

# Beliefs and Teachings of Coventry Church of the Brethren

## Jesus is unique in the following ways:

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God
2. He died for our sins
3. He was raised from the dead on the third day
4. He reigns now with the Father in heaven
5. He will return again to earth to gather His believers to Himself
6. He will eventually establish His eternal kingdom

## Some Other Teachings that Coventry Believes and Follows:

1. Coventry is founded upon the faith that there is but one God, who is a personal God, who in holy love creates, sustains, and orders all.
2. Coventry confesses Jesus Christ as the Lord of the church and of all life.
3. Coventry believes that the Holy Spirit:
  - Is at work in the hearts and minds of believers
  - creates and sustains the church through the gospel
  - gives guidance and comfort
  - unites believers with their Lord and with one another
4. Coventry maintains that the Bible:
  - is God's inspired and inerrant (original copies) message to the world
  - is correctly interpreted through the gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the New Testament
  - reveals God's search for all persons, which is incredibly highlighted through Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection
  - contains God's message that still speaks and continues to accomplish His redemptive purposes
5. Coventry believes that the gospel (good news) is:
  - that God became a man, named Jesus
  - that Jesus died on a cross to pay the debt for human sin
  - that Jesus came back to life on the third day conquering deathThrough the gospel, God's overarching plan and Jesus' freeing work are made available to all.
6. Coventry holds that the church is the body of Jesus Christ, and is under the Lord's mandate to be faithful in accepting and transmitting the gospel by word and deed both locally and globally, while nurturing the life and Christian faith of each individual believer.
7. Coventry considers that the total ministry of the church requires the full participation and support of all members of the congregation.
8. Coventry affirms that:
  - God has created the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.
  - Biblical marriage is defined as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image.
  - Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage.
9. Coventry affirms that:
  - God's plan is for sexual intimacy to occur within the committed relationship of biblical marriage – one man, and one woman, for life.
  - All other sexual practices outside this definition of marriage are defined as sin in the Bible. Sexual sin is not, however, unforgivable sin.
  - The same forgiveness is available to all sinners. The Bible states that we all have sinned and can become new creations in Jesus Christ.

I have read and understand the statement of beliefs held by Coventry Church of the Brethren and attest that the event being planned is not in conflict with the beliefs and practices of Coventry Church of the Brethren.

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