

# Christian Doctrine



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# Doctrine?

- Doctrine is a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a **church**, political party, or other group.
- All Churches have their own doctrine.
- It is extremely important to read a Church's doctrine before joining.
- You must agree with EVERYTHING in the doctrine; otherwise, you should not join.

# 1 - Inspired Scripture

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired of God, are without error in the original writings, and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.

**(Jeremiah 30:2; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21)**

## 2 - Trinity

We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, Who is eternally existent in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**(Matthew 28:19; John 14:16; Colossians 1:16-17; Matthew 3:16-17)**

## 3 – Jesus Christ is God

We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death and shed blood to pay the penalty for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, and His personal and expected return.

**(John 1:1; Colossians 2:9; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 1:11)**

## 4 – All Men are Sinners

We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice, and therefore are guilty before God and are under His condemnation.

**(Romans 3:23; 6:23)**

## 5 – Saving Faith

We believe that all who, by faith, trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are born again of the Holy Spirit; are therefore children of God and eternally saved, and that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide and enable him in life, testimony and service.

**(John 1:12; 3:3; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:16-17; 26; Romans 5:9)**

# 6 – Gifts Through the Holy Spirit

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at conversion and is a universal experience of all believers; and that God gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the building up of the church of Christ.

**(Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12:4-11, 13, 27-31; 14:1-40; Ephesians 4:8-13; I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6; I Peter 4:10-11)**



## 7 – Ordinances (Commands)

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age. They are not, however, to be regarded as a means of salvation.

**(I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 10:47-48; Romans 6:3-4)**

# 8 – Election & Free Will

We believe that the Biblical terms “election” and “free will” are in complete harmony with each other.

**(John 1:12; 3:16; Acts 15:18; Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

## 9 - Eschatology

We believe in the physical premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell.

**(I Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-58; Matthew 25:31-46)**

# 10 – Daily Living

We believe that all believers are called to be Christ-like in their daily living.

**(Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:17)**