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- I. **The Bible** – The _____ is the Holy, infallible, inerrant, inspired and complete Word of God, and the absolute authority to life and faith.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

- II. **God** – God is a triune God. He is the _____, _____ and _____
_____ all in one. He is the source of all life, and He is the creator of the World. He is an eternal being that has existed from eternity past to eternity future.

- a. **FATHER** - *Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 64:8; Ephesians 4:6*
- b. **SON** - *Isaiah 7:14;; Matthew 1:18-23; John 1:1-18*
- c. **HOLY SPIRIT** - *Genesis 1:2; John 16:7-14; Ephesians 1:13-14*

- III. **Man** - Man is the _____ creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation.

Genesis 1:26-30; Jeremiah 17:5; Colossians 3:9-11.

IV. Salvation – Salvation is a _____ gift of God provided only through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. All men need salvation, and it only comes from grace through faith. Man cannot earn salvation on his own, and must accept this only way of salvation for eternal life.

- a. _____, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus.
- b. _____ is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ.
- c. _____ is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.
- d. _____ is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

V. Assurance – The Bible teaches that everyone who genuinely responds by repentance and _____ for salvation God saves that individual. Also God keeps that person's salvation in a way that it is eternally secure.

John 10:27-29; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 John 5:13

VI. The Church – A _____ Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 16:15-19; Ephesians 2:19-22.

VII. Baptism – The first step in obedience after salvation is _____. Baptism is the immersion of a believer that pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 26:26-30; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

The Lord's Supper – The Lord's Supper is the act of _____ partaking of the bread and fruit of the vine as a remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Matthew 26:26-30; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

VIII. The Lord's Day – The first day of the _____ is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private.

Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-3.

IX. The Kingdom – The _____ of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King.

Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

X. Last Things – _____, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Revelation 20:1-22:13.

XI. Evangelism and Missions – It is the _____ and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15.

XII. The Family – _____ has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

- a. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.
- b. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image.
- c. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord.

Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 5:21-33.