

Statement of Faith

CBC is an evangelical church, which upholds the following fundamental beliefs: We believe in

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 44:6-8; 45:5; Genesis 1:26-27; 3:22; Matthew 28:19; Luke 9:35; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
2. The love, grace, and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming, and judging the world. (Genesis 1:26-27; Colossians 1:16; John 1:3; Acts 17:31)
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God-fully trustworthy for faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:10-12; 8:7; John 1:13; 1 Corinthians 2:14)
5. That biblical marriage consists only of a faithful, heterosexual union between one genetic male and one genetic female, and biblical marriage is the only legitimate and acceptable context for a sexual relationship. (Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4-7)
6. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ - born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin. (Luke 1:26-37; John 1:1; Philippians 2:5-11)
7. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God. (1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2; 3:4, Isaiah 53:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 19:30)
8. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world. (Luke 24; John 2:19; 1 Corinthians 15)
9. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ. (Romans 3:20-28; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:1-6)

10. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who is God and leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness. (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

11. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love. (Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 21:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2)

12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all. All its blessings are received by faith. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 28:19-20)

13. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 1:7)