

**Doctrinal Foundations**  
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## **I. The Scriptures**

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by men in such a way that God is truly and actually the author. God caused words to be spoken by the mouth of, and written in the writings of certain men so that those words are inspired of God. Scripture is God's Word!

*2 Peter 1:21, Acts 3:21, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 1:1*

2. Jesus Christ testifies to the authenticity of the Old Testament Scriptures.

*Luke 24:44-45, Matthew 5:17-18*

3. Jesus Christ testifies to the authenticity of the New Testament Scriptures by promising the Apostles they would be given supernatural enablement to write the New Testament Scriptures. They would be led to remember accurately the words and deeds of Jesus and to interpret them rightly and to record them for future generations so that they might be believed.

*John 14:26, John 16:13-14, John 17:18-20*

4. God is faithful to preserve His Word

*Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

*1 Peter 1:24-25, Psalm 119:89*

5. The Scriptures are complete and perfect just as the Lord has given them to us. They are not to be changed, altered, added to, or taken away from.

*Psalm 19:7, Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22:18-19*

6. The Word of God is true and without any error.

*John 17:17, Psalm 119:160, Proverbs 30:5, John 10:35*

7. The Scriptures are the supreme standard and authority by which all human opinion, teaching, doctrine and statements of faith are to be tested.

*1 John 5:9, 1 John 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, NKJ Isaiah 8:20, Acts 17:10-11*

8. The Scriptures are able to make one wise for salvation.

*2 Timothy 3:15*

9. The Scriptures are also able to teach us how to live in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:11, Isaiah 66:2*

10. God has chosen the Scriptures as the only revealed channel through which His saving power flows.

*1 Peter 1:23, James 1:18, James 1:21, Romans 1:16, Romans 10:17*

11. It is Jesus Christ who must be received and believed upon in order to gain salvation. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the channel of God's saving power because they reveal this Christ.

*John 1:12, John 5:39, Luke 24:27, Luke 24:44, John 5:46*

12. From beginning to end, the Scriptures bear witness to Christ.

*Genesis 3:15, Deuteronomy 18:15, Psalm 45:6-8, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 53:3-4, Micah 5:2,*

*Matthew 1:1, Mark 1:1, John 1:1-2, Colossians 1:15-18, Revelation 22:20-21,*

13. All things in Scripture are not equally plain and easy to be understood by all, yet those things which are necessary to be known and believed for salvation are clearly set forth in the Scriptures so that the most simple of men might understand and believe them.

*2 Peter 3:15-16, Psalm 119:130, 2 Timothy 3:15*

14. Obeying the Scriptures is one of the chief marks of a true Christian.

*John 8:31, James 1:22, Matthew 7:24-27, 1 John 2:4-5*

15. Even more, loving and delighting in the Scriptures marks the genuine Christian.

*Job 23:12, Psalm 1:1-2, Psalm 119:72, Psalm 119:103, Jeremiah 15:16, NKJ 1 Peter 2:2, 1 John 5:3*

16. The Word of Christ will judge all mankind in the last day.

*John 12:48*

## **II. The One True God**

1. There is one, and only one, true and living God.

*1 Corinthians 8:4, Deuteronomy 6:4, Jeremiah 10:10, Mark 12:29-30, Isaiah 45:5*

2. This one true and living God is worthy to be feared and admired by all.

*Psalm 33:8, Psalm 96:2-9*

3. This God is inexpressibly glorious in holiness.

*Exodus 15:11, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, Revelation 15:4*

4. This God alone is creator and sustainer of all things.

*Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 102:25, Isaiah 44:24, Jeremiah 32:17, Nehemiah 9:6, Revelation 4:11*

5. This one true and living God is absolutely sovereign in the affairs of Heaven and Earth being independent and supreme in all things according to the counsel of His own will.

*2 Chronicles 20:6, Daniel 4:35, Psalm 33:11, Psalm 135:6, Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 14:24, Isaiah 45:7, Acts 4:24*

6. This includes absolute sovereignty over the salvation of men.

*John 1:12-13, Ephesians 1:4-5, Ephesians 1:11, Romans 9:11, Romans 9:15-16*

7. God alone knows all things before they occur because they all occur exactly as He has purposed.

*Isaiah 42:9*

*Isaiah 46:9-10, Numbers 23:19*

8. And for all this, God is neither the author of sin nor can guilt or blame be attributed to Him for the evil intentions and actions of any of His creatures.

*James 1:13-14, 1 John 1:5, Acts 2:22-23*

9. Men often put themselves in the place of finding fault with God for His designs, but it is in no way wise or advantageous for men to argue with God or find fault with Him.

*Job 9:4, Job 40:2, Proverbs 21:30, Isaiah 45:9, Romans 9:18-21, Romans 11:33*

### **III. The Trinity**

1. While God testifies that He alone is God and there is no other...

*Isaiah 44:6*

2. God also identifies Himself with the plural pronoun "US" ...showing that more than one person defines who God is.

*Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Genesis 11:6-7*

3. In fact, God reveals Himself as three distinct Persons...the Father...the Son who is Jesus Christ...and the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19, John 14:16-26, 26, John 15:26, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 2:18*

4. While each of these three Persons is distinct, each is set forth in Scripture as being fully and equally God.

*Philippians 4:20, Romans 9:5, Acts 5:3-4*

5. Though they share the same nature and essence of God, God the Father is not the same person as either God the Son or God the Holy Spirit. Scripture clearly differentiates between the one Spirit...and the one Lord Jesus Christ...and the one Father...thus, three persons are one God.

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

6. This is also evident by observing the manner in which the Father, Son and Holy Spirit interact with each other. God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit relate to one another in a manner only possible if they each possess a personal identity distinct from the other two. The Father sends the Son.

*1 John 4:14*

7. The Son sends the Spirit.

*John 16:7*

8. The Spirit proceeds from the Father.

*John 15:26*

9. The Spirit descends upon the Son.

*Matthew 3:16*

10. The Father speaks to His Son.

*Luke 3:22*

11. The Son speaks to the Father.

*John 11:41*

12. The Spirit speaks about the Son.

*John 15:26*

13. The Father loves the Son.

*John 3:35*

14. The Son loves the Father.

*John 14:31*

15. The Spirit pours out the love of the Father.

*Romans 5:5*

16. The Father gets glory from the Son.

*John 14:13*

17. The Son gets glory from the Father.

*John 8:54*

18. The Son gets glory from the Spirit.

*John 16:13-14*

19. The Father forsakes His Son.

*Matthew 27:46*

20. The Son returns to His Father.

*Luke 23:46*

21. The Father highly exalts the Son.

*Philippians 2:9-11*

22. Not only are God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit actively interacting with each other, they are each actively involved in the salvation of sinners. Man's salvation depends on all three Persons.

*Isaiah 61:1, Ephesians 2:18, Ephesians 3:14-17, Hebrews 9:13-14, 1Peter 1:1-2*

23. The Christian's spiritual life originates from and is upheld by the God who is three Persons.

*John 5:21, John 5:21, John 6:63*

24. All three of these glorious Persons will be the objects of eternal fellowship and worship for the children of God.

*John 14:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Revelation 7:15, Revelation 21:3-4, Revelation 21:22-25, Revelation 22:3*

## **IV. God the Father**

1. God the Father is revealed in Scripture as One who is spirit and as One who is seeking for true worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and truth.

*John 4:23-24*

2. The Father is unseen by man.

*John 5:37, John 6:46*

3. The Father reveals Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

*John 14:8-9*

4. The Father so loved sinners in this world that He sent His Son into the world to bring eternal life to those who believe.

*John 3:16, 1John 4:9-10*

5. God the Father is first, the Father of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...but by adoption, the Father has bestowed the wonderful privilege to saved sinners of also regarding God as Father.

*Ephesians 1:3, 2John 1:3, John 20:17, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:4-6, 1 John 3:1*

6. The Father has predestined and chosen those who will be saved.

*Ephesians 1:3-6, Ephesians 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 1:4*

7. No one can come to Christ, except the Father grants it.

*John 6:44, John 6:37, John 6:65, John 6:45*

8. No one who denies the Son has the Father.

*John 5:23, 1 John 2:23, John 15:23, John 8:42*

9. At the end of this age, the Father will receive the Kingdom of Christ from His reigning Son...then Christ and all things will be in subjection to the Father that God may be all in all.

*1 Corinthians 15:24-28, Ephesians 4:6*

## **V. God the Son: Jesus Christ**

1. Jesus Christ is fully God.

*John 1:1, John 20:28, Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 9:6, John 8:58, Hebrews 1:8*

2. Jesus Christ is equal to God the Father.



*John 5:18, John 10:30-33, NKJ Philipians 2:6*

3. Jesus Christ reveals God the Father

*John 1:18, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Hebrews 1:3*

4. Jesus Christ is the Creator.

*1 Corinthians 8:6, John 1:3, John 1:10, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:1-2*

5. Jesus Christ is fully Man.

*John 1:14, Galatians 4:4, Romans 8:3, Hebrews 2:17, Hebrews 4:15, Romans 5:15, 1 Timothy 2:5*

6. He was born of a virgin.

*Matthew 1:23*

7. Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

*Acts 2:36, Acts 10:36, Romans 14:9, Revelation 17:14*

8. Jesus Christ is the Messiah.

*John 1:38-41, John 4:25-26*

9. Jesus Christ is the only way by which men may savingly come to God the Father.

*Hebrews 7:25, John 10:9, John 14:6, Acts 4:11-12*

10. Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and men. A mediator is one who intervenes between God and men in order to restore peace and friendship. The New Covenant that guarantees peace and friendship between God and man was ratified by our Mediator Jesus Christ through the shedding of His blood.

*1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 8:6, Hebrews 9:15, Hebrews 12:24, Jeremiah 31:33-34*

11. Jesus Christ alone bore the penalty for His people's sin.

*Hebrews 9:26, John 1:29, Isaiah 53:11, 1 Peter 2:24*

12. After dying for the sins of His people...Christ was buried the same day...rose from the dead the third day...and ascended forty days thereafter to the right hand of His Father where He now intercedes for His people.

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Mark 9:31, Acts 1:3, Mark 16:19, Romans 8:34*

13. Jesus Christ has earned the exalted honor of being seated with His Father as the Great King over all kings...and as the victorious High Priest of God.

*Hebrews 1:3, Hebrews 8:1, Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 7:26, Revelation 19:16, Psalm 72:11*

14. Soon, He will come again...

*Revelation 22:20, Acts 1:9-11*

15. And when He does, Jesus Christ will judge the world in righteousness.

*John 5:22, Acts 10:42, Acts 17:31, 2 Corinthians 5:10*

## **VI. God the Holy Spirit**

1. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and was sent into this world by Christ to bear witness of Christ.

*John 15:26, John 16:7, John 16:14*

2. The Spirit of God is characterized as One who may be lied to, who is able to speak, able to teach, and who is able to be grieved...indicating the Spirit is a person, not just an impersonal force or power.

*Acts 5:3, Acts 8:29, Acts 13:2, Acts 28:25, Hebrews 3:7, Hebrews 10:15, Luke 12:12, Isaiah 63:10, Ephesians 4:30, Hebrews 10:29*

3. Furthermore, the Spirit possesses both mind and will, again indicating the Spirit is a distinct person, not a lifeless force.

*Romans 8:27, 1Corinthians 12:8-11*

4. Jesus spoke of the Spirit as a person who could be blasphemed against.

*Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-30, Luke 12:10*

5. The Holy Spirit came into this world to convict men of their sin, their need of righteousness, and of coming judgment.

*John 16:8-11*

6. It is the Spirit who causes men to be born again.

*John 3:8*

7. He indwells all true believers. Anyone who does not have the Spirit does not belong to Christ.

*1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2Timothy 1:14, Romans 8:9*

8. The Holy Spirit is the Guarantee of our salvation.

*2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 John 3:24, 1 John 4:13*

9. He is the Spirit of Adoption who bears witness to God's people of the love God has for them.

*Romans 8:15-16 Romans 5:5*

10. And He will dwell with God's people forever.

*John 14:16*

11. The Holy Spirit is the source of the church's power.

*Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 1:8, 1Corinthians 2:3-4, 1Thessalonians 1:4-5*

12. He distributes spiritual gifts to the Church.

*1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Acts 20:28*

13. He leads the people of God into truth.

*John 14:26, John 16:13, 1Corinthians 2:11-13*

14. It is the Spirit of God who transforms and sanctifies believers increasingly into the image of Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 3:18, 2Thessalonians 2:13, 1Peter 1:2*

15. He leads the people of God into the fight against sin.

*Romans 8:13, Galatians 5:16*

16. We are to seek greater manifestations of the Spirit's presence and His filling.

*Ephesians 5:18, Luke 11:13*

17. When filled with the Spirit, the early church often experienced great boldness and power in declaring the Gospel and extolling the mighty works of God.

*Acts 2:4, 11, Acts 2:17, 18, 21, Acts 4:31, Acts 6:10, Acts 10:45-46, Acts 19:6, 1Corinthians 2:4, 1Thessalonians 1:5*

18. It is imperative that we do not quench the Spirit's fiery influences by sinful attitudes and actions.

*1 Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30*

## **VII. The Depravity of Man**

1. Man was definitely created in a good and upright and holy condition.

*Genesis 1:27, Genesis 1:31, Ecclesiastes 7:29*

2. But man willfully sinned against God by breaking the command of God

*Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:6*

3. In this one act of rebellion, Adam represented the entire human race in such a way that the guilt of his sin was imputed to all of mankind so that condemnation and death came upon us all.

*Romans 5:15, Romans 5:18, Romans 5:19, 1Corinthians 15:21, 1Corinthians 15:22*

4. We now so thoroughly bear Adam's guilt and Adam's nature that all men are conceived in sin and come forth from the womb as sinners.

*Isaiah 48:8, Psalm 51:5, Psalm 58:3, Genesis 8:21*

5. By nature, all men are dead in sin.

*Ephesians 2:1-2, Colossians 2:13*

6. By nature, all men are under the power of sin.

*Romans 3:9-10*

7. By nature, all men are children of wrath.

*Ephesians 2:3*

8. By nature, all men have a heart that is deceitful and desperately sick.

*Jeremiah 17:9*

9. By nature, the truth of God is folly to man.

*1 Corinthians 2:14*

10. And in this state, God declares that we all are absolutely incapable of any good whatsoever...whether in thought, in deed, or in our best attempts to do that which we think is righteous.

*Genesis 6:5 , Proverbs 15:26 , Romans 3:12, Romans 8:7, Titus 1:16, Jeremiah 4:22, NKJ Proverbs 21:4, Proverbs 28:9, NKJ Isaiah 64:6*

11. Yet as evil as it is, men love their condition, and love their sin, and willfully pursue every form of unrighteousness.

*NKJ Job 15:16, John 3:19, Isaiah 30:9, Ephesians 4:19*

12. While we love our sin in our fallen state, we also reject God, refuse to seek Him, and will not come to Him.

*Romans 3:11, John 1:11, John 5:40, Romans 1:18, Romans 1:25*

13. Unless saved from this evil condition, men and women will suffer eternally for their sins.

*Romans 2:5-6, 8-9, Revelation 21:8*

14. But once saved by faith in Jesus Christ...God's people are no longer totally depraved, but possess the mind of Christ, the character of God, and a new heart characterized by purity...God's people possess a new nature no longer incapable of good, but zealous for good works.

*1 Corinthians 2:16, Ephesians 4:24, 2Peter 1:4 , Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 5:8, Romans 15:14, Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:13-14*

15. In fact, righteousness and obedience are the proof and evidence of truly being saved.

*Matthew 5:20, Matthew 7:21, John 3:36, Hebrews 5:9, 1 John 2:3, 1 John 3:9-10*

## **VIII. Election**

1. Election is most certainly taught in the Scriptures.

*NKJ 1 Thessalonians 1:4, Romans 8:33, Mark 13:27*

2. Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life, not based on anything God foresaw in the sinner, but based entirely on His mercy to choose them.

*Mark 13:20, Acts 13:48, Ephesians 1:3-4 James 1:18, James 2:5 , 1 Corinthians 1:27-29, Romans 9:10-16*

3. Though God sovereignly elects some to salvation, while passing over others, nevertheless, all men are responsible to repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Mark 1:14-15, Acts 17:30, 1 John 3:23*

4. And all those who do repent and believe, will most certainly be saved.

*Acts 3:19, Acts 16:31*

5. While, on the other hand, those who refuse to repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ incur guilt in so doing and are personally responsible for their own willful rejection of the Gospel.

*Matthew 23:37, John 5:40, Acts 7:51, Acts 13:46, Hebrews 2:3, Hebrews 10:28-29, Hebrews 12:25, Ezekiel 18:30-32, Ezekiel 33:11*

## **IX. The Way of Salvation**

1. Salvation comes from God alone. He invented it. He designed it. He initiates it. He causes it. He empowers it. And He completes it. The saving of sinners belongs to God alone!

*Psalms 3:8, Psalm 27:9, Psalm 62:1, Isaiah 43:11, Isaiah 45:22, Revelation 7:10, Revelation 19:1*

2. Man has nothing to boast about.

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

3. God's salvation is wonderfully complete, full, and perfect! God never partially saves anyone. When God saves a sinner, they are well saved. He saves that sinner to the uttermost!

*Hebrews 7:25*

4. The sinner is rescued from everything that is truly harmful, dangerous and deadly. God saves the sinner from his lostness,

*Luke 19:9-10*

5. ...and from his far-off-ness,

*Ephesians 2:13*

6. ...and from the futile ways of his forefathers,

*1 Peter 1:18*

7. ...and from the domain of darkness,

*Colossians 1:13*

8. ...and from the present evil age,

*Galatians 1:4*

9. ...and from the corruption that is in the world,

*2 Peter 1:4*

10. ...and from every one of his enemies,

*Luke 1:68-71*

11. ...including deliverance from the devil and slavery to him.

*Hebrews 2:14-15*



12. But this is not all, there is much more to God's salvation! When God saves a sinner, He thoroughly saves that sinner from his sins.

*Matthew 1:21*

13. This includes a full pardon for all sins,

*Luke 1:77*

14. ...and redemption from the curse of the Law,

*Galatians 3:13*

15. ...and salvation from the wrath of God. God saves us from Himself! Hallelujah!

*Romans 5:9*

16. But there's more still! In this life, God breaks the power of sin in the life of the one He saves,

*Romans 6:14*

17. ...and delivers him from slavery to sin,

*Romans 6:17-18*

18. ...and washes him from all his uncleanness and from his idols,

*Ezekiel 36:25*

19. ...transforming him from one degree of glory to another into the image of Christ.

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

20. But it gets even better than this! God's salvation ultimately sweeps the saints into the presence of Christ to behold His beauty and glory,

*John 17:24*

21. ...at which sight the beholder is made like what he sees...into the very likeness of Christ Himself,

*1 John 3:2*

22. ...entirely free from sin,

*Eph 5:27*

23. ...fully glorified...

*Romans 8:30*

24. ...having received a body in the likeness of Christ's glorious body...

*Philippians 3:20-21*

25. ...a body imperishable, raised in glory, raised in power...a spiritual body,

*1Corinthians 15:42-44*

26. ...and this saved one will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of his Father...

*Matthew 13:43*

27. ...forevermore delivered from death,

*Isaiah 25:8*

28. ...and from all pain and sorrow,

*Revelation 21:4*

29. ...reigning through all eternity with Christ. What a glorious salvation! Praise the Lord!

*2 Timothy 2:12*

*Revelation 22:5 ...and they will reign forever and ever.*

*Hebrews 2:3*

30. And all of this magnificent salvation is found only in Jesus Christ.

*Luke 2:25, 27-30, John 10:9, John 14:6, Acts 4:11-12, 1Thessalonians 5:9, 2Timothy 2:10, Hebrews 2:9-10,*

*Hebrews 5:9*

31. And by faith in Him.

*Acts 10:43, Acts 16:31, 2 Timothy 3:15*

32. But sinners will only believe on Christ if Christ has been made known to them. How can anyone believe in someone they have never heard of? And how can they believe in a salvation they have never heard of? The truth is...they cannot.

*Romans 10:13-14*

33. God specifically tells us that the message of salvation proclaimed to sinners is what He uses to save sinners.

*Acts 11:14, Acts 13:26, Acts 16:17, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 1:13*

34. Christ's death, burial and resurrection are central to this message of salvation.

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

*35. It is only those who believe this message of salvation who experience the salvation promised in the message...the outcome of faith in Christ is the salvation of your soul.*

*1Peter 1:9*

## **X. Regeneration**

1. Man, by nature, is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:1-2, Colossians 2:13

2. In order to be saved, man must pass from this state of spiritual death to a state of spiritual life. Only God can do this...and He does this by making spiritually dead sinners alive together with Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-5

3. This life-giving act of God is also described as being born again, or being born of the Spirit.

John 3:3, John 3:7-8

4. This miraculous new birth is regeneration. Regeneration happens according to God's perfect will and is in no way a result of any work performed by the individual.

Titus 3:5

5. The regenerating new birth always results in a radical transformation to the individual.

2 Corinthians 5:17

6. A new heart is promised to those born of God.

Ezekiel 36:26

7. And saving faith springs forth.

1 John 5:1

8. As does hope.

1Peter 1:3

9. The desire for righteousness is also present with those who have been born of God so that sin is no longer the practice of one's life.

1 John 3:9, 1 John 5:18

10. This new birth results in a disposition to love.

1 John 4:7

11. The new birth also guarantees that the saint will overcome this world and be victorious in the end.

1 John 5:4

12. This does not happen by the will of man.

John 1:12-13

13. Nor does it happen apart from the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

## **XI. Repentance and Faith**

1. Repentance and faith are both commanded by the Lord.

Acts 17:30, 1 John 3:23

2. Both are elementary aspects of Christianity.

Hebrews 6:1

3. True repentance and true faith are always found together. You can't have one without the other.

Mark 1:14-15, Acts 20:21

4. Jesus warns us that the absence of either of these is deadly and results in the eternal punishment of the sinner.

Luke 13:3, Mark 16:16

5. But it must be added that sinners are saved from their sins by Jesus Christ alone...only by the free grace and mercy of God in providing us with a Savior...not by any work done by the sinner.

2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 3:5

6. Although repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus are always required of the sinner for salvation...neither of these in any way merit or earn favor with God. Rather, both are gifts that God gives to us...not works that we offer to Him.

Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 1:29, Acts 11:18, 2 Timothy 2:25

7. Repentance is repeatedly set forth in the Scriptures as a change of mind that leads one to turn away from sin and turn towards God.

Ezekiel 14:6, Ezekiel 18:30, Acts 3:19, Acts 26:20, Acts 20:21

8. Not all repentance is repentance that leads to salvation.

2 Corinthians 7:10, Hebrews 6:4-6, Psalm 78:34-37, Jeremiah 34:15-16

9. Saving faith is confidence in the person and work of Jesus Christ that moves one to wholly rely upon and trust in Christ for salvation.

Romans 10:9-10, John 20:31

10. All faith is not saving faith.

John 2:23-25, James 2:19

11. Although no one can be saved by works...true repentance and true faith always accompany a change of life producing good works that bear witness to the authenticity of that repentance and faith.

Acts 26:20, Luke 3:8, James 2:14-17, Galatians 5:6

## **XII. Justification**

1. Justification is that gracious act of God by which He both acquits the believing sinner of all sin and counts him righteous.

Romans 3:23-24, Romans 4:7-8, Romans 4:3

2. The justifying righteousness of God is only for those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:21, Romans 5:1, Romans 10:10

3. God is able to justify sinners and remain just Himself because Jesus Christ perfectly satisfied justice by obeying God in our place, becoming sin in our place, and by shedding His own blood in our place.

Romans 5:19

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 5:9, Romans 3:26

4. God justifies even the most ungodly of believing men, counting them righteous entirely apart from any works or good they have done.

Romans 4:5-6, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16

5. Now for those who trust Him, Christ is the end of all our efforts at earning God's favor by law-keeping, since He alone has satisfied all the legal demands of the law.

Romans 10:4, Philippians 3:8-9, Colossians 2:13-14

6. Those justified by faith in Jesus Christ are justified from all sins...it is the total pardon of all the sinner's sins from the past and from the future...total pardon!

Psalm 103:2-3, Acts 13:39, Romans 4:7-8, Hebrews 10:14, 1John 1:9

## **XIII. Sanctification**

1. In Scripture, sanctification can either refer to the initial one-time act wherein the Lord first sets an individual apart for Himself.

Acts 20:32, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Hebrews 10:10

2. Or sanctification refers to the process of being transformed progressively and by degrees into the holiness and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:19, Romans 6:22, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 10:14

3. Though sanctification involves the idea of making one holy and causing one to belong completely to God, sanctification and holiness also involve becoming pure. Purity is an essential aspect to sanctification.

2 Corinthians 7:1, 2 Timothy 2:20-21

4. It is the will of God that all Christians be sanctified.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

5. God predestinated His children to this.

Romans 8:29

6. The chief means used by the Spirit to bring about this change is the Word of God.

John 17:17, Ephesians 5:25-26

7. The end of sanctification is eternal life.

Romans 6:22

8. Each Christian is actively involved in his own sanctification.

Romans 6:19, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Hebrews 12:14



9. And though the sanctifying process is not completed or perfected in this life, it is definitely possible for the Christian to possess a clear conscience and to live in such a state so as to know of no present sin against himself.

Philippians 3:12, Acts 24:16, 1Corinthians 4:4

10. Sinlessness, perfection and the fullness of promised Christlikeness await the Christian at death when the spirit is made perfect and at the second coming of Christ when the body is made perfect.

Hebrews 12:22-23, 1John 3:2, Jude 1:24, Romans 8:23, Philippians 3:20-21

## **XIV. Perseverance of the Saints**

1. It is most certainly taught in the Scriptures that none who God truly saves will ever totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end. The Lord makes certain that none shall ever depart from Him by putting a fear of Himself in the heart of His people.

Jeremiah 32:40

2. All who have come to faith in Jesus Christ, being justified by that faith, shall certainly arrive at a glorified state.

Romans 8:30

3. The power of God keeps the saint in a believing state.

NKJ 1 Peter 1:5

4. God's greatness keeps Christians from perishing. They have eternal life and it is the will of God that this life does indeed prove to be eternal.

John 10:28-29, John 6:38-40

5. The Scriptures declare it to be a certainty that God will finish every work that He starts.

Philippians 1:6, 1Corinthians 1:4-8, 1Thessalonians 5:23-24

6. And each child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God as a guarantee that his salvation is secure.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22, 2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14

7. Absolutely nothing is able to separate the Christian from the love of Christ.

Rom 8:35, 37-39

8. But this in no way rules out that Christians must strive and fight and willingly persevere in order to be saved.

Matthew 10:22, 1Corinthians 9:26-27, Philippians 2:12-13, Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 3:14, James 1:12, Revelation 2:7

9. Nor does this rule out that Christians may fall into temptation and into sin. They may grieve the Holy Spirit and bring upon themselves the discipline of the Lord, but in all these things, God shall definitely preserve them in the faith if they are truly His Children.

1 John 2:1, James 3:2, Proverbs 24:16, Ephesians 4:30, Hebrews 12:6, Psalm 37:28, 2Timothy 4:18

10. Though all of God's saints will certainly persevere to the end, many professing Christians do, however, fall away from the faith, which only serves to prove that such individuals were never truly saved by God and that something was defective with their faith.

Matthew 13:20-21, 1 Timothy 1:19, 1Timothy 4:1, 1Timothy 6:10, 1Timothy 6:21, 1 John 2:19, Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 10:26-27, 2 Peter 2:20-22

## **XV. The Law of God**

1. Throughout the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, God expresses His will for man through laws, commandments, statutes and rules.

*Genesis 2:16-17, Deuteronomy 4:2, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Malachi 4:4, 1Corinthians 7:19, 1John 5:2-3*

2. The commandments of God are holy and righteous and good even as God Himself is holy and righteous and good.

*Romans 7:12*

3. Jesus taught that the first and greatest commandment given in the Law is to love God with all the heart, soul, and mind. And the second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.

*Matthew 22:35-39*

4. These two commandments are the basis for all the commandments found in the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:40*

5. All these commandments shall stand until Heaven and earth pass away. Jesus did not come to abolish or relax them.

*Matthew 5:17-19*

6. Though God's commandments must not be relaxed, they must, however, be interpreted in light of the New Testament revelation of Jesus and His Apostles who gave fuller, richer, deeper expression to the righteous requirements of God's Law.

*Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 5:27-28, 1Corinthians 9:8-11, Colossians 2:16-17*

7. God offers man eternal life if he will keep His Law.

*Leviticus 18:5, Matthew 19:17-19, Luke 10:25-28, Romans 7:10*

8. But all men have failed to keep God's Law, so the Law does not bring life, instead, it brings the knowledge of sin and it brings wrath.

*John 7:19, Romans 3:20, Romans 4:15*

9. The Law stirs up lawlessness.

*Romans 7:5, Romans 7:8, 1Corinthians 15:56*

10. As a result, all who rely on their own Law-keeping to obtain favor with God are under a curse.

*Galatians 3:10, James 2:10*

11. So the main use of the Law is to convict and convince sinners of their sin.

*1 Timothy 1:8-10*

12. When the Son of God came into this world, He did not lighten the demands of the Law in the least.

*Matthew 5:17-19*

13. Rather, as a man, the Son of God came fully under the authority of the Law.

*Galatians 4:4-5*

14. And being under the Law, Jesus Christ honored His Father's Law by fulfilling all righteousness and pleasing His Father always.

*Matthew 3:14-15, Matthew 3:17, John 4:34, John 8:29*

15. And to crown His obedience, Jesus became obedient to the point of death on a cross and there took the curse of the Law upon Himself.

*Philippians 2:8, Galatians 3:13*

16. This He did to redeem those who were under the Law and its curse.

*Galatians 4:4-5*

17. That all their lawless deeds may be forgiven.

*Romans 4:7*

18. Now all who trust Jesus Christ are no longer under the Law and its curse, but under the grace of God.

*Romans 6:14, 1 Corinthians 9:20, Galatians 5:18*

19. The Christian is considered dead to the Law and married to Christ.

*NKJ Romans 7:4, Galatians 2:19*

20. This is not to say that the Christian becomes lawless, rather, just the opposite is true, by the Spirit's mighty working the Christian is the only one who actually does fulfill the Law as a pattern of life.

*Romans 8:3-4, 1John 2:3-4*

21. The Christian is no longer held captive by a law he does not want to keep, but rather he serves in the freedom of the Spirit, keeping the commandments of God from the heart.

*Romans 7:6, 2 Corinthians 3:17*

22. Not being under the Law means the Christian is free from the curse and condemnation of the Law.

*Galatians 3:13, Romans 8:1*

23. It means the Christian has a perfect standing before God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by doing works of the Law.

*Galatians 2:16, Galatians 3:12*

24. It means that when the Christian does fall into sin, the Law has no claim on him because his Advocate Jesus Christ successfully pleads his case having fully paid his sin.

*1 John 2:1*

25. It means the Christian must never look to be perfected by the Law apart from faith in Christ. To do so is to seek to be perfected by the flesh.

*Galatians 3:1-3*

26. Although the laws and commandments of Scripture are profitable to the Christian...

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

27. The Christian will never find the power for fulfilling the law in the law itself, but must look to Christ in faith for the power to grow into His image.

*2 Corinthians 3:18, John 15:4*

28. So looking to Christ in faith never overthrows the law, rather it unleashes the life-transforming power to uphold the law.

*Romans 3:31*

29. Jesus Christ is the Christian's ultimate standard of righteousness.

*Matthew 19:21, John 13:15, John 13:34, Matthew 11:29, 1John 2:6, 1Peter 2:21*

## **XVI. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

1. Jesus promised His disciples that He would one day come again in order to gather them to Himself.

*John 14:3, 2 Thessalonians 2:1*

2. Jesus will return to this earth in the same manner and with the same resurrected human nature with which He departed from this earth.

*Acts 1:11*

3. And Scripture emphasizes that Jesus' return will not be secret or unknown...but that every eye will see Him and every ear will hear.

*Matthew 24:27, Revelation 1:7, Matthew 24:30-31, 1 Thessalonians 4:16*

4. The day in which the Lord returns is sometimes referred to in THE Scriptures as the Day of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, 2 Peter 3:4 & 10

5. When our Lord returns on that great Day of the Lord, this age will come to an end, the heavens and earth that are now present shall be destroyed, and the eternal kingdom consisting of a new heavens and a new earth shall be ushered in.

2Peter 3:10-13

6. On that day, all the nations will be judged.

Matthew 16:27, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, Matthew 25:31-33

7. And those who are prepared for the Lord's return shall be received into the marriage supper of the Lamb, while those who are unprepared will be shut out forever.

Matthew 25:1-12

8. Jesus is coming soon!

Revelation 22:20

## **XVII. Man's Eternal State: Eternal Life**

1. The Scriptures plainly and repeatedly teach that all men will finally and permanently remain in either one of two states: eternal life or eternal punishment.

Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29, Romans 2:6-11, Matthew 25:34, 41, Matthew 25:46

2. Faith in Jesus Christ is always the determining factor...for those who believe on the Son of God, there is eternal life. For those who don't trust and obey Him, there is wrath.

John 3:18, John 3:36

3. Eternal life is described as a wonderful everlasting paradise in the presence of God with pleasures and delights and glory that simply escape imagination.

Matthew 25:21, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Psalm 16:11, Romans 8:18, Luke 23:43, Revelation 2:7, Revelation 7:15

4. After the coming Day of Judgment, God's children will live forever in the midst of new heavens and a new earth.

Isaiah 65:17, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1

5. And in that place no sin or anything that defiles will ever be found.

Matthew 13:41, Revelation 21:27, Revelation 22:3

6. God's Children shall possess new glorified bodies in that place.

Philippians 3:21, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 1 Corinthians 15:48-54, Isaiah 26:19

7. And they shall shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Matthew 13:43, Daniel 12:3

8. And they shall be with Christ.

John 14:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

9. And they shall be like Christ.

1 John 3:2, Romans 8:29, 1 Corinthians 15:49

10. And they shall reign forever and ever with Christ.

Revelation 11:15, 2 Timothy 2:12, Revelation 3:2, 1 Corinthians 6:2, Revelation 22:5

11. And above all they shall behold God!

Revelation 22:3-4, 1 John 3:2, Matthew 5:8, John 17:24

12. And the glory of God and of the Lamb will awe the Children of God with wonder and light and splendor and kindness forevermore.

Revelation 21:22, Revelation 21:11, Revelation 22:5, Ephesians 2:7



## **XVIII. Man's Eternal State: Eternal Punishment**

1. The Scriptures describe the eternal state of the wicked with the most fearful of terms.

2 Thessalonians 1:9, Revelation 14:10, Matthew 25:41, Mark 9:48, Matthew 13:41-42

2. Jesus describes the eternal torments of the wicked as something to be escaped at all costs.

Matthew 18:8-9

3. The Scriptures describe the eternal dwelling place of the wicked as a lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8, Revelation 20:15

4. And it is called the second death.

Revelation 2:11, Revelation 20:14, Revelation 21:8

5. The second death does not indicate annihilation or the ceasing of existence...in which case the eternal state of the wicked would be the same as if they had never been born. Rather, Scriptures teach that it would have been better to have never been born than after having been born to suffer the second death.

Matthew 26:24

6. The second death is eternal...forever and ever. There will be unending misery, torment and tribulation as the wicked suffer the just punishment for sin.

2 Thessalonians 1:9, Matthew 25:46, Revelation 14:11

7. These sufferings will not be greater or lesser than the wicked deserve...but exactly according to the perfect pure justice of the Lord.

Matthew 16:27, Romans 2:6, Isaiah 3:11

## **XIX. The Church**

1. The church is the body of Christ and is the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 1:22-23

2. Christ is the Savior of the church.

Ephesians 5:23

3. Christ loves the church and died for the church.

Ephesians 5:25, Acts 20:28

4. The Church is the pillar and buttress of truth.

1Timothy 3:15

5. The New Testament norm is that all Christians will gather with and belong to particular congregations of saints which form local churches.

Acts 15:41, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Corinthians 11:18, 1 Corinthians 16:1, 1 Thessalonians 1:1

6. Jesus assumes His people will gather into churches.

Matthew 18:1

7. Paul assumes the Corinthian church will gather together.

1Corinthians 5:4

8. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to meet together.

Hebrews 10:24-25

9. A church may have only two or three who gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18:17-20

10. The only Scriptural officers of the church are elders [i.e. overseers/bishops/shepherds/pastors] and deacons.

Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:1-2, 1 Timothy 3:8

11. Elders are to graciously rule in the church and those in the church are to humbly submit to their rule.

Hebrews 13:17, 1Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1Timothy 5:17, 1Peter 5:1-5, Acts 20:17, 28

## **XX. Church Discipline**

1. According to God's Word, a church must cut off from its fellowship any person who insists on holding to false or heretical doctrine; or who persistently conducts himself/herself in a manner inconsistent with his/her Christian profession; or who causes division within the church.

Romans 16:17, Titus 3:10, 2John 1:10, Matthew 18:15-17, 1Corinthians 5:1-5, 1Timothy 1:20, 1Corinthians 5:11, 1Corinthians 5:13, 2Thessalonians 3:6, 2Thessalonians 3:14, 2Timothy 3:1-5

2. As a general rule and whenever possible, gracious efforts should be made to restore the erring, resolve difficulty, correct error, and remove offense through personal counsel and admonition before more drastic steps are taken.

1Peter 4:8, Galatians 6:1, James 5:19-20, Luke 17:3

3. When possible, sin should be dealt with privately at first, only becoming more public as necessity requires.

Matthew 18:15-17

4. However, at times, the unrepentant nature of one's sin, being already public, immediate excommunication from the church may be required.

1Corinthians 5:1-5

5. Church elders are not above the discipline of the church.

1 Timothy 5:19-20

6. Two goals of discipline described in God's Word are the welfare and purity of the church, and the restoration and spiritual growth of the offender.

1Corinthians 5:6-8, 1Corinthians 15:33, 2Timothy 2:16-18, Matthew 18:15, 1Corinthians 5:5, 1Corinthians 11:32

## **XXI. Baptism**

1. Christian Baptism is the one-time immersion into water...

Mark 1:9-10, Acts 8:38-39

2. ...of a believing disciple of Jesus Christ...

Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, NKJ Acts 8:36-37, Acts 10:47, Acts 18:8

3. ...done in the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

4. The term Baptism means "Immersion" and immersion is the only fitting way to symbolically represent our spiritual death, burial and resurrection.

Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12

5. Baptism is clearly commanded by the Lord and by His followers as an important act of obedience that flows from repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:48

6. But this ordinance does not of itself confer any saving merit to the sinner. We are cleansed from our sins by the washing of Christ's blood, not by the washing of water in baptism.

1John 1:7, NKJ Revelation 1:5, Revelation 5:9, Revelation 7:14

7. And we are made alive in Christ, not by the washing of water in baptism, but by the washing of regeneration.

Titus 3:5

## **XXII. The Lord's Supper**

1. The Supper of the Lord Jesus was instituted by Him, to be observed by His churches, until the end of the world as an ongoing remembrance and proclamation of His death.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

2. The outward elements used in the observance of the Supper are bread and that which comes of the fruit of the vine.

Matthew 26:26-29

3. Although Jesus says of the bread "this is my body"

1 Corinthians 11:24

4. He was speaking figuratively implying that the bread was emblematic or representative of His body. In the same way He took the cup saying "this cup is the new covenant in my blood."

1 Corinthians 11:25

5. Certainly He did not mean that the cup He was holding was actually the New Covenant in His blood, but was speaking figuratively, so also He spoke figuratively concerning the bread. The whole concept of eating and drinking the body and blood of Jesus Christ is figurative of having faith in Him.

John 6:35

6. Partaking of the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner is strongly warned against.

1Corinthians 11:27-30

7. Eating the bread and drinking the cup in an unworthy manner specifically applies to taking the Lord's Supper while being guilty of possessing actions and attitudes towards others in the church that are unloving.

1 Corinthians 11:20-22, 1 Corinthians 11:33-34

## **XXIII. The Lord's Day**

1. The New Testament Scriptures teach that there is a day called the Lord's Day.

Revelation 1:10

2. Because the early church clearly regarded the first day of the week with special attention...it is commonly assumed the first day of the week is the Lord's Day.

Mark 16:9, Luke 24:1, John 20:19, Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2

3. The New Testament Church gives the example of assembling on the first day of the week for worship and the breaking of bread and the preaching of the Word.

Acts 20:7

4. The first day of the week was also chosen as the day for giving money to help the poor.

1 Corinthians 16:2

5. It is fitting to view the first day of the week as a celebration of Christ's resurrection and the redemption of His people.

Mark 16:9, 1 Peter 1:3

6. And it is this first day the Lord chose to manifestly meet with His people following His resurrection.

John 20:19

## **XXIV. The Great Commission**

1. The Church alone has been given the responsibility to bear witness to Jesus Christ in this world. It is our solemn and joyful obligation to proclaim Christ among the nations.

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:47-48, Acts 1:8

## **XXV. Liberty of Conscience**

1. God alone is Lord of the conscience and we are not to impress the doctrines, opinions and commandments of men upon God's people where those doctrines, opinions and commandments are contrary to God's Word or not contained therein.

Galatians 5:1, Romans 14:4-6, James 4:12, Acts 4:19, Matthew 15:9, Colossians 2:20-23

## **XXVI. Marriage and Sexuality**

**1. In the beginning God created man in His image as male and female.**

- Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**2. Though sexually different, in Christ, the male and the female have equal personal dignity before God.**

- Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 1Peter 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**3. Although it is to be admitted that God formerly allowed godly men to marry more than one wife and even made provision for such under the Mosaic Law...**

- Deuteronomy 21:15 If a man has two wives...
- 1Samuel 1:1-2 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah...2 He had two wives.

**4. Yet according to God's purpose as revealed at creation and affirmed again in the New Testament by our Lord Jesus Christ, the concept of marriage has only one meaning. It refers to the God-ordained joining of one man to one woman in a single, exclusive, union in which the two become one flesh.**

- Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- Mark 10:6-9 ...from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

**5. This marriage union forms a binding covenant between the husband and the wife.**

- Malachi 2:14 ...she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

**6. Though God has allowed divorce in certain cases...**

- Deuteronomy 24:1-4 When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, 2 and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, 4 then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the LORD.
- Matthew 19:9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.

**7. This marriage union is meant to be permanent.**

- Matthew 19:6 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.
- 1Corinthians 7:10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband...
- 1Corinthians 7:12-13 ...if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. 13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

**8. Only to be separated by death.**



- Romans 7:2-3 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

**9. When marriage is entered into as designed by God, it becomes a beautiful picture of Christ and His Church.**

- Ephesians 5:31-33 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**10. God intends for sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are so married to one another.**

- 1Corinthians 7:2-4 ...each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.
- Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
- Proverbs 5:15-21 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. 16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. 20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? 21 For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.

**11. God has commanded that no sexual activity whatsoever is to be engaged in outside of a marriage union between one man and one woman. All sexual activity outside the realm of Scriptural marriage is counted sinful and is displeasing to God.**

- Exodus 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.
- Leviticus 18:20 And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor’s wife and so make yourself unclean with her.
- Leviticus 18:22-23 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. 23 And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself

unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.

- Leviticus 20:10-16 If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. 12 If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed perversion; their blood is upon them. 13 If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. 14 If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. 15 If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. 16 If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.
- Romans 1:26-27 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.
- 1Corinthians 6:9-10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**12. The only acceptable alternative to marriage between one man and one woman is the faithful single life of celibacy as celebrated by Paul in the First Corinthian Letter.**

- 1Corinthians 7:7-9 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. 8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

**13. We are exceedingly thankful that God offers redemption and restoration to sinners guilty of desecrating God's holy standard of marriage and sexual intimacy...redemption that is offered to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.**

- 1Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the

kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.