

The foundational doctrinal beliefs of CCOC are:

- **The Trinity**

We believe in the one and only true God. God exists in a community of three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the sovereign Lord, creator and sustainer of the universe, who himself is without beginning or end. Because of who God is, he sees all, knows all and is everywhere. God is always right, is absolutely loving and, above all things, is Holy.

- **Jesus**

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he was fully God in human form and equal with God, the Father. Jesus was the one whom ancient prophecy said would come to be the Saviour for all people. Jesus lived a sinless life and offered himself as sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He rose again from the dead, as he predicted he would, after three days to demonstrate his power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven and will return again to reign as Lord and to be judge over humanity.

- **The Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is equal to God, the Father and God, the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ in their lives. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. The presence of the Holy Spirit means that the Christian will display fruits of the Spirit as they progressively become more like Jesus in character and they will use gifts given by the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus' mission to the world.

- **Spiritual Gifts**

We believe that all the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit are equal and are of equal importance to bringing glory to God and edifying the church. CCOC encourages the use of all spiritual gifts as outlined in the New Testament. There are no particular spiritual gifts that are expected of any person as evidence of being a Christian.

- **The Bible**

We believe that the Bible is the divinely inspired word of God. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

- **People**

We believe that all people were created in the image of God and have the capacity to know the creator God. However, doing things our own way and not God's way, has caused damage in our capacity to know God and our ability to live life as He would have us.

- **Salvation**

We believe that people cannot do anything of themselves to rectify the damage that has been done between God and ourselves. The opportunity to draw close to God and know him only comes through faith in Jesus Christ who offers forgiveness for our sins through his sacrifice on the cross. Asking Jesus into our lives and daily surrendering our independence to Him, impacts the way we live now and also secures an Eternity in heaven. This opportunity of reconciliation with God, known as salvation, is a gift from God. People cannot earn their salvation through good works or self improvements.

We believe that a person's salvation is dependent on their ongoing relationship with Christ through following and obeying Jesus, established through the act of repentance and the confession of sin.

- **Baptism**

We believe that full immersion baptism is a Biblical requirement for any person old enough to make a conscious and intentional decision to follow Jesus. Baptism is the public declaration of their love for and Lordship of Jesus in their life. Baptism is a commandment of Jesus for all believers.

- **The Church**

We believe that there is one true Church, comprised of all people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Church is God's primary way of seeking out the lost and bringing hope and healing to a hurting world. The Church is to reflect the nature of God and as members of this one Church, believers need to gather regularly for worship, prayer, teaching from the Bible, fellowship, and the chance to serve fellow believers and their wider community.

- **Communion**

We believe that whenever possible communion should be shared at the primary worship services each week.