

Core Doctrine

We Believe in...

One God who reveals Himself to mankind in three persons: the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

God the Father, the all-powerful Maker of all things seen and unseen.

Jesus Christ, God's only Son, the one true Savior. Jesus of Nazareth was fully human and fully divine. He was conceived in the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. He suffered and died by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate. He was buried but after three days rose from the dead in bodily form. He ascended to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will return and judge all people -- people who are still living and people who have died.

The Holy Spirit who indwells every believer in Christ and is an active member of the Trinity.

The Bible: God inspired the original writings of scripture which were thus without error. God's Word is First Christian Church's authority for belief and practice.

Sin: Man was made by God but willfully rebelled against Him. Apart from Jesus, we have no hope of being reconciled to God.

Salvation: the forgiveness of sins, which is only attainable by grace through the blood of Jesus.

Obediently accepting God's grace by believing in Jesus Christ, turning away from sin, confessing Jesus Christ, and being baptized into Christ by water immersion.

The Church, the Body of Christ, which includes all Christians.

Scriptural leadership: The elders are the overseers of the local church body.

Please use the Bible to test our core teachings:

Who is God? 1 Corinthians 8:6, James 1:17, John 1:1, John 4:24, John 14:16-20, John 14:9, Genesis 1:2, 2 Peter 1:21, Matthew 5-6

Who created everything? Genesis 1:1, Acts 17:24-28, Hebrews 11:3

Who is Jesus? John 1:14, John 4:9-10, John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 21:11, John 19:19, John 1:14, Romans 5:15-17, Colossians 2:9, 1 John 1:1, Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 23-24, John 20:24-29, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Luke 22:69, Acts 1:1-9, Colossians 3:1, Matthew 24:36-42, John 14:1-3, Acts 1:10-11, 10:39-42, 1 Peter 4:5

Who is the Holy Spirit? John 16:5-15, Acts 1:7-8, Romans 8:26-27, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Timothy 1:14

What is the Bible? Mark 12:36, John 14:26, John 16:12-15, Acts 1:16, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 5:18, Matthew 24:35, Romans 15:4, Hebrews 4:12

What about sin? Acts 4:12, Romans 3:23

What about forgiveness? Matthew 26:28, Romans 5:9, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 1:7

How do I accept Jesus? Romans 5:1-2, Luke 24:45-47, Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, 2 Peter 3:9, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9, Philippians 2:11, 1 John 4:15, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7, Galatians 3:27, Colossians 2:12, 1 Peter 3:21

What is the Church? Matthew 16:13-18, Acts 2:14-47

What about leadership? Acts 20:28, Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-4