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- I. **SCRIPTURES:** We believe the Bible, old and new testament as approved by the Nicene Council of 325 A.D., to be the Word of God; that it was verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the final authority for faith and life (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- II. **THE GODHEAD:** We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 17:5; 2 Corinthians 13:14; and Philippians 2:5-7).

a) **THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE FATHER:** We believe that God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, is the primary agent in initiating the act of Creation. He providentially upholds, directs, and governs all creatures and events. His role as the Father involves both His designation within the Trinity and His relationship with mankind. As the Creator He is Father to all men, but He is the spiritual Father only to believers in Jesus (Genesis 1:1; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 4:6; and James 1:17).

b) **THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man.

We believe that the Lord Jesus accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as our representative, once for all. His death on the cross was a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and our justification is made sure by His literal, physical, bodily resurrection from the dead.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, whereas our great High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Intercessor, Advocate and the only Mediator between God and Man (Isaiah 53:5, 6; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:1, 2, and 14; Acts 1:9, 10; Romans 3:24, 25; Romans 5:17; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:12; Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 10:7-10; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 2:24; and 1 John 2:1, 2).

c) **THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption.

We believe that He is the Divine Teacher and Comforter who guides believers into all truth and is their source of power. It is the privilege and command of all the saved to be controlled by the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 17, 26; John 16:13; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18; and 1 John 2:20, 27).

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- III. **MAN:** We accept the Genesis account of creation and thereby believe that man, both male and female, were created an eternal living soul by the Godhead, in the state of innocence, in the image of God, for the pleasure of God.

We believe that God spoke the universe into existence and made man as a special creation, from the dust of the earth. We believe that God created man and woman as uniquely created beings on the sixth day of the creation week. Both male and female are created in the image of God at the moment of conception, and therefore, possess special qualities that distinguish them from all other creatures that God made. God created male and female as equal in personhood and standing before Him. We believe in the literal, historical record of the creation account as recorded in the book of Genesis. We believe that God completed His creative work at the close of the sixth day and that, "All was very good." We believe these were six literal, consecutive, twenty-four-hour days with no gaps of time before, between, or after. God's creative work was entirely free of any form of evolutionary process. We believe that all forms of macro evolutionary hypotheses are serious errors that strike at the person and glory of God (Genesis 1:1-31; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; and Hebrews 11:3).

- IV. **MARRIAGE:** We believe that God's design in a marriage relationship is for a male and a female to function according to different divinely ordained roles and responsibilities. Those roles and relationships are defined, described, and illustrated in Scripture. We believe that God's Word establishes marriage as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman (as genetically defined) and is designed to illustrate the relationship of Christ with His Bride, the Church. We further believe that God has commanded that a man and a woman should not engage in intimate sexual activity outside of a marriage relationship. We believe that any form of incest, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sexual intimacy (Genesis 2:18-25; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; and Ephesians 5:22-33).

- V. **SALVATION:** We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God, thus corrupting the stream of humanity at its fountainhead. We believe the whole of mankind is totally depraved and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. That by man's voluntary transgression, he fell, thus corrupting the stream of humanity at its fountainhead. We believe the whole of mankind is totally depraved and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

God the Father planned redemption and fulfilled His plan by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. The Father, along with the Son, also sent the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of sinners and enables them to be born again.

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We believe that salvation is the gift of God, apart from works or ordinances, brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:7 Genesis 3:1-19; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 1:9-10; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; 1 Corinthians 15:2-22; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; John 3:5-8; John 3:16; John 14: 26; John 15:26; and Galatians 4:4).

VI. **ASSURANCE OF THE BELIEVERS:** We believe it is the privilege of all believers who have been born again by the Spirit of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to be assured of their salvation at the time they receive Him as their personal Savior; that eternal life is their present possession in Christ, not based upon their own worthiness, but upon the finished work of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Word of God (John 5:24; Romans 8:1; Romans 8:33-39; 1 Corinthians 3:15; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:4-5; and 1 John 5:13).

VII. **THE TWO NATURES OF THE BELIEVER:** We believe that every saved person possesses two natures with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and that all claims to total eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural (Romans 6:13; 8:12, 13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; and 1 John 3:5-9).

VIII. **SEPARATION:** We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Lord and Savior; that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God.

Despite the clear liberties and freedom that we have in Christ, God's Word clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an opportunity for the flesh (Romans 6:11-23; Romans 12:1, 2; Romans 13:13, 14; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Galatians 5:13; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 2:15-17; and 2 John 9-11).

IX. **THE MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of all His gifts; and that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today; and that speaking in tongues and the working of sign gifts gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established.

We believe that God does hear and answer prayers of faith for the sick and afflicted, in accord with His own will (John 15:7; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; 1 Corinthians 13:8; 1 Corinthians 14:21, 22; 2 Corinthians 12:12; and Ephesians 4:7-12; and 1 John 5:14, 15).

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- X. **ORDINANCES:** We believe that baptism is a commandment of the Lord for the believer to be immersed in water, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful way, an emblem of his faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in his death to sin and his rising to newness of life in Christ. We believe that infant baptism is not scriptural.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of the death of Christ until He comes again and should be always preceded by self-examination. We believe in open communion to all believers. In no way do these ordinances take away our sins (Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 8:36-39; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Corinthians 11:20-34; Ephesians 2:8, 9; and Colossians 2:12).

- XI. **DISPENSATIONALISM:** We believe in the dispensational view of Bible interpretation, but reject the extreme teaching known as "Hyper-dispensationalism," such as that teaching which opposes either the Lord's supper or water baptism as a scriptural means of testimony for the Church in this age (Romans 6:14; Ephesians 3:2-5).

- XII. **THE RAPTURE AND CHRIST'S RETURN:** We believe in that Blessed Hope, the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones, and in His subsequent, physical, premillennial return to earth with His saints, to establish His Millennial Kingdom (Zechariah 14:1-11; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 3:10; and Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6).

- XIII. **THE ETERNAL STATE:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment

We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord.

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the resurrection of the lost, when with soul and body reunited, they will appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; John 5:28, 29; John 11:25, 26; 2 Corinthians 5:8, 10-11; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:5, 6, and 10-15).