of His shed blood and broken body. I Corinthians 11:24-32.

We believe that the local church is a committed and autonomous assembly of Christians: those who have repented, believed and been baptized according to His Word. These believers are submitted to recognized, delegated authorities within the local church and assemble to worship, live out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, and minister as the Holy Spirit leads. Matthew 16:18, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:40-42, Ephesians 4:16, I Corinthians 12:4-11.

We believe that marriage is the basic and fundamental unit of human society and is a covenant witnessed by God between one man and one woman. It is intended to be a visible expression of the relationship of Christ to His Church and this covenant is intended to be in effect until one spouse dies. Genesis 2:23-25, Ephesians 5:22-33.

We believe that every believer is a priest of the Lord and has direct access to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must each believe for ourselves, be baptized for ourselves, obey for ourselves, and answer to the Creator/Redeemer for ourselves. We believe that each member has a distinct and divine calling within the body of Christ, and that like a priest, every area of life is to be submitted to and transformed by the indwelling Christ. Revelations 1:6, I Peter 2:5-9, I Corinthians 10:11.

We believe in the visible, bodily return of Christ to gather His church, the Bride, to Himself and to judge the world. We believe in everlasting life for the believer and everlasting judgment for the unbeliever. Acts 1:10-11, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, II Thessalonians 1:7-10, Matthew 25:4.