

1. **The Bible:** We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, infallible, enduring, and unchangeable. It declares His design and plan for mankind.<sup>1</sup>
  
2. **God:** We believe that there is only one living and true God, who is the creator and preserver of all things. He is manifested in three persons, equally divine, coexistent, and coeternal: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
  - a. **God the Father:** We believe in our God The Father, as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and the Alpha and the Omega. He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, and everything within them. He is the creator and sustainer of our lives, from the moment of our conception, and without Him none of us could exist.
  - b. **God the Son:** We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ as God's one and only son. Jesus was both human and divine, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and perfect in every way. He was crucified, buried, raised from the dead, and has ascended to Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of the Father as our one and only intercessor. We believe that He is our savior, baptizer with the Holy Spirit, healer, and soon coming king. We also stand firm on the proclamation of Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever."
  - c. **God the Holy Spirit:** We Believe in the Holy Spirit whom God sent us as a helper, to teach us, guide us, and be with us as we use our gifts and talents to fulfill His Great Commission. The Holy Spirit is there through all of our struggles. He gives us the wisdom we need to make the right decisions, He strengthens us when we are weak, and He gives us the words to say when we need to speak. The Holy Spirit is always with us no matter how challenging our life may seem.<sup>2</sup>
  
3. **The Fall of Man and Need for a Redeemer:** We believe that Adam and Eve, who are the origin of the entire human race, were created in the image of God, but disobeyed Him and became sinners. Their sin ushered evil and death into the world, both physically and spiritually, causing all people to inherit a sinful nature and be spiritually separated from God. Because of this, we are all in need of a redeemer to save us from our sins and restore our fellowship with God.<sup>3</sup>
  
4. **Salvation:** We believe that Jesus Christ died for us while we were still sinners, taking the punishment for our sins by shedding His own blood. Because He sacrificed Himself for us, anyone who believes in Him as their personal savior, through faith, repentance, and the rejection of a sinful lifestyle, will receive a restored fellowship with God and eternal life. Upon salvation, we are born again, of the Spirit, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. We are justified by grace through faith, redeemed from our sins, and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. We also believe that because of our total inability to save ourselves, it is by God's grace alone that we are saved. No person can ever be good enough to earn salvation through good works.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Joshua 23:14, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21

<sup>2</sup>Genesis 1:1, Matthew 1:18, Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 13:11, Luke 3:16, Luke 12:11-12, John 3:16, John 10:30, John 14:9, 16-17, 26, Acts 1:11, Romans 10:9, 1 Cor 8:6, 2 Cor 13:14, Colossians 1:15-17, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 13:8, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 3:5, 1 John 5:7-8, Revelation 1:8

<sup>3</sup>Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:17, Genesis 3:6, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23, Eph 2:1-6 1 John 1:7

<sup>4</sup>John 3:3-6, Romans 3:20-25, Romans 4:2-5, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:8-13, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:16, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 10:10, Hebrews 13:12 Titus 2:11, Titus 3:5, 1 John 1:9

5. **Holiness and the Christian Lifestyle:** We believe that sanctification is both a one time experience, where, upon salvation, we are made righteous through separation from what is evil, and it is a lifelong process in which we continually pursue greater holiness. We separate ourselves from the value systems of the world by imitating Christ and living according to the values proclaimed in the Gospel. We no longer remain in sin, but must choose to resist sin daily.<sup>5</sup>
6. **Water Baptism:** We believe that the Bible instructs all who repent, and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, to be baptized through immersion in water. Baptism is not required for our salvation, but is our outward declaration to the world that we have died with Christ and have been born again as a new creation.<sup>6</sup>
7. **Communion:** We believe that the Lord's Supper should be regularly observed through the taking of the broken bread, and the fruit of the vine, in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus gave when He died on the cross to save us from our sins.<sup>7</sup>
8. **Spiritual Gifts:** We believe that, through faith, submission, God empowers all believers who seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to receive them and to use them in the same way that they were experienced in the New Testament Church. Through these gifts, we are empowered to serve the Lord more boldly and effectively, both in the church and in fulfilling the Great Commission.<sup>8</sup>
9. **Divine Healing:** We believe that divine healing of the sick and afflicted is a privilege available to all believers today. Through prayer, with faith, submission, and the confession of our sins, we have the ability to receive complete healing.<sup>9</sup>
10. **Heaven and the Second Coming of Christ:** We believe in the personal, visible, and imminent second coming of Jesus Christ. We believe in the blessed hope for the rapture, resurrection of the saints, and in the coming millennial reign of Christ on earth. We also look forward to God's promise of a glorious new heaven and earth for those who believe in Him.<sup>10</sup>
11. **The Final Judgment and Hell:** We believe in a powerful but resistible devil called Satan, who, along with all his fallen angels, called demons, continually seeks to deceive us, the believers, and defeat the work of God in this present age. We believe that a final judgment will take place for Satan and those who have rejected salvation through Jesus Christ. They will be judged for their sins and condemned to eternal punishment in a lake of fire, which we call hell.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Matthew 5:48, Romans 6:1-14, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Ephesians 4:22-24, Ephesians 5:1, Colossians 3:7-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 6:1, Hebrews 10:10, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:14-16

<sup>6</sup> Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:41, Acts 10:47-48, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8

<sup>7</sup> Mat 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 3:11, Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:17-18, Luke 24:49, John 14:12-14 John 15:26, John 16:7, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4, Acts 2:32-33, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 4:29-31, Acts 8:15-17, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:15-17, Acts 19:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 1 Corinthians 14, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 6:18

<sup>9</sup> Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:16-17, Mark 16:17-18, Acts 4:30, 1 Corinthians 12:9, James 5:13-16

<sup>10</sup> Mat 25:35-6, John 14:1-3, Philippians 3:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Titus 2:11-13, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelations 21:1-8

<sup>11</sup>Ephesians 6:10-12, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Revelations 20:10-15

12. **The Purpose for our lives:** We believe that we should live a spirit filled life, holy and pleasing to the Lord, spending time with Him daily, and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our values and behaviors. Each of us, through the Holy Spirit, has been given gifts and talents or special abilities. It is our duty and responsibility to use what God has given us to carry out the work of His Great Commission. With this, He expects each and every one of us to contribute. While good works and fruitful usage of our gifts and talents are not required for salvation, they do directly influence our reward in heaven. As Christians, we must humble ourselves and become servants of Christ, taking every opportunity God has given us to help further His Kingdom.<sup>12</sup>
13. **The Purpose of the Church:** We believe that the Church has a mission to seek out and lead all who are lost in sin to salvation. We also believe the Church to be the Body of Christ, which consists of all people who have accepted God's offer of redemption, regardless of their denomination. It is essential for all believers to assemble regularly for edification, worship, fellowship, to observe the ordinances of the church, and for proclamation of the gospel. All believers should do their part in the ministry of the assembly, according to their spiritual gifts, and should faithfully give their tithe and offerings.<sup>13</sup>
14. **Marriage:** We believe that marriage is a holy union, designed by God, between one man and one woman, who upon consummation of their marriage, become one flesh, and their souls will be irreversibly entwined until death. Wives should submit to their husbands in all things, as they do the Lord, and husbands should love their wife as God loved the church, putting his wife's needs above his own.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Matthew 20:26-28, Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 28:16-20, Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, John 14:23-24, Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:8, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Philippians 2:5-8, 1 Peter 4:10

<sup>13</sup> Exodus 20:8-11, Psalms 22:22, Psalms 105:1-2, Malachi 3:6-10, Matthew 18:20, Luke 19:10, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 1 Corinthians 12:27, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 4:4-6, Ephesians 4:12, Hebrews 10:24-5

<sup>14</sup> Genesis 2:24, Matthew 5:31-32, Mark 10:6-9, Ephesians 5:22-27