Christ Community Church Doctrinal Statement of Faith

The Scriptures: We believe that "all Scripture is God-breathed (verbally inspired by God) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim.3:16-17). We believe that the Scriptures (66 books of the Old and New Testaments) are infallible and inerrant and therefore serve as our final authority for faith and life. (2 Peter 1:20-21; Prov. 30:5; Heb. 4:12)

The Triune God: We believe in ONE Triune God who has eternally existed in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Spirit. We believe that "through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). And we believe that "from Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Rom.11:36, Deut.6:4, 2 Cor.13:14;1, John 5:7-8)

God the Father: We believe that God the Father reigns with providential care over His creation, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His will through grace. We believe that God is Father in truth to those who become the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude towards all men. The Father sends the Son into the world to save it (Gen 1:1; Ex.15; Psalm 19:1-3; Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28; John 1:12; Eph. 4:6; John 3:16)

God the Son: We believe in Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah, the only begotten Son of God, the sole Mediator between God and man, and the visible image of the invisible God. We believe that He became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. We believe that Jesus ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of our Advocate. (John 1:1-2; Luke 1:35; Col. 1:15; Rom. 3:24; 1 Peter2:24;Eph.1:7;1Peter1:3-5;Acts1:9-10;Heb.7:25;Heb.9:24;Rom.8:34;John2:1-2)

God the Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit of God as the Divine Person who brings conviction of sin to the world and as the Holy Minister responsible for the regeneration, sanctification and preservation of the saints. We believe that He is the indwelling Guide and Counselor in all believers, guiding them into all truth as the Father wills.(John16:8-11; 1Cor.12:12-14; Rom.8:9; Eph.1:13-14; John14:16,26)

Man: We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but through Adam's sin he fell, inherited sin and became totally depraved and unable in himself to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; Eph. 2:1-3, 12)

Salvation: We believe that salvation is a free gift from God given by grace and received through faith in Jesus Christ apart from any human merit or deed. (Eph. 2:8-9; John 1:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Eph. 1:7)

The Church: We believe that the Church is the spiritual Body and espoused Bride of Christ. We believe it is made up of redeemed people with Jesus Christ as the Head. The Church is the means through which God saves His people; the Church is the messenger of and vehicle for the Gospel. We believe that Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments in the New Testament, which the Church should embrace and practice: Baptism and Communion (the Lord's Supper). (Eph. 5:25-27; 2 Cor. 11:2; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

The Return of Christ: We believe in the literal, physical Second Coming of Christ for His children, which is our "blessed hope". (1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)