

Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Doctrine

1. What is the official definition for the “Church of God in Christ”?

The Church of God in Christ is a church of the Lord Jesus Christ in which the word of God is preached, ordinances are administered and the doctrine of sanctification or holiness is emphasized, as being essential to the salvation of mankind.

2. What is the 2023 theme for COGIC? "Our Mission Made Possible" Zechariah 4:6)

3. Who instructed the Christian to be baptized of water?

Jesus Christ in St. John 3:5 (“unless man is born again of water and of the Spirit...”)

4. What were three supernatural extraordinary manifestations that occurred on the day of Pentecost?

Appearance of the Holy Ghost as rushing and mighty wind; appearance of tongues of fire which rested on each of the people; and the impartation of a new strange power to speak in languages they had never learned "as the Spirit gave them Utterance."

5. We believe that there is One God, eternally existent in three Persons. Name the three persons.

God, the Father

God, the Son

God, the Holy Spirit

6. Why does our church immerse candidates under water?

Immersion corresponds more closely to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (Colossians 2:12).

7. What does immersion baptizing symbolize?

It symbolizes regeneration and purification.

8. What are Demons?

Demons are/denote unclean or evil spirits.

9. What document is the inspired and only infallible written Word of God?

The Holy Bible / Bible

10. According to COGIC doctrine, on what day did man evolve?

No day. Man did not evolve he was created by God.

11. How does the Old Testament of the Bible differ from the New Testament?

The Old Testament reveals God's nature, character, and dominions; The Gospels in the New Testament shows the relationship of God to Jesus as Father.

12. What is the Holy Ghost?

The Holy Ghost is a gift bestowed upon the believer. (John 16:13; Acts 1:8, 8:39).

13. True or False. According to COGIC doctrine, we believe that man, by nature, is sinful and holy.

False. Man is sinful and unholy.

14. How was sin transmitted to man?

Sin was transmitted into the blood of the human race through disobedience and deception motivated by unbelief (I Timothy 2:14).

15. Where did sin begin?

Sin began in the angelic world (Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20).

16. How can a person be cleansed from sin?

“The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ and being baptized in water”.

17. What provides healing for the human body in answer to believing in prayer?

The redemptive work of Christ on the Cross.

18. According to Acts 2:4, who receives the baptism in the Holy Ghost?

Believers who ask for it.

19. What is significant about the indwelling of the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit?

The indwelling of the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to live a holy and separated life in this present world.

20. According to COGIC belief, what is the “Blessed Hope”?

The Blessed Hope is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.

21. What is absolutely essential for personal salvation?

Regeneration by the Holy Ghost.

22. Name the three ordinances that The Church of God In Christ recognizes as being instituted by Christ himself and therefore, binding upon the church practice.

1) The Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)

2) Feet Washing

3) Water Baptism.

23. What is a miracle?

A miracle can be defined as an extraordinary visible act of divine power, wrought by the efficient agency of the will of God, which has as its final cause the vindication of the righteousness of God's word.

24. Why does the Church of God in Christ believe that miracles occur?

Miracles occur to convince men that the Bible is God's word.

25. Name the four essential elements that must be present for miracles to occur today?

- 1) Miracles will occur when God is present
- 2) Faith in Christ is exercised
- 3) The Holy Ghost is active
- 4) The Gospel is promulgated in the truth

26. What do we believe will happen in the second coming of Christ?

We believe that Christ shall come from heaven to earth, personally, bodily and visibly, and that the Church will be caught up to meet Him in the air.

27. What does "bride" refer to in the Bible?

The Bride is the Church.

28. What are angels?

Angels are heavenly bodies that serve as messengers or ambassadors of God.

29. Who is the Second person in the Godhead of the Trinity? Jesus Christ.

30. Name three duties of angels. Praise God; do God's will; and behold his face.