



What We Believe



NEW CITY CHURCH





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The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the final and ultimate authority for all Christians. Since the original documents were inspired by God, it is His inerrant Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21) and has been in its final form since John, the last apostle (Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 21:18-19).

The Godhead

We believe in one God, who is eternally existing in three Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is alone in Heaven, and there is no other God beside Him (Exodus 3:14, 20:3; Isaiah 42:8; 1 Corinthians 8:6). He is the creator of all things, holy, just, merciful, and the perfect expression of love (Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 6:3; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 86:15; 1 John 4:8).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God who has eternally existed with the Father and Spirit, is the second Person of the Trinity. He was revealed historically many years ago through His incarnation, born of the virgin Mary and resurrected three days after His death (Matthew 1:18-21, 28:1, 6; John 1:1-2, 14). The express purpose of His incarnation was the substitutionary atonement: that is, Christ came to die upon the cross as the perfect sacrifice on behalf of sinners (Luke 19:10; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:21, 3:18). He is the Head of the Church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18) and will return to judge the world in glory and strength (John 5:22; 2 Timothy 4:1).

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit has eternally existed as the third Person of the Trinity. He is responsible for illuminating the teaching of the Word, convicting the world of sin, and drawing people to Christ (John 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:17-18; 2 Corinthians 3:6, 17; Titus 3:5). Further, the Spirit binds Christ to His people, His people to each other, and gives gifts to the individual members of the Church, freeing them to operate together in His power (Romans 8:11, 14:17, 15:13; 1 Corinthians 6:17-19, 12:13ff.).

Man

We believe that man was created by God according to the Genesis account, in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7). But when Adam, the first man, disobeyed God and sinned, the image and likeness was distorted. We also believe, as the Reformers did, in the biblical doctrine of Total Depravity. This does not mean that we believe man is as bad as he possibly can be, but that the disease of sin has totally affected his being: emotionally, psychologically, physically, and of course spiritually (Proverbs 20:9; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-11; Ephesians 2:1-2; James 1:15).

Salvation

We believe that God is the author of salvation, and that without God man would indefinitely be in his own plight. Since God is the author of Salvation, it is on His own terms. Salvation is by grace alone, through Faith alone, and through Christ alone (John 3:16-18; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:5, 8-9). When a sinner is placed in a right standing with God through faith in Christ, the Bible calls it justification (Romans 5:1).

Eternal Issues

We believe that there are two eternal realities: Heaven and Hell. Heaven is where God dwells and where all those who trust Him for salvation live eternally, in pure joy, happiness, and satisfaction (Psalm 16:11). Hell, on the contrary, is a place of eternal judgment, where those who have declined God's offer of salvation are

forever separated from Him and His people (Matthew 25:35-46; Revelation 20:12-15).

The Church

The true Church, or Body of Christ, consists of all those who are “in Christ,” regardless of their previous creed, regardless of their ethnicity, skin color, or social status (Romans 3:28-29; Ephesians 2:13-16; Colossians 3:10-11). The Church is a living organism whose members individually and corporately endeavor to fulfill the greatest ambition ever aimed at: WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31). Under this banner, there are missions, ministry, and spiritual gifts.

Missions, Ministry, and Spiritual Gifts

We believe that Christians have been given a mission from God: we must spread the Gospel through our community and world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:17). This can be done through words and acts. Ministry is another means by which the Church and the community see Christ revealed. Christians are called to serve, following the model of Christ Himself (Mark 10:45; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Ephesians 4:11ff.). This goal is accomplished through the use of Spiritual Gifts. When the Spirit gifts Christians according to His will, then they are responsible to discern, sharpen, and use their gifts to the glory of God and the good of those in the church and community (1 Corinthians 12:12ff.; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

Marriage

We believe that God created marriage to be enjoyed and celebrated by one man and one woman. We believe that there have been variations of God's design throughout history. Nevertheless, we believe the term marriage only has a single meaning, and that is the meaning found in the Bible (Genesis 2:12; Matthew 19:3-6). Therefore, this is the position to which we hold at NCC.