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1. The Bible is verbally, plenary, inerrant and infallibly inspired. God's Word is the final authority for faith and life. (Gal. 3:16; I Cor. 2:13; II Tim. 3:16)
2. There is one God co-eternal, co-existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is personal, infinite and perfect. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19-20)
3. All persons of the Godhead were actively involved as Creator, making the earth from no pre-existing substance. We reject naturalistic, atheistic and theistic evolution. (Gen. 1-2; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 11:3)
4. Jesus Christ is fully man and fully God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died on a cross providing substitutionary atonement for lost man. His literal bodily resurrection is the proof that God accepted His sacrificial death for the payment of the sins of the world. (Matt. 1:18-25; Jn. 1:1, 2, 14; Rom3:22-26; I Pet. 1:3-5, 18-21)
5. The Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment. He is supernatural agent in regeneration, sanctification and preservation of the believer. (Jn. 16:7-13; Eph. 1:5, 13, 14)
6. Satan is a fallen, created being, an enemy of God and man and is destined for eternal punishment. (Rev. 20:1-10)
7. Man was created in the image and likeness of God; but that in Adam's sin the race fell and inherited a sinful nature. Mankind is now lost and can only be restored by God's provision in Christ. (Gen. 1:26-27; Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-19)
8. Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. At that moment, he receives pardon from sin, justification and the gift of eternal life. Salvation is only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from any human merit or work. (Rom. 3:21-26; Eph. 2:1-10)
9. Once saved, all the redeemed are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. The Bible however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Jn. 10:27-30; Gal. 5:13)
10. All who trust Christ for salvation are members of the church which is His body. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and every local church has the right under Christ to govern itself. (1 Cor. 12:12-14; Col. 1:18)
11. Believer's baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church. (Matt. 28:19-20; I Cor. 11:23-26)
12. All persons will experience resurrection, believers to a state of eternal happiness and unbelievers to eternal punishment. (1 Jn. 3:2-3; Rev. 22:11-15)
13. Christ's return to rapture His bride the church is imminent, pre-tribulational and pre-millennial. After the tribulation He will return to the earth to establish His righteous reign over the earth. (I Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 19:41-20:6)
14. Civil government is by Divine appointment and separation between it and the church should be maintained. (Rom.13:1-7)