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**My Basic Beliefs : Expanded with Scripture**

1. I believe in God the Father Almighty, *maker* of the heavens and the earth, and all things visible and invisible.

- **Genesis 1:1**; “**In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.”
- **Genesis 2:4**; “These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made the **earth** and the **heavens**,”
- **Psalms 33:6, 9**; “**By the word** of the **LORD** were the **heavens made**; and all the host of them by the *breath* of His *mouth* <sup>9</sup> For He spake, and it was *done*; **He** commanded, and it stood fast.”
- **Psalms 89:11**; “The heavens *are* Thine, the earth also *is* Thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, **Thou hast founded them**.”
- **Psalms 90:2**; “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever **Thou hadst formed the earth and the world**, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou *art* God.”
- **John 1:1-3**; “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>**All things were made by Him**; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”
- **Colossians 1:15-16**; [**\*speaking of Jesus**] “Who *is* the *image* of the *invisible* God, the firstborn of every creature: <sup>16</sup>For by *Him* were *all* things **created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: *all* things were *created* by *Him*, and for Him:” (**\*added for clarity**)
- **Revelation 4:11**; “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **Thou hast created all things**, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”

2. I believe in **Jesus Christ His only begotten Son**, our Lord and Savior, who was *conceived* by the Holy Ghost, **born** of the **Virgin Mary**; He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell but **rose** again from the **dead** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> day**. Afterwards He was seen alive by more than 500 witnesses and **He** *later* ascended to **heaven** where He sits at the **right hand** of **God the Father**, where He serves as our **High Priest** in the heavenlies to this very day.

- **John 1:14, 18**; “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of

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the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. <sup>18</sup>No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **He** hath declared *Him*.”

- **John 3:16-18**; “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him ***should*** not perish, but have **everlasting** life. <sup>17</sup>For God sent **not** His Son into the world to **condemn** the world; but that the world through Him **might** be saved. <sup>18</sup>**He that believeth on Him is not** condemned: but he that **believeth not** is condemned already, **because** he hath **not believed** in the name of the **only begotten Son of God**.”
- **1 John 4:9**; “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent His only begotten Son** into the world, that we **might** live through **Him**.”
- **Isaiah 7:14**; “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.”
- **Matthew 1:18-20**; “Now the **birth of Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as His **mother Mary** was espoused to Joseph, **before** they came together, she was **found** with **child** of the **Holy Ghost**. <sup>19</sup>Then Joseph her husband, being a **just man**, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. <sup>20</sup>But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost**.”
- **Matthew 1:23**; “Behold, **a virgin** shall be with **child**, and shall bring forth a son, and **they shall call His name Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.”
- **Luke 1:26-35**; “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>To a **virgin** espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the **virgin’s** name **was Mary**. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. <sup>29</sup>And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name **JESUS**. <sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest**: and **the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David**: <sup>33</sup>And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of **His** kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup>**Then said Mary** unto the **angel**, How shall this be, seeing **I know not** a man? <sup>35</sup>And **the angel answered** and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the power of the **Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore also that **holy** thing which shall be born of thee shall be **called the Son of God**.”
- **Matthew 26:1-2**; “And it came to pass, when **Jesus** had finished all these sayings, He said unto His disciples, <sup>2</sup>**Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified**.”

- **Matthew 27:24-35**; “When Pilate *saw* that he could prevail *nothing*, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and *washed his hands* before the multitude, *saying, I am innocent of the blood* of this **just** person: see ye *to it*. <sup>25</sup>Then answered all the people, and said, **His blood** *be* on us, and on **our children**. <sup>26</sup>Then released he Barabbas unto them: and *when he had scourged Jesus*, he delivered **Him** to be *crucified*. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band *of soldiers*. <sup>28</sup>And they *stripped Him*, and put on Him a scarlet robe. <sup>29</sup>And when they had **platted a crown of thorns**, they put **it upon His head**, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, **and mocked Him**, saying, **Hail, King of the Jews!** <sup>30</sup>And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and **smote Him on the head**. <sup>31</sup>And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, **and led Him away to crucify Him**. <sup>32</sup>And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear His cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, <sup>34</sup>They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted *thereof*, He would not drink. <sup>35</sup>And **they crucified Him**, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it *might be fulfilled* which was *spoken by the prophet*, They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots.”
- **Mark 15:33-42**; “And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?** <sup>35</sup>And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, He calleth Elias. <sup>36</sup>And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave Him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take Him down. <sup>37</sup>And **Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost**. <sup>38</sup>And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, which stood over against Him, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. <sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; <sup>41</sup>(Who also, when He was in Galilee, followed Him, and ministered unto Him;) and many other women which came up with Him unto Jerusalem. <sup>42</sup>And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,”
- **Luke 24:1-12**; “Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. <sup>3</sup>And they entered in, and found **not** the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: <sup>5</sup>And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>**He is not here**, but is **risen**: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>Saying, **The Son of man must**

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be *delivered* into the hands of *sinful men*, and be *crucified*, and the *third day rise again*.<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words,<sup>9</sup> And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.<sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which *told* these things **unto the apostles**.<sup>11</sup> And their **words seemed to them** as *idle tales*, and they **believed them not**.<sup>12</sup> Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.”

- How *sad* it was that even the **apostles did not believe the women who told them Jesus had risen**.
- **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**; “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; <sup>2</sup>By which also ye are saved, *if* ye **keep in memory** what I preached unto you, unless ye have **believed in vain**. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup>And that **He was buried, and that He rose again the third day** according to the scriptures: <sup>5</sup>And that **He was seen** of Cephas, then **of the twelve**: <sup>6</sup>After that, **He was seen** of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>After that, **He was seen of James**; then **of all the apostles**. <sup>8</sup>And **last of all He was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.”
  - It is of *critical importance* that **Jesus’ resurrection** was *confirmed* by **many eyewitnesses**.
- **Acts 7:54-56**; “When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him [**\*Steven**] with *their* teeth. <sup>55</sup>But he, being **full of the Holy Ghost, looked up** stedfastly into heaven, **and saw the glory of God, and Jesus** standing on the **right hand of God**, <sup>56</sup>And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and **the Son of man** standing on the **right hand of God**.” **\*Added for clarity**
- **Hebrews 10:9-12**; “Then said He [**\*Jesus**], **Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God**. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**. <sup>11</sup>And every priest standeth daily ministering and **offering oftentimes the same sacrifices**, which can *never* take away **sins**: <sup>12</sup>But **this man**, after He had offered *one sacrifice* for *sins for ever*, sat down on the **right hand of God**;” **\*Added for clarity**
- **Romans 8:34**; “Who *is* **He** that condemneth? *It is* **Christ** that *died*, yea rather, **that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God**, who also **maketh intercession** for **us**.”
- **Hebrews 7:24-25**; “But this *man*, because **He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood**. <sup>25</sup>Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

3. I believe that **He will return** one day to gather His *redeemed*. He will *first resurrect* the **bodies** of the “*dead in Christ*,” as immortal, incorruptible “*spirit bodies*.” He will *then reunite* the *spirit and souls* of those saints with their new *spirit bodies*. *After* this, the *saints* who are *physically alive* and remain on the **earth** (at *this* coming) will be **caught up together with them** in the **clouds** to meet the **Lord in the air**. They will **not die** but they **will** be **changed** in a **moment**, in the *twinkling* of an eye, as corruption puts on incorruption and mortality puts on immortality. This event is commonly called the “**Rapture**” or the “*Catching Away*” of the Lord’s *Redeemed (or Bride)*. The Lord Jesus will then take His redeemed with Him to heaven **to be with Him forever**.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**; “But I would **not** have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are *asleep*, that ye sorrow **not**, even as others which have *no hope*. <sup>14</sup>For **if** we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with **Him**. <sup>15</sup>For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For *the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven* with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first**: <sup>17</sup>**Then** we which are *alive and remain* shall be caught up together **with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord **in the air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”
- **1 Corinthians 15:42-58**; “So also *is* the *resurrection* of the *dead*. It is sown in *corruption*; it is raised in *incorruption*: <sup>43</sup>It is sown in *dishonour*; it is raised in *glory*: it is sown in *weakness*; it is raised in *power*: <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. <sup>46</sup>Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. <sup>49</sup>And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. <sup>50</sup>Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit** the **kingdom of God**; *neither* doth *corruption inherit incorruption*. <sup>51</sup>Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall **not all** sleep, but we shall **all** be **changed**, <sup>52</sup> In a **moment**, in the *twinkling* of an eye, at the **last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the *dead* shall be **raised incorruptible**, and **we** shall be **changed**. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, **then** shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory**. <sup>55</sup>O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? <sup>56</sup>The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup>But **thanks be to God**, which **giveth us the victory** through **our Lord Jesus Christ**. <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in

the Lord.”

4. I believe that Christ *will* return from the **right hand** of the **Father to earth itself** a second time (called the **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**) to **judge the living and the dead**. This event is called the “**Great White Throne Judgment**”. The sea, death, and hell will give up the (*spiritually*) **dead** who are in them and they will be judged at this time. **All** who are **judged**, at **this** time, will be judged according to their “**works**,” which are written in the “Books.” **None** of their names will be found in the “**Book of Life**” and they will **all** be cast into the “**lake of fire**,” which is the “**2<sup>nd</sup> Death**” or “**eternal death**.”

- **Revelation 19:11-21; (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent)** “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him *was* called **Faithful and True**, and in *righteousness* He doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. <sup>13</sup>And He *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called **The Word of God**. <sup>14</sup>And the armies *which were* in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>And **out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that **with it He should smite the nations**: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and *wrath* of **Almighty God**. <sup>16</sup>And He hath on *His* vesture and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. <sup>17</sup>And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and He cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; <sup>18</sup>That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great. <sup>19</sup>And I saw the **beast**, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. <sup>20</sup>And **the beast was taken, and** with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone**. <sup>21</sup>And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

- **Revelation 20:11-15;** “ And I saw a **great white throne**, and **Him** that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the **dead**, small and great, stand before **God**; and the **books** were opened: **and another book was opened**, which is the **book of life**: and the **dead** were **judged** out of those things which were *written in the books*, according to **their works**. <sup>13</sup>And the **sea gave up the dead which were in it**; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were **judged** every man according to their **works**. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. <sup>15</sup>And **whosoever** was **not** found **written** in the **book of life** was cast into the **lake of fire**.” (**\*this passage describes what many call the great White Throne Judgment**)

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○ The Bible occasionally uses the term “sea” as a *metaphor* for a large number of people. It is *my* belief that in the *portion* of verse 13: “And the *sea* gave up the *dead* which were in it;” The word “*sea*” (in *this* verse) actually refers to “all people, on the earth who are ‘*physically*’ alive, at the time of *this* judgment.” A certain number of *all* these *living* people will be ‘*spiritually*’ dead (i.e. *lost souls*) and the *rest* will be ‘*spiritually*’ alive. Therefore, *after* those *physically* dead *lost* souls are *resurrected* from *death* and *hell to be* judged, then the *spiritually* dead who are *still* ‘*physically*’ alive’ (and are a *portion* of the ‘*sea*’) will be delivered up to be judged *also*, along *with* the ‘*spiritually*’ dead’ who were *already* ‘*resurrected*’ *or* ‘*delivered up*’ from *death* and *hell*, for their *final* (and *eternal*) ‘*Great White Throne*’ judgment.’ All of the souls judged in this “*apocalyptic*” event are “*lost*” souls. They are all judged according to their “*works*” (which are recorded in the “*books*”) and they *will* be cast into the ‘*lake of fire*,’ since their names are obviously not found written in the *book of life*. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection (i.e. unto *death*).

5. I believe in the *eternal* Holy Spirit, in the holy *universal* Christian church, in the *communion* of saints, the *forgiveness* of sins, the *resurrection* of the body, and in “*everlasting life*” for the *redeemed* of the Lord.

- Daniel 12:2; “And many of them that *sleep in the dust of the earth* shall awake, *some* to everlasting life, and some to *shame and everlasting contempt*.”
- Matthew 19:27-29; “Then answered Peter and *said* unto Him, Behold, *we have forsaken all*, and *followed Thee*; what shall *we* have therefore? <sup>28</sup>And Jesus said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye *also* shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** <sup>29</sup> And *every one* that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive an *hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*”
- Matthew 25:46; “And these shall go away into *everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*”
- Luke 18:29-30; “And He said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, There is *no* man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake,** <sup>30</sup>**Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come *life everlasting.*”**
- John 3:36; “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see *life; but* the wrath of God abideth on him.”
- John 4:14; “**But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**”

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- John 5:24; “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, *hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*”**
- John 6:27; “**Labour not** for the meat which perisheth, but for that **meat** which *endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*”
- John 6:40; “**And this** is the *will* of Him that sent Me, **that every one** which *seeth* the Son, **and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**”
- John 10:27-28; “**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:** <sup>28</sup>And *I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.*”
- John 12:25; “**He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.**”
- Romans 2:5-10; “But *after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath* against the day of wrath and revelation of the **righteous judgment of God;** <sup>6</sup> Who will render to every man according to his **deeds:** <sup>7</sup> To them who by *patient continuance in well doing* seek for *glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:* <sup>8</sup> But unto them that are *contentious*, and do **not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,** <sup>9</sup> *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil,* of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; <sup>10</sup> **But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good,** to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:”
- Acts 13:46; “Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was *necessary* that the **word of God** should first have been spoken to you: **but seeing** ye put it *from you*, and **judge** yourselves *unworthy of everlasting life*, lo, *we turn to the Gentiles.*”
- Romans 6:22; “But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your **fruit** unto *holiness, and the end everlasting life.*”
- Galatians 6:7-8; “**Be not deceived; God is not mocked:** for whatsoever a man *soweth*, that shall he also **reap.** <sup>8</sup>For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that **soweth to the Spirit** shall of the *Spirit reap life everlasting.*”
- Titus 1:2; “In hope of *eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised* before the world began;”
- Titus 3:7; “That being **justified** by *His* grace, we *should* be made **heirs** according to the *hope* of **eternal life.**”
- 1 John 2:24-25; “Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. **If** that which ye have *heard* from the beginning shall **remain in you**, ye also shall *continue* in the **Son, and** in the **Father.** <sup>25</sup>And **this**



is the *promise* that He hath *promised* us, *even eternal life.*”

- Jude 1:21; “Keep yourselves in the *love of God*, looking *for* the *mercy* of our Lord Jesus Christ unto *eternal life.*”

6. I further believe that the *unredeemed* (lost wicked) souls *will* receive “*eternal torment and separation* from God as their *righteous eternal judgment* from God.”

- Isaiah 66:22-24; “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I *will* make, shall remain before Me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And they shall go forth, and look upon the *carcasses* of the men that have *transgressed against Me*: for their *worm* shall *not die*, neither shall their *fire* be *quenched*; and they shall be an *abhorring* unto all flesh.”
- Psalms 119:160; “Thy *word is true* from the *beginning*: and every one of Thy *righteous judgments endureth* for ever.”
- Matthew 18:8-9; “Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup>And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.”
- Matthew 25:41-46; “Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye *cursed*, into *everlasting fire*, prepared for the *devil* and his *angels*: <sup>42</sup>For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not. <sup>44</sup>Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee? <sup>45</sup>Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, *Inasmuch* as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it not* to Me. <sup>46</sup>And these shall go away into *everlasting punishment*: but the *righteous* into life eternal.”
- Mark 3:29; “But he that shall *blaspheme against the Holy Ghost* hath never forgiveness, but is in *danger of eternal damnation*:”
- Hebrews 6:1-3; “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, *let us go on unto perfection*; not laying *again* the *foundation* of *repentance* from dead works, and of *faith* toward God, <sup>2</sup>Of the *doctrine* of

baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of *resurrection* of the **dead**, and of *eternal judgment*. <sup>3</sup>And this will we do, if God permit.”

- **Jude 1:6-7**; “And the angels which **kept not** their first estate, but **left** their own habitation, He hath **reserved** in ***everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day***. <sup>7</sup>Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, ***giving themselves over to fornication***, and going after ***strange flesh***, are set forth for an **example**, ***suffering the vengeance of eternal fire***.”
- **Revelation 14:9-11**; “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, <sup>10</sup>The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup>**And the smoke of *their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever***: and they have ***no rest day nor night***, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”
- **Revelation 20:10**; “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the **lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented **day and night for ever and ever**.”

7. I believe that *all scripture* is given by *inspiration* of God and is *beneficial* to the *man of God* for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **instruction in righteousness** so that the man of God *may* be made **complete**, *thoroughly equipped* for every *good work*, which God has *ordained* that he *should walk* in them.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**; “*All scripture* is given by *inspiration* of God, and *is* profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be **perfect**, throughly furnished unto *all good works*.”
- **Ephesians 2:10**; “For we are **His workmanship**, created ***in Christ Jesus*** unto *good works*, which God hath ***before ordained*** that we *should walk* in them.”

8. I believe in the *inerrancy of the original written “Word of God”* and that the “*Entirety*” of the **Word of God is Truth** and that every one of God’s *righteous judgments endures forever*.

- **Psalms 119:160 (NKJV)** “The **entirety** of Your **word is truth**, And every one of Your *righteous judgments endures forever*.”

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- Psalms 119:89; “*For ever*, O LORD, Thy word is *settled in heaven*.”
- Psalms 12:6-7; “The *words* of the LORD are *pure words*: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt *keep* them, O LORD, *Thou shalt preserve them* from *this generation for ever*.”

9. I believe there is *One living and true God*; an *infinite, Almighty, all-knowing Spirit*, perfect in all His attributes, one in *essence, eternally existing* in three manifestations – God the *Father*, God the *Son*, and God the *Holy Spirit*. These three are one Godhead, commonly referred to as the **Triune God or Trinity**.

- Genesis 1:26; “And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”
- Genesis 3:22-23; “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: <sup>23</sup>Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.”
- Deuteronomy 6:4; “Hear, O Israel: The **LORD our God is one LORD**:”
- Colossians 1:15-19; “Who is the **image** of the *invisible* God, the firstborn of every creature: <sup>16</sup>For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: <sup>17</sup>And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup>And He is the **head** of the *body*, the *church*: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* He might have the preeminence. <sup>19</sup>For it pleased *the Father* that in Him should all fulness dwell;”
- Colossians 2:6-10; “As ye have therefore *received* Christ Jesus the Lord, *so walk ye in Him*: <sup>7</sup>Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Him dwelleth all the *fulness* of the **Godhead bodily**. <sup>10</sup>And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:”
- 1 John 5:7; “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

10. I believe that *Salvation* is made *available wholly* by **God** through His grace and it can be *received only* through *our Faith* in Jesus Christ (our **Lord and Savior**); based upon the merit of His shed blood and His sinless life that **He**

lived on the earth. His *substitutionary* sacrifice justifies all who believe on Him *and* His “finished” work on Calvary’s Cross, who *repent* of their *sins*, *and* who *obey* the *gospel*.

- **Matthew 3:8**; “Bring forth therefore *fruits meet* for repentance.”
- **Acts 2:37-41**; “Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? <sup>38</sup>Then Peter said unto them, *Repent*, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the *remission* of *sins*, and ye shall receive the *gift* of the **Holy Ghost**.  
<sup>39</sup>For the *promise* is unto *you*, and to *your children*, *and to all that are afar off*, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call*. <sup>40</sup>And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves** from this *untoward generation*. <sup>41</sup>Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”
- **Acts 20:20-21**; “And how I [\*Paul] kept back *nothing* that was *profitable* unto you, but have showed you, and have **taught** you *publicly, and from house to house*, <sup>21</sup>Testifying **both** to the *Jews*, and also to the *Greeks*, *repentance* toward God, and *faith* toward *our Lord Jesus Christ*.” \* Added for clarity
- **Acts 26:19-20**; “Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the *heavenly vision*: <sup>20</sup>But showed first unto *them of Damascus*, and at *Jerusalem*, and throughout *all the coasts of Judaea*, and *then* to the *Gentiles*, that they *should* **repent** and *turn to God*, and do *works meet* for *repentance*.”
- **Matthew 4:17**; “From that time **Jesus began** to *preach*, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.”
- **Mark 1:15**; “... **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel**.”  
**John 1:12**; “But as many as *received Him*, to *them* gave He **power** to *become* the **sons of God**, *even* to them that *believe* on His name:”
- **John 3:14-17**; “**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up**:  
<sup>15</sup>That whosoever believeth in Him **should not perish**, but have *eternal life*. <sup>16</sup>For God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him **should** not perish, but have everlasting life.  
<sup>17</sup>For God sent not His Son into the world **to condemn the world**; but that the world **through Him** *might* be saved.”
- **Ephesians 2:8-10**; “For by *grace* are ye **saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the **gift** of God:  
<sup>9</sup>*Not of works*, lest any man should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto *good works*, which **God** hath before *ordained* that we should walk in them.”

- **Romans 6:23**; “For the wages of sin *is death*; but the *gift* of God *is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”
- **Romans 5:8**; “But God *commendeth His love* toward us, in that, while we were yet *sinners, Christ died for us.*”

**11. Furthermore, I believe** that “*Salvation*”, in its ‘*fullest sense*,’ is **not** a “*one-time event*” occurring at a *particular* point in time in *this life*, **nor** is it a “*guaranteed*” or an “*unconditional*” event, in *this* life. Rather, I believe that *Scripture teaches* that the Salvation of one’s *soul* is a “*process*” that *begins* with God *drawing* one to *Him by grace*, which leads to a “*conversion*” experience (i.e. being *born-again*). This “*event*” results in a “*new creature*,” which manifests a *godly* life, which exhibits “*Spiritual Fruit*” *enduring* until *physical death*. This requires “*enduring faith*,” which **will** be tested, as to its *genuineness*.

- **1 Peter 1:3-7**; “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath *begotten us again* unto a *lively hope* by the *resurrection* of **Jesus Christ** from the *dead*, <sup>4</sup>To *an inheritance incorruptible*, and *undefiled*, and that *fadeth not away, reserved* in *heaven* for you, <sup>5</sup>Who are *kept* by the *power of God* through *faith* unto *salvation* ready *to be revealed* in the *last* time. <sup>6</sup>Wherein ye greatly rejoice, *though now for a season, if need be*, ye are in *heaviness* through  *manifold temptations*: <sup>7</sup>That the *trial* of *your faith*, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it *be tried* with *fire*, *might* be found unto *praise* and *honour* and *glory* at the *appearing* of **Jesus Christ**.”

◆ It is **important** to realize that the “*incorruptible inheritance*” (i.e. *eternal life*) is “*reserved*” in *heaven* for you. *We don’t actually “possess”* it in *this* life! Many don’t understand this, because “*salvation*” isn’t taught well and *most* people **don’t** *study* the word *carefully* enough to understand it. Unfortunately, many are *taught* that salvation *is* an *event*, rather than a “*process*.” For *more* detail, see my articles titled “[A 3-Part ‘Mystery’ of the Bible](#)” (pages 25-29) and “[Biblical Salvation](#)” (pages 53-54; and 79-84).

**12. Moreover, I believe** that one’s *eternal* salvation is **not** realized at the ‘*beginning*’ of one’s *faith* but rather at the *end* of one’s *faith*, according to **1 Peter 1:9**, and it is not actually “*revealed*” until the “*glorious appearing*” of **Jesus Christ**, when **He returns** for *His* people (i.e. *His “body”* a.k.a. *His “Church”*).

- **1 Peter 1:7-9**; “That the *trial* of *your faith*, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, *might* be found unto *praise* and *honour* and *glory* at the *appearing* of **Jesus Christ**: <sup>8</sup>Whom having *not* seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *Him not*, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: <sup>9</sup>Receiving the *end* of your *faith*, *even* the *salvation* of *your souls*.”
- **Acts 14:21-22**; “And *when* they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned *again*

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to *Lystra*, and to *Iconium*, and *Antioch*, <sup>22</sup>*Confirming* the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to *continue* in *the faith*, *and* that we must through *much tribulation* enter into the *kingdom of God*.”

- **If** *eternal* salvation were *truly* an event that has *already occurred* and is *complete*, why would it *not* be revealed *until* the glorious coming of Christ? Think about that. On the other hand, **if** one’s *eternal salvation* truly *is* a “*process*,” **then** it *could not* be revealed *until* the “*process*” has been *completed*. The interesting point is that the *process* *can’t* be *completed until* the “*redemption* of our *body* *occurs*.”
- **Romans 8:22-25**; “For we *know* that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only *they*, but *ourselves* also, which have the *firstfruits* of the Spirit, even *we* ourselves *groan* within ourselves, *waiting* for the *adoption*, *to wit*, the *redemption* of our *body*. <sup>24</sup>For we are *saved* by *hope*: but hope that is *seen* is **not** *hope*: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet *hope* for? <sup>25</sup>But **if** we *hope* for that we *see not*, *then* do we with *patience* *wait* for it.”

I have greater detail concerning this “**Salvation process**” in my articles “[A 3-Part ‘Mystery’ of the Bible](#)” and “[Biblical Salvation](#)”. These articles are lengthier *and* more advanced, *but* they explore a multitude of related aspects that are **not** mentioned in this article. It will take much time and effort to digest, but, I believe it **may** be *well worth* the time and effort, *if* you really wish more depth on this topic or *others*.

May God **ble**ss you and may **He** guide you in your *pursuit* of *Truth* (Christ Jesus)

**John 14:6**; “Jesus saith unto him, **I** am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**: **no** man cometh unto the **Father**, but by **Me**.”

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