

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT
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“Taken in hand to set forth in order
a declaration
of those things which are
most surely believed among us”
Luke 1:1

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I. BIBLIOLOGY

A. Identity of the Bible

1. *Definition* - The Bible (consisting of the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament) as represented in English in the King James Version, is the pure ^{Ps 12:6-7}, verbal ^{De 9:10} (word for word), plenary ^{II Tim 3:16} (equally in all parts), inerrant ^{Jn 10:35} (free from error in its stated facts), infallible ^{Ps 119:42} (void of error in teachings), preserved ^{I Pe 1:23-25} (completely free from corruption) inspired ^{II Tim 3:16} (exactly as God would have it) word of God. No other book, version, or writing - other than the Bible - qualifies as scripture (although it may contain portions of scripture).
2. *Completeness* - The Bible is complete ^{I Cor 13:10} in every regard. There will never be any additional revelation, written or spoken, before the end of the world. All claims of additional revelation (i.e. modern day prophets, direct revelation outside the Bible, etc.) are fraudulent ^{Is 8:20}.
3. *Audience* - The entire Bible is pertinent to all men ^{II Pe 3:1-2}. Certain portions have application to selected groups of men under certain dispensational guidelines, but theories such as hyper-dispensationalism (i.e. multiple plans of salvation; inapplicability of the Old Testament, etc.) are false.
4. *Inerrancy and Infallibility* - The Bible is completely free from error in statements of fact and in its teachings ^{Num 23:19}. Any "presumed" error or contradiction is caused by the misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the reader.

B. Inception of the Bible

1. *Inspiration* - The Bible we read is the product of God's inspiration. Inspiration is the mechanism by which God delivered the Bible to man ^{II Tim 3:16}.
2. *Eternality* - The Bible itself is from eternity past ^{Titus 1:2} to eternity future ^{Ps 119:89}. Any representation of scripture that is different from that eternal writing is corrupt ^{Mt 5:18}, and therefore not purely inspired, inerrant, etc ^{Is 40:8}.
3. *Confluency* - The Bible is the product of "confluent" inspiration. That is to say, God used men to record the words of the Bible in written form ^{Is 59:21}. The personality, experience, and disposition of those men is evident in the word of God. This fact precludes the notion of a word for word dictation, but does not detract from the purity of the words recorded as the very words God intended ^{II Pe 1:21}.

C. Importance of the Bible

1. *Revelation*
 - a. God's creation ^{Rom 1:20} (general revelation) and Scripture ^{John 1:1} (special revelation) each reveal God to man.
 - b. Creation undeniably proves God's existence and man's need for Him. No man will be able to stand before God with a valid excuse for rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ ^{John 1:8}, whether or not he had access to God's special revelation.
 - c. Scripture is the perfect expression of God ^{John 1:1}, and

Ps 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

De 9:10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

Note: The phrase "all the words" appears 40 times in the Bible. Almost 30 of them refer to the transmission of the word of God.

2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken

Ps 119:42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

I Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 24 ¶ For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

I Cor 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Is 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

II Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

2 Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began

Ps 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Is 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Is 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

John 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- therefore must be perfect in order to fulfill this task.
- d. We cannot know God's perfect will without His special revelation. God's will is not found through emotion ^{Jer 17:9}, circumstance, feelings, practicality, etc.
 2. *Authority* - Our authority to proclaim and practice truth is given by the Bible. It is imperative that we disclose and exercise Biblical mandates. All that we do and teach as individuals and churches, we do based upon the license given by the Bible ^{Acts 5:29}.
 3. *Guidance* - The Bible is to be the born again believer's guide in his daily life ^{Ps 119:105}. From it he is to get his perspective which is more important than observations or experience.

D. Interpretation of the Bible

1. *Methodology*
 - a. The Bible is to be interpreted literally. It is an account of literal events (the flood, Jonah's whale, etc.). The Lord Jesus Christ treated the Bible in a literal sense when teaching from it ^{Matt 12:40}.
 - b. The Bible is not to be interpreted allegorically (as if the plain sense and account is to be disregarded). There are "types", "pictures", "parables", and "secondary meanings" in the Bible, but they are understood after accepting the literal sense when it makes sense in light of other Biblical teachings.
 - c. The Bible is to be interpreted dispensationally.
2. *Enlightenment* - No man can learn the Bible unless he is taught by the Spirit of God ^{1 John 2:27}. A man who rejects Christ is not eligible for this teaching ^{1 Cor 2:14} (aside from conviction of sin and to salvation).

E. Incorruptibility of the Bible

1. *Preservation*
 - a. Preservation is a prerequisite for scripture; the word of God cannot be corrupted ^{1 Pe 1:23}.
 - b. God, not man, is responsible for the preservation of His word ^{Psalm 12:6-7}.
 - c. Words are preserved, as well as thoughts, teachings, ideas, etc ^{Matt 4:4, Luke 4:4, Ex 24:4, De 28:58}.
2. *Manuscript Evidence*
 - a. Any honest, somewhat intelligent man who is willing to study the "theories" of modern manuscript evidence (i.e. read the writings of Westcott and Hort) can see that they are substantially flawed, violate laws of simple logic, and do not make sense.
 - b. The men who were the original proponents of modern manuscript theory were lost enemies of God's word.
 - c. The products of modern manuscript theory (i.e. the RSV, NASV, NIV, etc.) are corrupt, lame, perverted, deceptive, inaccurate pretenders that are not the pure word of God, and cannot be used as any sort of suitable substitute for it ^{De 4:2}.

John 1:1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Ps 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Ac 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Mt 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: **40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **24** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: **25** But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7** Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Exodus 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD

De 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

De 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3. *Translation* - God promised to preserve His word. This preservation extends to and past the process of translation without necessitating any “double inspiration.”
4. *The King James Bible* - The King James Bible is the pure word of God. Every word contained therein is to be trusted. It does not contain errors, mistakes, or “antiquated” words. There is no substitute for it in English because there is only one Bible.
5. *Separation* - It is the responsibility of men who recognize the word of God to separate themselves from those who are not of like mind ^{Rom 16:17}.

Ro 16:17 ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

II. THEOLOGY PROPER

A. Existence of God

1. *Revealed in Creation* - The fact that a God exists, who is the creator of the universe, is clearly demonstrated by His creation ^{Ps 19:1}, exclusive of special revelation ^{Rom 1:19-20}.
2. *Revealed in Scripture* - The Bible (special revelation) treats the existence of God as the most basic of facts. It repeatedly declares the reality of God ^{John 1:1} and the folly of willful ignorance of Him ^{Ps 14:1} as the creator ^{2 Peter 3:5}.
3. *Revealed to the Mind* - In his own mind, every man is made aware of the existence of God ^{John 1:9}. This includes, but is not limited to, the logical arguments for the existence of God such as the *A priori*, *Cosmological*, *Teleological* arguments, and etc.

B. Attributes of God

1. *Holiness* - Perhaps the most important attribute of God is His holiness ^{Is 6:3}. The Bible repeatedly declares it ^{Rev 4:8}. God has never sinned, cannot sin, and will therefore always remain perfectly holy unlike any other being ^{Re 15:4} - beyond our ability to describe or understand.
2. *Omniscience* - God has always been in possession of all knowledge. There is nothing to be known that God has not known for all eternity.
3. *Omnipotence* - There is no limit to the power of God ^{Jer 32:17} and no power that does not originate from God ^{Heb 1:3}.
4. *Omnipresence* - The presence of God is as limitless as His knowledge and power ^{Ps 139:8}. There is no place where God is not.
5. *Perpetuity* - The existence of God is also limitless both in the past and in the future ^{Ps 90:2}. God has no beginning or ending; He is the beginning and end ^{Rev 1:8}.
6. *Immutability* - God has never been any different than He ever will be ^{Heb 13:8}. He does not improve, learn, increase, or alter with respect to time ^{Mal 3:6}.
7. *Personality* - God is not merely a force, but has personal attributes such as will ^{II Pe 3:9}, preferences ^{Pr 6:16}, emotion ^{Nu 12:9} and love.
8. *Limitation* - God cannot cease to be God. He cannot tell a lie ^{Titus 1:2}, or violate His promises and declarations.
9. *Justice* - God will execute righteousness by punishing all unrighteousness ^{II Pe 2:9}.
10. *Love* - God sacrificially reaches out to men, to save them, as far as possible without ceasing to be who He is.
11. *Self Existence* - God's existence is completely independent of any external factor. He is, without dependence upon anything ^{Ex 3:14}.

C. Essence of God

1. *Unity* - God is one God ^{Deut 6:4}. There is no other.
2. *Trinity* - God is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one ^{I Jn 5:7} in unity as well as purpose.
3. *Father* - God is God the Father. He is the eternal creator of all things.

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Rom 1:19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

John 1:1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Ps 14:1 ¶ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Re 4:8 ¶ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Re 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power

Ps 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Re 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

2 Pe 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Pr 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Nu 12:9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began

2 Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Ro 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ex 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

De 6:4 ¶ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD

I Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

4. *Son* - God is God the Son. He is the one who came in humility to die for sinful men.
5. *Holy Ghost* - God is God the Holy Ghost. He leads all men into truth, and restrains evil in this world.

D. Purpose and Works of God

1. *Creation* - Anything at all that exists, except for God Himself, was created by God ^{Col 1:16}.
2. *Sustenance* - God sustains His creation until the time when it will be replaced ^{Ps 147:8}.
3. *Salvation* - God purposes that all men should be saved from their sins ^{II Pe 3:9}.
4. *Judgment* - God intends to judge all those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ ^{Heb 10:12-13}.
5. *Reign* - God will reign over His creation and people for ever and ever ^{Rev 11:15}.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Ps 147:8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

II Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; **13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

III. CHRISTOLOGY

A. Pre-Existence of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Perpetuity* – The Lord Jesus Christ has existed for all eternity past and will exist for all eternity future ^{Rev 1:8}. The Lord declared His own existence before the life of Abraham, and John declared that Christ had existed before him, even though John was physically older than the Lord.
2. *Immutability* - The Lord has and always will be the same for ever and ever ^{Heb 13:8}.
3. *Works* - Before His incarnation, the works of the Lord Jesus Christ evidence His pre-existence ^{John 1:3}.
4. *Old Testament Appearances* - The Lord appeared to men many times prior to His birth. Daniel 3:25 is an example of one such appearance ^{Dan 3:25}.
4. *Eternal Sonship* - For all eternity Jesus Christ has been the Son of God ^{Heb 5:8}. If He had not, His status with the Father would have changed in contradiction to Hebrews 13:8.

B. Incarnation of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Manifestation* - The Lord Jesus Christ was God manifest (made seen) in the flesh ^{I Tim 3:16}. He is the perfect expression of God ^{John 1:1}.
2. *Virgin Birth* - The Lord was born of a virgin as prophesied in the Old Testament ^{Matt 1:21-23}.
3. *Humanity* – The Lord became man in every respect ^{Heb 2:16} so that He could die according to prophecy for every sinful man ^{Heb 2:9}.
4. *Human Characteristics* - The Lord demonstrated physical characteristics of men such as growth ^{Luke 2:52}, fatigue ^{John 4:6}, hunger ^{Matt 21:18}, and mortality ^{Luke 23:46}.
5. *Incarinate Word* - The Lord is the perfect expression of God (the Word) made flesh ^{John 1:14}.
6. *Deity* - Being man did not deprive the Lord of the fact that He was God ^{John 5:18} in every respect as well ^{Php 2:6}.

C. Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. *He is Jehovah* - the Creator ^{Is 45:18 vs. Col 1:16}, the one who redeemed us ^{Psalms 19:14 vs. Rev 5:9}, the King ^{Psalms 24:8 vs. I Tim 6:15}, and our Saviour. The Bible continually uses the same titles and expressions to refer to the LORD (Jehovah) as it does to the Lord Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is not God, then the Bible makes no sense at all.
2. *He is God* - The Bible repeatedly declares that the Lord Jesus Christ is God ^{Heb 1:8}.
3. *There is But One God* - As there is but one God, Jesus Christ is not a begotten God or in any way subordinate or separate from God the Father ^{I Cor 8:6}. He stated, "I and my Father are one."
4. *Holiness* - The holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ proves His deity as God alone can be called good, and can be considered to be sinless ^{Matt 19:17}.
5. *He is the Father* - The Lord Jesus Christ told Philip that to see Him was to see the Father ^{John 14:9}.

Re 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered

ITi 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Matt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Heb 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

John 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

Matt 21:18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

Lu 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Is 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Rev 5:9 Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood

Ps 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

I Tim 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever

I Cor 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

D. The Works of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Prophet* - One distinct "office" of The Lord Jesus Christ is that of prophet ^{Acts 7:37}. He taught, foretold, and healed like, but more than, any Old Testament prophet.
2. *Priest* - A second office of the Lord Jesus Christ is that of priest ^{Heb 3:1}. He offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins; He intercedes ^{Rom 8:34} to God for us; He is the only mediator between God and man ^{I Tim 2:5}.
3. *King* - One day, the Lord will hold the office of eternal ruler of all ^{Rev 19:16}.
4. *Creator* - The Lord is the creator of everything that has ever been created ^{John 1:3}.
5. *Saviour* - Jesus is the one who has saved us from sin and its penalty ^{Titus 2:10, 13}.
6. *Judge* - The Lord Jesus Christ will be the judge of the works of all men ^{II Tim 4:1}.
7. *Head of Local Church* - The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the local church ^{Eph 5:23}.

E. The Atonement by The Lord Jesus Christ

1. The whole redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ makes born again believers "at one" with God ^{Rom 5:11}.
2. *Sacrifice* - The Lord is the final and perfect sacrifice for our sins ^{Heb 9:26}.
3. *Substitute* - The Lord substituted Himself for us and gave us His righteousness ^{II Cor 5:21}.
4. *Propitiation* - The sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ satisfied God (appeased His wrath) on our behalf ^{I John 2:2, I John 4:10}.
5. *Redemption* - The Lord has paid the price to buy us back from the curse of the law and unto God ^{Rev 5:9}. His blood is the only satisfactory price, and was essential for that redemption.
6. *Comprehensive Atonement* - Christ died for all men ^{I John 2:2}.
7. *Confirmation* - The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is proof that our salvation is complete and that His work was wholly acceptable unto God ^{Rom 1:4}.
8. *The Blood* - The Lord appeared before God in heaven with His blood which eternally remains there as a covering for our sins ^{Heb 9:23-26}.

F. The Advents of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. *First* - The Lord appeared a first time to put away sins by His death on the cross ^{Heb 9:26}.
2. *Ascension* - He ascended from the Mount of Olives and was received by a cloud out of men's sight ^{Acts 1:9}.
3. *Return* - His return is imminent, and will be in a manner like His departure ^{Acts 1:11}.
4. *Rule* - When the Lord returns, He will rule the nations with a rod of iron ^{Rev 19:15}.

Ac 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Heb 3:1 ¶ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Ro 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **I Ti 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Re 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2Ti 4:1 ¶ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself

II Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

IJo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

IJo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Ro 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead

Heb 9:23 ¶ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Acts 1:9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron

IV. PNEUMATOLOGY

A. The Person of the Holy Spirit

1. *Personality* - The Spirit of God is not merely a force; He is a person as can be seen in the way the Bible addresses Him ^{John 16:13}.
2. *Deity* - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God ^{I Cor 3:16}. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ ^{Gal 4:6}. The Spirit is God ^{II Cor 3:17}.

B. The Nature of the Holy Spirit

1. *Presence* - The Spirit has no bodily presence ^{Lu 24:39}, but rather is omnipresent.
2. *Unity* - There is only one Holy Spirit ^{John 4:24, Eph 4:4}.
3. *Truth* - The Spirit of God only promotes truth ^{John 16:13}.
4. *Proclamation* - The Spirit of God leads men to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ to other men ^{Acts 8:29, Acts 11:12}.
5. *Guidance* - The Spirit guides born again believers in their service for God ^{Rom 8:5, Rom 8:14}.

C. The Works of the Holy Spirit

1. *Creation* - The moving of the Spirit of God overshadowed the creation ^{Gen 1:2}.
2. *Conception* - The Holy Spirit cause Mary to miraculously conceive while still a virgin ^{Mat 1:20}.
3. *Resurrection* - The Spirit raised the Lord Jesus Christ ^{Rom 8:11}.
4. *Confirmation* - The Spirit confirms our salvation ^{Rom 8:16}.
5. *Intercession* - The Spirit intercedes for us in prayer (according to God's will) ^{Rom 8:26-27}.
6. *Indwelling* - The Holy Spirit dwells in every born again believer ^{I Cor 3:16}.
7. *Enabling* - The Spirit of God gives us the ability that we have to serve God ^{I Cor 12:11}.
8. *Protection* - By walking in the Spirit, we can have victory over sin ^{Gal 5:16}.
9. *Fruit* - The Spirit produces results our lives ^{Gal 5:22-23}.
10. *Scripture* - The Spirit of God gave us scripture ^{II Pe 1:21}.
11. *Miracles* - The mighty and miraculous works of the Holy Ghost are done to confirm God's word ^{Heb 2:4}.
12. *Elders* - The Holy Ghost makes men "overseers" of the flocks of God ^{Acts 20:28}.
13. *Conviction* - The Spirit of God convicts the world ^{John 16:7}.
14. *Restraint* - The Spirit of God hinders the working of the Devil and will until He is taken away ^{II Thes 2:7}.

D. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. *Identification* - The gifts given from the Spirit of God by which men serve Him include prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling, and mercy ^{Rom 12:6-8}.
2. *Cessation* - The wonders, signs and miracles found in the New Testament which are concurrent with the ministry of the Apostles were performed in order to confirm the word of God, and have ceased ^{Heb 2:4, I Cor 13:8}.
3. *Tongues* - The miracle of tongues is that New Testament men were able to be heard in multiple languages

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth

I Co 3:16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Ga 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

II Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Lu 24:39 . . . a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Ac 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Ac 11:12 And the Spirit bade me go with them

Ro 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Ro 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Mat 1:20 . . . fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost **Gen 1:2** And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Ro 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Ro 8:26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

I Co 3:16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

I Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Ga 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Heb 2:4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

John 16:7 ¶ . . . I will send him unto you. **8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; **7** Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; **8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

I Co 13:8 ¶ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

II Thes 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be

simultaneously. This miracle ceased upon completion of the Bible ^{I Cor 13:8}.

4. *Healing* - As with tongues, the miracle of healing by individuals is no more. God does, however, heal men in answer to prayer ^{James 5:14}.

E. The Filling by and Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1. *Believers* - Any person who is saved in our day is indwelt by the Spirit of God immediately upon being saved ^{I Cor 6:19}.
2. *Gift* - This indwelling is a gift from God, not anything that we deserve ^{Acts 10:45}.
3. *Permanence* - The Holy Ghost indwells even those saved persons who are in some type of sin ^{I Cor 6:17-20}.
4. *Filling* - To be "filled" with the Spirit is to be influenced and directed by Him in all aspects of our life ^{Acts 11:22-24}.
5. *After Salvation* - There is no receipt of the Holy Spirit subsequent to salvation. A person who has not received the Spirit of God is not saved ^{Rom 8:9}. The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ are the same ^{Rom 8:9}. It is that Spirit which we receive when we are saved.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

I Cor 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Ac 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

I Cor 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **18** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. **19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Acts 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. **23** Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Ro 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

V. ANGELOLOGY

A. Existence of Angels

1. *Unquestioned* - The existence of angels cannot be questioned as the Bible mentions angels over 250 times.
2. *Multitudes* - There are thousands upon thousands of angels; too many to be numbered. ^{Ps 68:17, Heb 12:22, Mt 26:53}

B. The Nature of Angels

1. *Created* - Angels are created beings ^{Col 1:16}.
2. *Powerful* - Angels have tremendous power, particularly when compared to men ^{II Pe 2:11} although their strength varies one from another ^{Rev 5:2}.
3. *Spiritual* - Angels are spiritual beings ^{Ps 104:4} although they often appear before men in human form ^{Heb 13:2}.
4. *Moral* - There are good angels and evil angels ^{Ps 78:49} on opposing sides ^{Rev 12:7} some of which serve God while others are reserved unto judgment ^{Jude 1:6}.
5. *Application* - The use of the term "angel" in the Bible could apply to the Lord Jesus Christ although He is much higher than the actual angels ^{Dan 3:28, Heb 1:4}.
6. *Given Names* - Angels such as Gabriel and Michael have personal names although these names are usually not given in Biblical accounts.
7. *Emotional* - Angels rejoice when the will of God is done (i.e. when someone is saved) ^{Lu 15:10}.
8. *Immortal* - Angels are not mortal like men as they do not die ^{Lu 20:36}.
9. *Accountable* - Angels will be judged by men ^{I Cor 6:3}.
10. Angels are not benefactors of the Gospel ^{I Pe 1:12} and cannot be saved.
11. *Subordinate* - Angels are not to be worshiped ^{Rev 19:10}.
12. *Demons* - Fallen angels, known as demons, are present in limited numbers on this earth and may possess men or animals, afflict men ^{Matt 12:22} and do works which oppose God.

C. The Work of Angels

1. *Task* - Angels are messengers often sent by God to communicate with men or to speak to men from heaven.
2. *Sent* - Angels are servants of God that do His will ^{Ps 103:20}.
3. *Servants* - Angels often do the work of God on His behalf ^{2 Sam 24:16} and minister to men.
4. *Reapers* - Angels will "reap" men in the end of the world ^{Mt 13:41} in preparation for the judgment.
5. *Guardians* - Angels presently behold the face of God on behalf of little children ^{Mt 18:10}.

D. The Eternal Fate of Angels

1. *Hell* - Hell was prepared for the devil and "his" angels ^{Mt 25:41}.
2. *Free Will* - Some angels have chosen a lower eternal estate ^{Jude 1:6}.

E. Person and Work of Satan

Ps 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, **Mt 26:53** Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him

II Pe 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Ps 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Heb 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Ps 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Da 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him

Heb 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Lu 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Lu 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels

I Cor 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels?

I Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Re 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: . . . worship God **Mt 12:22** Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him

Ps 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

II Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.

Mt 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Mt 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Mt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

Ezek 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; . . . the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **14** Thou art the anointed cherub that

1. *Created* - Satan exists, is a personal entity, and is a created ^{Ezek 28:13} being with a beginning as an angel ^{Ezek 28:14} in the presence of God in beauty and perfection ^{Ezek 28:15} until he voluntarily chose to oppose God and was then found to be in possession of iniquity.
2. *Person* - Satan is a personal being named Lucifer ^{Is 14:12} who chose to exalt himself above God ^{Is 14:13} and put himself in the place of God ^{Is 14:14}.
3. *Access to God* - Satan has access to the throne room of God and converses with God about His saints ^{Job 1:6-7}.
4. *Enemy* - Satan is the enemy and false accuser of the saints ^{Job 1:9}.
5. *Damned* - Satan is destined to spend eternity in Hell ^{Rev 20:10}.
6. *Imitator* - Satan impersonates and imitates God and His works ^{Gal 1:8}.

Is 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. **7** And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **8** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? **9** Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

Re 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

VI. ANTHROPOLOGY

A. The Creation of Man

1. *Beginning* - Man was created by God in His image ^{Ge 1:27} from the dust of the earth ^{Ge 2:7}.
2. *Innocense* - Man was created in a state of innocence; sin came later ^{Ge 2:25}.
3. *Difference* - God created man as male and female ^{Ge 1:27}.
4. *Body, Soul, and Spirit* - God created man's body, soul, and spirit ^{I Thes 5:23}.
5. *Responsibility* - Man was created to work; God gave man a job from the very beginning ^{Ge 2:15}.

B. The Condition of Man

1. *Mortality* - Man's days are numbered ^{Ge 6:3}.
2. *Morality* - Man is given knowledge of "right and wrong" ^{Ro 1:18} and is accountable to God for his decision ^{Ge 2:16-17}.
3. *Companionship* - Man is intended to have companionship in this life ^{Ge 2:18}.
4. *Intellect* - Man is an intelligent being with God given ability to discern.
5. *Fallen* - All men are now subject to the results of Adam's transgression ^{Ro 5:12}.
6. *Depraved* - All men descended from Adam are sinners ^{Ro 3:23}.
7. *Separated* - Man's sin separates him from God ^{Is 59:2}.
8. *Free Agency* - Man has the ability to choose to accept or reject God ^{John 1:12, Rev 22:17}.
9. *Enlightened* - The Lord Jesus Christ illuminates (informs, gives understanding to) every man that comes into the world ^{John 1:9}.
10. *Drawn* - All men are drawn to the Lord Jesus Christ ^{John 12:32}.

C. The Destiny of Man

1. *Eternal Existence* - Every man has an eternal spiritual existence ^{Lu 16:22,23}.
2. *Physical Death* - Man is appointed to die ^{Heb 9:27}.
3. *Judgment* - All men will be judged by God ^{Heb 9:27, I Pe 1:17}.
4. *Spiritual Life or Death* - Every man will live eternally with God, or spend eternity in a Christless Hell separate from God ^{Mt 25:46}.

Ge 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Ge 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Ge 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Ge 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

I Thes 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ge 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Ge 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Ro 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness

Ge 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. **18** And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him

Ro 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned

Ro 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

Is 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Jn 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Jn 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Jn 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Lu 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

I Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear

Mt 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

VII. HAMARTIALOLOGY

A. Nature of Sin

1. *Definition* - Sin is the transgression of the law^{I Jn 3:4}. It is a matter of action, not intent.
2. *Criteria* - Accountability for sin requires law^{Ro 5:13}, but men have the law written in their hearts^{Ro 2:14-15}.
3. *Origin* - Sin originated with the devil^{I Jn 3:8}.
4. *Degrees* - Some sins are more egregious (serious) than others^{Jn 19:11, Ge 13:13}.
5. *Finite* - Sin had a beginning^{I Jn 3:8} and will have an ending for all eternity^{Rev 21:4}.

B. Nature of Sinners

1. *Comprehensive* - All men have sinned^{I Jn 1:8, Ro 5:12}.
2. *Qualitative* - The fact that a man commits one sin makes him a sinner^{James 2:10-11}.
3. *Captive* - Sin is captivating to the participant^{II Tim 2:26, Jn 8:34}.
4. *Temporary* - There is a payment for and freedom from sin available to the sinner^{I Jn 2:1, Ro 6:12}.
5. *Release* - The born again believer is dead to sin and its effects^{Ro 6:11, Ro 6:14}.

C. Consequences of Sin

1. *Separation from God* - Sin causes and mandates separation from God^{Ge 3:23}.
2. *Guilt* - Sin brings guilt to the sinner^{Ge 3:8}.
3. *Death* - Sin earns the sinner death^{Ro 6:23}.
4. *Judgment* - Sin will always be judged^{Heb 2:2-3}.
5. *Penalty* - Sin will always be punished^{II Pe 2:9}.
6. *Suffering* - Sin brings suffering upon the sinner^{Ec 2:26} and upon the object of the sin^{Ex 10:16}.
7. *Deliverance* - There is an opportunity to be delivered from the accountability for sin^{Ro 4:8}.
8. *Advocacy* - The Lord Jesus Christ is the friend of sinners and is their advocate^{I Jn 2:1}.
9. *Cleansing* - There is cleansing available to all sinners^{I Jn 1:7}.
10. *Forgiveness* - Sinners who confess^{Mark 1:5}, repent^{Lu 3:3}, and request forgiveness^{Ro 10:13} can receive the free gift of salvation.

I Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Ro 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Ro 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.)

I Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Jn 19:11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Ge 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

I Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Ro 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. **11** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

2Ti 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Jn 8:34 . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

I Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Ro 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Ge 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden

Ge 3:8 Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heb 2:2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; **3** How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation

II Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Ex 10:16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

Ro 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

I Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. **Mark 1:5** And there went out to him all the

VIII. SOTERIOLOGY

A. Definitions Pertaining to Salvation

1. *Salvation* - Rescue and deliverance from the impending penalty of sin, and captivity by, sin that all men face. To be healed and made whole ^{Matt 9:20-22}.
2. *Gospel* - The Gospel is the story of God. It is that which we must hear and believe in order to be saved ^{I Cor 15:2}. It is the account of death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins ^{I Cor 15:3-4}.
3. *Grace* - The unmerited favor which is practiced by God (and demonstrated through Christ) towards all men ^{Titus 2:11} which every man may freely accept or reject ^{John 5:40}.
4. *Works* - Deeds; mans efforts; actions intended to earn a reward ^{Ro 4:4-5}.
5. *Faith* - An applied belief in that which has no external evidence ^{Heb 11:1}.
6. *Law* - That which delineates sin and holiness ^{Ro 3:20}. It is that which teaches us our need for salvation.
7. *Legalism* - Attempting to obtain salvation by obeying law.
8. *Repentance* - A change of mind, and consequently of purpose. Turning from sin and works to the Lord for salvation ^{I Ki 8:47-49}.
9. *Justification* - To be made righteous; to be declared just; the legal declaration of innocense ^{Rom 4:5}.
10. *Substitution* - Christ taking our place of punishment for sin and giving us His place of reward and fellowship with God because of His righteousness ^{II Cor 5:21}.
11. *Atonement* - The removal of that which separates us from God; the instatement of conciliation between sinners and God ^{Rom 5:11}.
12. *Propitiation* - The appeasement, by the Lord Jesus Christ, of the wrath of God against us because of our sin ^{I Jn 2:2}.
13. *Redemption* - Man's release from sin and its penalty thru the liberating ransom paid by the Lord Jesus Christ ^{Eph 1:7}.
14. *Election* - To be called out; to be differentiated from others; God has eternally called out and distinguished those who are the "elect" based upon His foreknowledge of their free will decision to accept His Son ^{I Pe 1:2}.

B. Provision and Availability of Salvation

1. *The Lord Jesus Christ* - The Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation, the only truth of salvation and the only life in salvation ^{John 14:6}. No man can come to the Father but by Him. He is the perfect expression of God's love. *Salvation is exclusive of those outside of Christ, not inclusive* ^{Acts 4:12}.
2. *The Blood* - The literal, eternally preserved blood of Christ must have been shed in order to remit our sins; it is eternally present on the mercy seat in heaven ^{Heb 9:22-24}.
3. *The Sinners* - Salvation is available to everyone who is a sinner, and to no one else ^{I Tim 1:15}.
4. *Available to All* - Salvation is available to all men; God wills that every man be saved ^{I Tim 2:3-4}, but God also permits every man to accept or reject the free gift of salvation.

Matt 9:20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: **21** For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. **22** But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

I Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men

John 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. **5** But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Ro 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

I Ki 8:47 Yet if they shall think themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: **49** Then hear thou their prayer . . .

II Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Ro 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood

I Jo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

I Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **23** It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

I Tim 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

I Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the

5. *All Who Hear* - Men must hear the gospel in order to be saved ^{Ro 10:14}.
6. *All Who Receive* - As many as receive the Lord Jesus Christ may obtain eternal life ^{Jn 1:12}.
7. *All Who Call* - Any man who scripturally calls upon the Lord for salvation will be saved ^{Ro 10:13}.
8. *All Who are Drawn* - All men are drawn to Christ ^{John 12:32}. Their condemnation will result from refusal to come to Him, not from a failure to be drawn ^{John 3:19-20}.
9. *Freely* - There is no cost for salvation that man can provide. Salvation is a free gift available to all ^{Ro 5:18}.

C. Acquisition of Salvation

1. *Confession* - A man must confess that he is a sinner in order to be saved ^{Ro 10:9}.
2. *Repentance* - A man must repent to be saved ^{Acts 3:19, Lu 15:7}.
3. *Faith* - Salvation comes to those who place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ ^{Acts 16:30-31}.
4. *Call* - Personally calling upon the Christ of the Bible is essential to salvation ^{Rom 10:13}.
5. *Cessation of Labor* - In order for a man to be saved, he must cease from trusting in his works to save him ^{Ro 8:24}.
6. *Works Excluded* - It is not possible for a man to rely upon the combination of faith and works to save him. Faith and works are mutually exclusive; men are saved by God's grace. ^{Titus 3:5, Eph 2:8-9}. The term "works" would include, but is not limited to, baptism, church membership, and keeping the law.

D. Consequences of Salvation

1. *Indwelling* - Every born again believer is indwelt by the Spirit of God ^{Ro 8:9}.
2. *Adoption* - Salvation is accompanied by adoption by the Father ^{Ro 8:15} and co-inheritance with the Son ^{1 Pe 1:3}.
3. *Security* - A person who is truly saved is kept by the power of God, not by his own power. This means that eternal life is essential, not potential. A person who is ever saved is always saved ^{1 Pe 1:4-5}.
4. *Regeneration* - Salvation is a spiritual re-birth ^{John 3:3} after death which came by sin ^{Ro 7:9}. All saved men are Spiritually born again.
5. *Change* - The faith that saves is a faith that produces action. Men who are saved will show a changed life. The change is not the cause of their salvation; their salvation is the cause of the change ^{James 2:17}.
6. *Continuance* - A man who is born again continues in that state perpetually, not because of his perseverance, but because of the perseverance of the Holy Spirit ^{1 Jn 3:9}.
7. *Eternal Life* - Being born again means having eternal fellowship with God and living with Him for as long as He lives ^{John 10:28}.
8. *The Lord Jesus Christ* - Any man who is saved "has" the Lord Jesus Christ for all eternity ^{1 Jn 5:12}.

Jn 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name

Ro 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

Ro 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Ac 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out

Lu 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? **31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Ro 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ro 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Ro 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

1 Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Ro 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. **Jam 2:17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

1 Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

1 Jo 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

IX. ECCLESIOLOGY

A. Definition and Character of the Church

1. *Definition* - A church is a local visible separated autonomous baptized called out assembly of believers with Biblical authority and directive to carry out the "great commission." The church is the body of Christ ^{Col 1:18}.
2. *Local* - The only church in the Bible is the local assembly ^{I Cor 11:18}. There is not one ounce of truth to the "universal" church theory. There never has been a church universal, and there never will be.
3. *Perpetual* - Since its establishment, there have always been churches extant with scriptural doctrine and practices. The church has never ceased to exist since its founding ^{Eph 3:21, Matt 16:18}.
4. *Separated* - Individual members, and the church as a unit, are to separate themselves from sin, false doctrine, those that propagate false doctrine, and the world ^{II Cor 6:17, II Thes 3:6, I Tim 6:5}.
5. *Foundation* - The Lord Jesus Christ is the founder and foundation of the local church ^{Matt 16:18}.
6. *Origin* - The church started during the Lord's ministry on this earth ^{Matt 16:18}. It was not in the Old Testament.
7. *Authorized* - The church gets its authority from the Bible, not from "apostolic succession" or church "genealogy" ^{Acts 14:23}.
8. *Espoused* - The relationship between a scriptural church and the Lord is that of an espoused bride ^{II Cor 11:2}.

B. Role and Responsibilities of the Church

1. *Doctrine* - The local church is charged with the protection and dissemination of true doctrine ^{I Tim 3:15}.
2. *Evangelism* - The task given to the churches is to go into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ^{Matt 28:19}. Benevolence and social action are not the church's principle task.
3. *Discipleship* - A church has the important responsibility of teaching its members continually and fervently ^{Acts 11:26}.
4. *Fellowship* - Assembling together in order to strengthen one another is also an important aspect of the church ^{Heb 10:25}.
5. *Collections* - The church is the place where giving is to take place; no other organization is a substitute ^{Acts 4:34}.
6. *Discipline* - The church is to separate itself from unruly brethren and those who teach false doctrine ^{Ro 16:17}. It is also responsible for differences between members ^{Mt 18:17-18}.
7. *Glory* - The purpose of the church is to glorify God ^{Eph 3:21}.

C. Government, Officers and Members of the Church

1. *Autonomy/Independence* - No entity (school, mission board, para-church organization, other church, etc.) is to stand between the local church and the Lord Jesus Christ. God does not convey His commands to His church thru a messenger ^{Rev 4:4-5}.
2. *Authority* - God gave authority to the church, not to the

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

I Co 11:18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church . . .

Eph 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

II Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

2Th 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

ITi 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Ac 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. **II Cor 11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

I Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Acts 4:34 . . . as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, **35** And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Ro 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. **18** Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Rev 4:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; **5** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood

mission board, Bible college, para-church ministry, etc. The church is not to share any of its authority with anyone, particularly these groups ^{Eph 3:10}.

3. *Head* - The Head of the church is the Lord ^{Eph 5:24}. He decides all matters pertaining to the local church ^{Eph 1:22-23}.
4. *Two Officers* - The only two offices scripturally given in the church are that of pastor and deacon ^{Php 1:1}.
5. *Pastors* - The pastor is the qualified overseer/guide of the church. There may be more than one in a given church. His office is also called elder and bishop. He must have only one wife, be blameless, etc. in accordance with the Bible ^{1 Tim 3:1-7}.
6. *Deacons* - The deacon is the qualified servant in the church. His role is to serve in ancillary matters so that the pastor(s) may concentrate on the word and prayer ^{Acts 6:3-4}.
7. *Members* - In order to be qualified for membership in a local church, one must be saved, baptized, and accepted into membership ^{Acts 2:47, Acts 2:41}.

D. Ordinances and Other Aspects of the Church

1. *Ordinances* - The only two "ordinances" given to the church by the Lord are baptism, and the Lord's supper.
2. *Baptism*
 - a. *Admission* - Baptism is the scriptural method of being added to a local church ^{Acts 2:41}.
 - b. *Symbolism* - Baptism does not wash away sins; it is a demonstration of our identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ ^{1 Pe 3:21}.
 - c. *Mode* - The Lord was immersed in water at His baptism, and we should be as well ^{Mark 1:10}.
 - d. *Recipients* - Only those persons who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as personal saviour are qualified to be baptized ^{Acts 8:36-37}.
3. *Lord's Supper*
 - a. *Purpose* - The Lord's Supper is that which He gave us to remember Him and His sacrifice until He returns ^{Lu 22:19}. It has nothing to do with salvation.
 - b. *Participants* - Only saved members (who are in fellowship with the Lord) of scriptural churches are allowed to partake in communion. The Bible does not prohibit interaction between churches in meetings and fellowship, and therefore does not prohibit "close" communion ^{Acts 20:11}.
 - c. *Elements* - Broken unleavened bread (representing Christ's broken body) and unfermented fruit of the vine (representing His incorruptible blood) are to be used in the Lord's supper ^{Mark 14:25}.
4. *Covenants* - The church is no substitute for Israel as concerning the Old Testament covenants. God will fulfill those covenants with Israel as promised ^{Heb 8:10}.
5. *Church and State* - The church has a distinct role from the state; these do not overlap. Church members are to submit to governmental authority while obeying God ^{Rom 13:1, Acts 5:29}. Churches are not obligated to pay taxes ^{Matt 17:26}.

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Php 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons

1 Tim 3:1 ¶ This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. **2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; **3** Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; **4** One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; **5** (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) **6** Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7** Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. **4** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

1 Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Mar 1:10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? **37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Lu 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me **Acts 20:11** When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

Mr 14:25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Matt 17:26 26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

X. ESCHATOLOGY

A. The Rapture and Tribulation

1. *Imminent* - We are instructed to live expectantly, watching for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ who could come any day, and who will come very soon ^{Titus 2:11-13}.
2. *Resurrection and Rapture* - When the trump of God sounds, the Lord will raise the dead in Christ and rapture (catch up) them, along with all those saints who remain alive, to meet Him in the air ^{1 Thes 4:16-17}.
3. *New Life* - At the last trump, believers shall be changed from corruptible to incorruptible, and from mortal to immortal for all eternity ^{1 Cor 15:51-53}.
4. *Pre-Tribulation* - No born again believer saved prior to the sounding of the last trumpet will face the wrath of God that will be poured out upon the earth during the "tribulation" era ^{1 Thes 1:10}.
5. *No More Restraint* - When the last trumpet sounds, the Holy Spirit will be taken from the earth which will allow the revelation of the anti-christ ^{II Thes 2:7-8}.
6. *Seven Years of Tribulation* - Prior to the day when the Lord physically sets foot on earth, there shall be seven years of tribulation ^{Dan 9:27} where God will pour out His wrath upon Israel ^{Jer 30:7}.
7. *Deception* - Those who rejected Christ prior to the tribulation will have tremendous delusion imposed upon them ^{II Thes 2:11-12}.
8. *Anti-christ* - during the "tribulation" Israel will mistake anti-christ for the Messiah. At the end, the Lord will return to defeat him ^{Rev 19:11}, and cast him into a bottomless pit for a thousand years ^{Rev 20:2-3}.

B. The Millennial Reign of Christ and the Final Judgment

1. *Return* - After the rapture and tribulation, the Lord Jesus Christ will literally and visibly return ^{Rev 1:7} to the earth to establish His kingdom for one thousand years ^{Rev 20:6-7}.
2. *Release of Satan* - At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be loosed to deceive the nations one last time ^{Rev 20:7-8}.
3. *Deception* - Even though they have been ruled by the Lord Jesus Christ for one thousand years, many of the inhabitants of the earth will rebel against Him and be deceived by Satan at the end of this Godly reign ^{Rev 20:8-9}.
4. *Final Battle* - At the end of the thousand years Satan will gather an army to fight against the saints. Fire will come down from heaven and devour that army ^{Rev 20:9}. The devil will be cast into the lake of fire and be tormented for ever and ever ^{Rev 20:10}.
5. *Judgment* - After the destruction of Satan, the unsaved will be judged by God according to their works and all cast into the lake of fire ^{Rev 20:12-14}.
6. *Second Death* - The second death is an eternal death which includes separation from God, eternal torment in the lake of fire and brimstone, and no hope of ever being delivered from this judgment ^{Rev 20:14-15}.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

I Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Cor 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

I Thes 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

II Thes 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

II Thes 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. **7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. **9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And

C. Eternity

1. *New Heaven and Earth* - The heaven and earth will be replaced ^{Rev 21:1}.
2. *Cohabitation* - God will dwell with men for all eternity in this new creation ^{Rev 21:3}.
3. *Perfection* - There will be no more sadness, death, pain, or sin for ever and ever ^{Rev 21:3-4}.

Rev 21:1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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