

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

What after all, is a Christian? There are many misconceptions. A Christian is not necessarily one who is associated with some religious group. A Christian is not one who merely respects the Bible and goes to church. They are far more than just a person who lives a good moral life. . . .

In simplest terms, a Christian is one who has realized their sinful nature before a Holy God, has repented of their sin and accepted God's offer of forgiveness for their sins, on God's own terms. They have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, who paid the price for their salvation, by the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary. God performs a change in the person's life that only God can do. God gives new life, everlasting life. God's terms are very clear and simple. In Romans 3: 10 & 23 the Bible tells us plainly that none of us can measure up to the righteousness that God demands because we have all sinned. In John 3: 3-7, the Lord Jesus Christ said, "We must be born again". How can this happen?

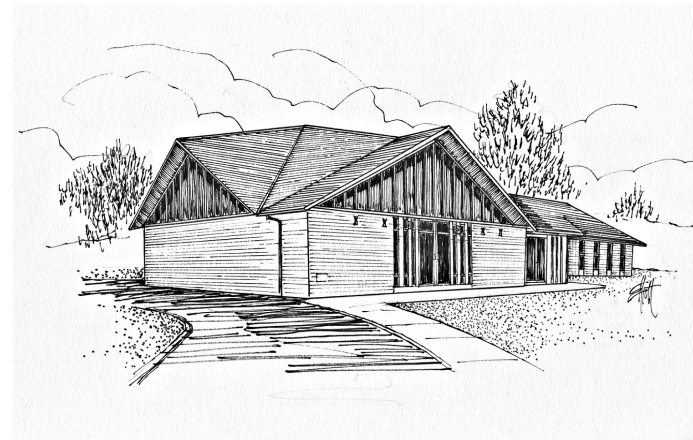
Jesus also said in John 3: 16 - 18 , & 36 also John 5:24. We are to believe in Him who suffered and died in our place for our sin 1 Peter 2: 24, & 1 Peter 3:18. In Acts 16: 30 we read of a man who asked the most important question, "what must I do to be saved".

The answer - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved". We cannot do it ourselves, it is not of our own good works, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2: 8-9. Great throngs have stepped into this new and wonderful transforming life. There is fullness of joy and peace with God for now and for eternity. Have you? You may do so today. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved". Romans 10:9 .

Be sure you do. Be definite with God.

EDMISON HEIGHTS BIBLE CHAPEL

- *Who we are*
- *What we do*
- *What we believe*



939 Hilliard Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 5R9
705-743-6467

www.edmisonheights.com

Updated August 2010



PURPOSE

To maintain a church fellowship whose pattern is as close to that of the early church in New Testament times and whose primary purpose is to proclaim the good news of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SERVICES

These are neither elaborate nor ritualistic. This does not mean that they are without order, and we are sure you will enjoy their spiritual atmosphere and simplicity.

SPEAKERS

A number of gifted men provide a variety of ministry, the speaking not confined to one man. Some of our visiting speakers are recognized nationally and internationally in Christian circles. Experienced, mature elders are also available to give biblical ministry, sympathetic counsel and help.

ORDINANCES

The two ordinances given by our Lord Jesus to His people are:

1. **Baptism.** Upon believing in and confessing faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, every Christian should be baptized. We believe the mode in the early church was by immersion in water, and this is the way we practice it today. (Matt. 28:19. Acts 8:38. Romans 6: 3-4).
2. **The Lord's Supper.** As believers in Christ, we gather on the first day of every week to break bread together (Communion) in response to our Lord's request, "This do in remembrance of me". (Luke 22:19. Acts 20:7. 1 Cor. 11: 23-26).

OFFERINGS

Stewardship is taught in Scripture as the privilege and responsibility of every Christian. Consequently, the financial requirements for all expenses are met by an offering taken each week at the Lords Supper.

AFFILIATION

We have affiliation with other Assemblies of believers worldwide, who follow New Testament patterns and hold true to sound biblical doctrine. Names used in the early New Testament church such as "brethren, Christians, believers, saints", biblically describing all who belong to Christ. We are commonly known today as "Brethren Assemblies".



DOCTRINE

People today expect and appreciate a forthright and honest declaration of the doctrines believed and taught in the local church. We wish to be very clear on the following points, fundamental to our faith.

1. We believe that there is only one true God who is triune - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19. John 10:30. 2 Cor. 13:14).
2. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless holy life, vicarious death on Calvary's cross, (shedding His blood for the remission of our sins), His burial, His resurrection, ascension and His present ministry as our Great High Priest and Advocate for His people at the right hand of God. (Matt. 1:18, 25. 1 Peter 2:22. 1 John 1:7. 1 Cor.15:4. Acts 1:9. Hebrews: 8:1).
3. We believe the Bible is God's message to mankind and is perfectly accurate and true in every detail as originally given by Divine authority and inspiration. (Isaiah 40:8. 2 Timothy 3:16. 2 Peter 1:21).
4. We believe that man was created by God in His image; that mankind sinned against God, thereby separated himself from God, incurring not only physical death, but spiritual death, and that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only means by which a person may be reconciled to God. (Gen. 1:27. Romans 3:23, 5:12. Acts 20:21. Rom. 10:9).
5. We believe in the existence of Satan; the arch enemy of God. His work is to deceive and dissuade mankind from faith in God. His ultimate end is Hell and the Lake of fire. (Job 1:6-7. Ephesians 6:11,16. Rev. 12:7-9, 20:10).
6. We believe in the resurrection of all the dead, to the everlasting bliss of the saved, those who have received Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour; also the everlasting punishment and separation from God for the lost, those who have refused or neglected to receive Christ as Saviour during their lifetime. (John 5:28-29. 1Cor. 15:51-52. 1 Thess. 4:14-17. Rev. 20:11-15).
7. We believe that all true Christians are members of the church, the body of Christ. We receive freely all such who are living in a godly manner and who are not holding or teaching unsound biblical doctrine. (Rom. 15:7. 1 Cor. 12: 12-13. Romans 16: 17. 2 John 7, 9-10).