

provided only one means⁴ whereby a person can be completely cleansed from his sins. Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh⁵ the second member of the triune Godhead, became the sinners substitute.⁶ Jesus suffered and died on the cross to bear the penalty for our sins,⁷ bearing our sins in His own body on the cross⁸ according to the Scriptures and physically rose from the dead.⁹ Salvation is obtained by faith alone in the gospel and not of works, and it is the blood of Christ that cleanses us from sin.¹⁰

¹John 3:18, John 3:36 ²Ps. 9:17 ³John 3:16 ⁴Acts 4:12 ⁵1Tim. 3:16 ⁶Isa. 53:6 ⁷Isa. 53:5 ⁸1Peter 2:24 ⁹1Cor. 15:1-20 ¹⁰1John 1:7

Satan - Satan and demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God. They are active in their efforts to cause mankind to rebel against God and work in opposition to God. They plant false Christians among true ones.¹ Satan rules over the unsaved world.² He deceives people through lies.³ Satan's activities are under God's control,⁴ and his power was broken by the death and resurrection of Christ.⁵ Satan and the demons are to be doomed in the lake of fire.⁶ Christians can overcome Satan.⁷

¹Matt. 13:24-30, 2Cor. 11:13-15 ²John 12:31, 2Cor. 4:4, Eph. 2:2 ³John 8:44
⁴Job 1:12, 2:6 ⁵Col. 2:14,15, Heb. 2:14,15 ⁶Matt. 8:29, James 2:19, Rev 20:10 ⁷James 4:7, 1Pet. 5:8,9

Christian Living - Christians are called to a life of separation from sinful practices¹ to live holy lives² in order to keep themselves unspotted from the world.³ Believers are to have good works⁴ regularly read their Bibles,⁵ pray,⁶ and evangelize.⁷

¹1John 2:15-17 ²1Peter 1:16 ³James 1:27 ⁴John 15:16, Eph. 2: 10, Matt. 25:1-46 ⁵2Tim 3:16,17, 2:15 ⁶1Thess. 5:17 ⁷Matt. 28:19,20

Church - The church is the body of Christ¹ and is composed of Jews and Gentiles who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.² Believers are to be baptized³ and observe the Lord's supper.⁴ The believer should be actively serving the Lord through the Church.⁵

¹1Cor. 12:28 ²1Cor. 12:13 ³Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38 ⁴Matt. 26:26-28 ⁵Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:14-31

End Times - The personal return of our Lord and Saviour is very near. When Christ returns He will defeat Satan and all those who oppose Him¹ and judge the nations.² He will establish His earthly kingdom for 1000 years.³ At the end of 1000 years Satan will be given one last opportunity to deceive the nations and God will supernaturally defeat Satan.⁴ Jesus will judge all unsaved persons and the unsaved along with Satan and the demons will be cast into the lake of fire to receive everlasting punishment and torment.⁵ A new earth and heavens will be created and all Christians will dwell with Christ forever.⁶

¹Rev. 19:20, 20:10 ²Matt. 25:31-46 ³Rev. 20:1-6 ⁴Rev. 20:7-10 ⁵Rev. 20:14,15, Rev. 21:8 ⁶Rev. 21:1-27

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Why Doctrine is so important

Saving Faith - If we are to have our sins forgiven and have eternal life, we must properly believe the gospel because many will believe in vain and still be in their sins.¹ We are to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith.² Many who think they are going to Heaven will be tragically disappointed to find out on judgment day that they were not.³

¹1Cor. 15:1-19 ²2Cor. 13:5 ³Matt. 7:21-23

False Teachers - There are many false prophets and teachers gone out into the world bringing damnable heresies which deny the Lord and many people will follow them.¹ We are not to believe every preacher or teacher but to examine their teaching in light of sound doctrine.²

¹2Peter 2:1,2 ²1John 4:1-3

Christian Living - The Bible is a light unto our path of life¹ to keep us from sin² and Satan's devices.³ The Bible was written for our example that we might profit from the wrongs of others.⁴

¹Ps. 119:105 ²Prov. 2:1-22 ³2Cor. 2:11 ⁴1 Cor. 10:11

BASIC DOCTRINAL TRUTHS

Holy Bible - God is the author of the entire Holy Bible, which was written by holy men, who were inspired by the Holy Spirit¹ so that the original documents are without error of any kind.² It's teaching and authority is absolute, supreme, and final in all matters of faith, creeds and human conduct,³ and God will judge us by the principles revealed to us in the Scriptures.⁴ The Holy Scriptures are given to lead us to salvation.⁵

¹2Pet. 1:21 ²Prov. 30:5,6 ³Phil 3:16 ⁴Rom 2:12, 3:19 ⁵2Tim 3:15

God - There is one true God¹ who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.² God has created all things,³ rules over the whole creation⁴ and sustains all that exists.⁵ He is worthy of all worship, honor, and obedience.⁶

¹Deut. 6:4 ²Matt. 28:19 ³Gen. 1:17 ⁴Ps. 115:3, Daniel 4:35 ⁵Job 38
⁶Mark 12:30

Jesus Christ

His Humanity - Jesus was born of a virgin.¹ He had a human body and grew normally, physically and mentally.² He experienced hunger,³ thirst, weariness,⁴ and emotions.⁵ He was tempted in all human ways, yet He never sinned.⁶

¹Isa. 7:14, Matt 1:20-25 ²Luke 2:40,52 ³Matt 4:2 ⁴John 19:28, John 4:6-8
⁵John 11:35, Mark 3:5, Matt. 9:36, Luke 22:24 ⁶Heb. 4:15

His deity - The Bible clearly declares Jesus to be God.¹ Jesus said He was God.² He created and sustains all things.³ He is eternal,⁴ omnipotent,⁵ and omniscient.⁶ He is able to do things only God is able to do: give life,⁷ forgive sins,⁸ raise the dead,⁹ and execute judgment.¹⁰ He is to be worshipped as God.¹¹

¹John. 1:1, Rom. 9:5, 1Tim. 3:16, Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:8 ²John 10:30-33 ³Col. 1:17
⁴John 8:58 ⁵Rev. 1:8 ⁶John 16:30 ⁷John 5:21 ⁸Mark 2:1-12 ⁹John
6:39,40,54; 11:38-44 ¹⁰John 5:27,22 ¹¹John 5:23, Phil. 2:9-11

Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune God, co-equal with the Father and the Son.¹ He participated in the creation,² brings conviction to sinners,³ baptizes believers into the church,⁴ hinders evil in the world,⁵ and guides us into all truth.⁶

¹Matt. 28:19, Acts 5:3,4, 2Cor. 13:14 ²Gen. 1:2 ³John 16:8-11 ⁴1Cor. 12:13
⁵2Thess. 2:7-12 ⁶1John 2:20-27

Man - Man is created in the image and likeness of God¹ to have fellowship with God² and to know Him personally through the revelation of God internally³ and externally⁴ and man is to have dominion over the earth.⁵ God continues His creative process through human reproduction and He personally designs each of us in the womb and determines the days of our life.⁶ Man is an eternal being possessing a body, soul and spirit.⁷ Man is a moral being knowing right and wrong with God's laws written in his heart and his conscience bearing witness.⁸ God has complete knowledge of every thought, word, and deed,⁹ and all must give an account of themselves to their Creator on judgment day.¹⁰

¹Gen. 1:26 ²Gen. 3:8 ³Rom. 1:21 ⁴Ps. 19:1-6, Rom. 1:19,20 ⁵Gen. 1:28 ⁶Ps.
139:13-18 ⁷1Thess 5:23 ⁸Rom. 2:14,15 ⁹Ps. 139:1-12 ¹⁰Heb. 9:27

Fall of Man - God created Adam and Eve in innocence, however they deliberately chose to disobey God and sin against their creator.¹ Man's moral nature was grievously injured,² but he totally lost all spiritual life and is now spiritually dead in trespasses and sins³ and subject to the power of the devil.⁴ Man now finds himself born a sinner⁵ and he must be born again⁶ in order to have the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. Man is unable by works of any kind to reconcile himself to God.⁷

¹Gen 2:17, 3:17 ²Jer. 17:9, Mk. 7:21 ³Eph. 2:1 ⁴Rom. 8:7,8 ⁵Rom. 3:10-23
⁶John 3:1-19 ⁷Eph. 2:8,9

Life After Death

Saved - The souls of those who have believed on Christ for salvation¹ do at death immediately go to Heaven² and remain in a conscious state of happiness awaiting the resurrection of their body at the coming of the Lord,³ judgment,⁴ and eternal reward.⁵

¹Acts 16:31 ²2Cor. 5:8 ³1Cor. 15:51-54 ⁴Rom. 14:10-12 ⁵Matt. 16:27

Unsaved - The souls of those who have died in their sins¹ because they refused to believe on Christ for salvation shall upon death immediately go to Hell and remain in a conscious state of torment² until the day of resurrection of their bodies when they shall stand in judgment³ before Christ at the great white throne. Thereafter, they shall be cast into the lake of fire which is the second death⁴ to be punished with everlasting punishment and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.⁵

¹John 8:24 ²Luke 16:23-24 ³Rev. 20:11-15 ⁴Rev. 21:8 ⁵Rev. 14:9- 11

Salvation - Man in his sins stands under the wrath and condemnation of God¹ and faces eternal punishment in Hell.² God in His great love and mercy for the world³