

## Core Beliefs

A common slogan among Christian churches is that we are not the only Christians, but we are Christians only. At Cayuga Christian Church we take this to heart. The following are the basic doctrinal beliefs to which we subscribe.

### Bible

We believe the Bible (both the Old and New Testament) is the infallible Word of God. It is our only rule of faith and practice. We have no other creed, no other doctrine. We believe the 66 books of the Bible are: "...able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). "...inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

### God

We believe Scripture when it declares, "...in the beginning God" (Genesis 1:1). We understand this to mean God is eternal in nature. Nothing made God. He always has existed; and always will. We believe there is only one true God who, in the beginning, created the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets. He created our world and everything in it (John 1:3). He created man in His image to enjoy fellowship with God for all eternity.

### Jesus

We believe that Jesus is "...the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). He is God (John 1:1), in the flesh (John 1:14), who came from heaven to redeem fallen man. He is the Messiah, the Savior of the world, who died on a cross to save us from the penalty of sin. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me" (John 14:6).

### Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of God who marks us as Christians (Ephesians 1:13). He is given as a gift to all who repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38). He empowers us to accomplish works of service (1 Corinthians 12:7). He is the Helper sent by God that we might walk in such a way to bear faithful witness (John 15:26-27). Through Him we are able to bear godly fruit in our lives (Galatians 5:22).

### Salvation

We believe a person is saved by God's love and mercy, by God's grace. Nothing man can do would earn him the salvation of God. It is a free gift from God attained through

faith (Ephesians 2:8). In receiving this gift of grace, an individual will respond in faith (James 2:14-26):

- Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe in Jesus (John 3:16, Acts 16:31)
- Repent of one's sins (Acts 2:38, 17:30)
- Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10)
- Call on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21)
- Baptism (immersed) into Jesus (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3-6, 1 Peter 3:21)
- Live and Love by the example of Jesus (Matthew 25:31-46, Philippians 2:12)
- Continue in faith and endure to the end (Matthew 10:22)