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### **1. THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, infallible in its original writings. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.)

### **2. THE GODHEAD**

We believe in one ever living, eternal God; infinite in power; holy in nature, attributes, and purpose in His absolute, indivisible deity. That this one true God has revealed Himself as Father in creation, through His Son in redemption, and as the Holy Spirit by emanation. (1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Joel 2:28.)

### **3. THE SON OF GOD**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law (Galatians 4:4-5). In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9). That God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Corinthians 5:19). That no man can come unto the Father but by and through the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood. That the Son of God is the only hope of the world. The man Christ Jesus is mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

### **4. THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that in the beginning God created man innocent, pure, and holy, but through the sin of disobedience, Adam fell: hence by one man's disobedience, sin entered into the world (Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12).

### **5. REPENTANCE**

We believe in repentance to God, confessing ourselves as sinners, receiving forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood atonement for sinners, witnessed by a definite change from sin to righteousness (Acts 17:30; 11:18, 2:38-39).

### **6. OUR REDEMPTION**

We believe our redemption has been accomplished solely by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ who was made sin for us, dying in our form and stead, rising again from the dead, ascending with His glorified body to the right hand of God. By believing in this

finished work, we are justified before God, cleansed of all our sins and redeemed from the curse of the law. (John 3:3; Romans 5:1; Acts 13:39; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Galatians 2:16, 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Titus 2:14; Revelation 5:9.)

## **7. WATER BAPTISM**

We believe that water baptism (immersion) is for believers and should be administered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:38, 10:48, 19:5), thus fulfilling Matthew 28:19.

## **8. THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for believers, obtained by obedience (Acts 2:38, 39; 5:31-32) by asking (Luke 11:13); evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance; as a distinct, separate, and subsequent experience to conversion; and that it is the standard of the normal Christian experience since Pentecost.

## **9. DIVINE HEALING**

We believe healing is in the atonement, that God is still the Healer of His people, and that the church should recognize and practice this ministry as directed by the Lord Himself and practiced by His Apostles (Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5; Mark 16:18; James 5:15; Hebrews 13:8).

## **10. COMMUNION**

We believe that all followers of Christ should partake of communion, or the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of His death until He comes again (Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34).

## **11. REWARDS**

We believe the Bible clearly teaches a distinct judgment for believers only, spoken of in the Scripture as the "judgment seat of Christ" where believers' works shall be judged and rewards given (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Revelation 20:4-6).

## **12. THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

We believe that there will be a great and final judgment as recorded in the Word of God (Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15). This is the judgment of the unjust where all the wicked are judged and all those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone, which God has prepared for the devil and his angels, Satan himself being cast in first (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:7-15, 21:8).

### **13. FOOT WASHING**

We believe in and practice foot washing (John 13:2-17; 1 Timothy 5:9-10).

### **14. TITHES**

We believe tithing is God's financial plan to provide for His work, and has been since the days of Abraham. Tithing came with faith under Abraham; Moses' law enjoined it; Israel practiced it – when she was right with God; Jesus endorsed it (Matthew 23:23). Paul said to lay by in store as God has prospered you (1 Corinthians 16:2). Do not rob God of His portion, i.e., tithes and offerings (read Malachi 3).

### **15. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe the nine gifts of the Spirit should be manifested in the church today, and that all Spirit-filled believers should earnestly covet the best gifts for the edification and building-up of the church (1 Corinthians 12:8-11; 14:1).

### **16. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

We believe Spirit-filled believers will produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and their walk will be according to godliness and holy living (Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 1:16; Titus 2:11-13; 1 Corinthians 7:1).

### **17. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus is coming again in person just as He went away. This was clearly set forth by the Lord Jesus Himself and was preached and taught in the early Christian church by the Apostles. Hence the children of God today are looking forward to the glorious event (Matthew 24; Acts 1:11, 3:19-21; 1 Corinthians 11:26; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17). We believe there shall be a great tribulation which shall be followed by a better day on earth, and that for a thousand years there shall be peace on earth, good will toward men (Isaiah 65:17-25; Daniel 7:27; Hebrews 2:14; Romans 11:25-27; Revelation 20:1-5).