

These are the things that matter most to us:

CSCC CORE BELIEFS

1 We Believe that God is the CREATOR of the Universe.

He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.

2 We Believe that Jesus Christ is GOD'S SON.

- **DIVINITY:** He is coequal with the Father. The man Jesus Christ was God in human form.
- **SACRIFICE:** He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross.
- **RESURRECTION:** He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death.
- **RETURN:** He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to rule as King.

Ephesians 1:18-21 - *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

3 We Believe the HOLY SPIRIT is coequal with the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit:

Teaches us	John 14:26
Guides us	John 16:13
Empowers us to be witnesses	Acts 1:8
Empowers us to live for Christ	Romans 8:5-17
Helps us understand the gospel	1 Corinthians 2:9-16
Convicts us of sin	John 16:8

4 We Believe people are made in the IMAGE OF GOD, but our SIN causes a separation from God and brokenness in human relationships.

Genesis 1:27 - *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

Romans 3:23-24 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

5 We Believe that the Bible is GOD'S WORD.

The Bible was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the ultimate source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

6 We Believe that Salvation is God's FREE GIFT to us, but we must accept it.
We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by faith in Jesus Christ and God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

REAL FAITH is more than a mental exercise. A "Real Faith" response looks like:

REPENTING – Turning Away From Sin (Acts 2:38)

ACKNOWLEDGING CHRIST – Publicly stating your belief in Christ as Lord of your life.
(Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9,10)

BEING BAPTIZED – God's chosen public initiation ceremony to the Kingdom of God.
The waters of baptism do not save us, but the act of baptism gives an opportunity to demonstrate our willingness to follow Christ. (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3-7)

7 We Believe that every Christian is a DISCIPLE and is to follow Christ becoming more like Him in attitude and action day by day.

Ephesians 4:22-24 - *You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

8 We Believe people will either exist eternally SEPARATED from God by sin, or exist eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation.

John 3:36 - *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

