



**DOCTRINAL
POINTS OF
THE
CHURCH
OF GOD**

(7TH DAY)

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PREFACE

On Calvary's Hill the beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ, shed His precious blood. With this blood (I Peter 1:19) Jesus purchased the Church of God. (Acts 20:28) God set in the Church spiritual fruit, and gifts, and governments which are enablements for varied services and specific responsibilities. (Ephesians 4:11-13; I Corinthians 12:7-20) Jesus established principles of doctrine. (Hebrews 6:1; II John 9) Jesus said: "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If a man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine,..." -John 7:16-17. These doctrines of Christ are an integral part of the Church of God. (Titus 2:1, 10; Acts 2:42; 16:4)

The Church of God and her doctrines have been persecuted ever since her inception. She has been strong at times and also weak. It was presented to all people and nations of the earth. It has existed somewhere, at all times, since it began, but it has swung back and forth like a pendulum. The reason for this is that Satan would launch an attack against the Church. It would become weak and then stronger, and sometimes it would even die out in certain countries. But the Church never died out completely at any time, and the Lord's doctrines

have been preserved down to our time. Did not the Lord Jesus say that the gates of death would not prevail against His Church?

Today, the term Church of God is used by many denominations and groups. This is rather confusing. One way of differentiating these groups is by adding the headquarters city to the name, or as a prefix or suffix. These churches of God are all of distinctly American origin, with but one exception, the Church of God (7th Day), which had European connections before coming to America. European Sabbath keepers came to Rhode Island and later Connecticut, from England, Holland, Bohemia and Moravia. From here, they spread to the original 13 states and later to many other states as they became part of the United States. The Church of God grew in leaps and bounds in the new world which was opened to all for religious freedom. Satan, the ever present adversary, began changing his tactics. No longer did he try to defeat the Church with physical persecutions, but with a form of godliness and pernicious doctrine. (II Peter 2:2) It was called the Second Advent Message. It began about 1820, and swept the Americas, as well as Europe, like wild fire. People from all denominations were inspired by

this message. Many churches were born during this overheated and zealous religious period. The Church of God waned greatly during this time because they would not accept the return of Christ until the prophecies concerning the people of Israel were fulfilled. The Church's doctrine has always been the words of the Lord which clearly stated that the Lord Jesus would not return until Israel would first return to her own homeland. This wonderful doctrine, which is now being accepted by many (because it has come to pass), was met with violent opposition and great contempt. Some even departed from the truth and formed other Sabbatarian organizations. (II Timothy 4:3, 4:1; I Timothy 4:1, 16)

The Church of God was reorganized in 1933 at Salem, WV. The Church government was brought into harmony with the first Church government. The doctrines have been the same as when Jesus presented them to His disciples. They have been drawn up to recognize Jesus Christ as the only Head of the Church and that all Elders, officers and laymen in the Church are all one and equal. Therefore, brethren, we beseech you to follow the examples of our Lord in all things. Let the mind be in you, which was in Christ, who took upon

Him the form of a servant, humbled Himself and became obedient unto God the Father, even obedient to the death, on the cross.

These doctrines are presented to help draw out new light as revealed in these last days and to show every being of every nation, the need to come into the fellowship of Christ. Let us walk therefore in newness of life, that the prayer of our Lord Jesus may be answered in us; that we may be one in Him, and that He may give us the glory which He gave to His disciples, that we may be one even as He and His Father are one. Therefore, let us strive to be of one mind with Christ.

With this edition you will find a few more statements and Bible texts to strengthen the doctrines. Also there are a few more notes added for the sake of clarification. Some doctrines were combined into one grouping and a few new ones were added to the original 40 points.

DOCTRINAL POINTS

There can be no doubt whatever that the Lord Jesus desires His followers to study the Word of God. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." -John 5:39.

Inasmuch as the Church of God is the Body of Christ, it is an organized Body of believers which upholds and accepts Scriptures. Such is the faith and testimony of Jesus Christ and as such the same are published, that persons may acquaint themselves with the doctrines of the Scriptures and become fellow worshippers in the Church of God - the pillar and ground of the truth. I Timothy 3:15; Acts 20:28; John 7:16-17; II Timothy 3:15-17.

These articles of faith are not to be construed as a closed creed, as the Church of God stands ready at all times to consider further light of the Bible. II Timothy 2:15; I John 1:7.

Doctrine shall in all cases be according to the Holy Scriptures and inasmuch as the Bible clearly teaches the following points of doctrine, the same are listed as the essentials of our faith - the faith of our Lord Jesus. Revelation 14:12; 19:10.

1. That the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired as no other

writing is, and is complete, infallible and expresses God's complete will to man.

II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32.

We believe that the Bible is its own commentary. We must therefore examine everything in the light of the Bible, weighing everything in the balance of the Bible, and if it will not agree, reject it, but if it will agree and stand up under scrutiny, accept it.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." -I Thessalonians 5:21.

There is so much Bible translation going on in the world, and traditions of religions are inserted and substituted for fixed principles. And modernism is taking the place of the fundamental truths. We therefore recommend the use of the authorized King James Version.

2. The Eternal One in Heaven is the Creator of the heaven, the earth, the sea and all that is therein. He is our heavenly Father.

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 33:27; Jeremiah 10:10-12; Matthew 23:9; John 20:17; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:10; Revelation 10:6.

God is unchangeable. He does not change His Commandments or His will for man. He is perfect in all His ways.

Proverbs 19:21; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Malachi 3:6; I Chronicles 17:27; I Kings 8:23, 60-61; James 1:17; Romans 1:19-20.

3. That Jesus of Nazareth is the only begotten Son of God, conceived by the power of God, born of the Virgin Mary, and is our Lord, Christ and Redeemer. Jesus was with God at the beginning of creation. He is the firstborn of all things created by God.

Matthew 1:18-21; 3:17; Colossians 1:12-16; John 3:16-18; 6:38, 69; Luke 1:35.

God, the heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ, His Son, are one. (John 10:30, 38) They are one in purpose, but they are two separate individuals. Jesus' coming to earth in human flesh (Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 2:17) fulfilled the plan of salvation by His birth, His life and works, His death and His resurrection to the right hand of His Father. He can also be called: the Eternal One, Wonderful, Counselor, Great 'High Priest', etc. (Isaiah 9:6; 11:1; 49:6; 53rd chapter; Micah 5:2).

"Jesus" is the proper name of the Son of God. This name in Hebrew means "Saviour" or "Help from God." God the Father, with His Son, Jesus, created the heavens and the earth.

"Without HIM was not anything made that was made." Jesus preexisted with the Father "before the foundation of the earth." John 1:1-3, 10; 6:62; 8:57-58; I Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 19:13.

4. That Jesus proved His Messiahship by remaining in the tomb exactly "three days and three nights," (Matthew 12:38-40) rising in the end of the weekly Sabbath. He was crucified "in the midst of the week," which was Wednesday.

Matthew 16:21; Luke 24:6-7.

Nowhere in the Scriptures does it tell of an eyewitness of the Resurrection. The disciples and sisters that came to view the tomb found it empty. Numerous trips were made to the sepulchre, and it was empty. The earliest visit to the tomb was "in the end of the Sabbath" (Saturday afternoon just before sunset). The stone was rolled away from the sepulchre and Jesus was already risen. (Matthew 28:1-8)

5. That the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, which abides in the believer and is manifest by power, and the fruit of the Spirit, as in Acts 2 and Galatians 5:22-26. Manifestations are regulated according to I

Corinthians 14. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is necessary in order for the body to be changed and resurrected at the first phase of Christ's Second Coming.

*Colossians 1:27; Romans 8:10-11;
I Corinthians 15:51-52;
I Thessalonians 4:14, 16-17*

The Holy Spirit - The Comforter - proceeds from the Father, through the Son. (Matthew 10:20) It leads, guides, and directs believers and dwells within them. (John 16:13-15; 14:17) It was the agent by which the Word of God was given. It seals the saints of God until redemption comes. II Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:13; Galatians 5:22-26; I John 5:6-9.

6. The true speaking in tongues is very understandable and translatable languages, and that God will give the gift of tongues or languages, not as the evidence of the Holy Spirit, but rather to those who have the Spirit when He deems it necessary. Therefore, we stand opposed to the jabbering called, "speaking in tongues."

*Acts 2:7-9; I Corinthians 14:19,
27-30; James 1:26;
Ecclesiastes 5:7; 10:14;
Ephesians 4:29.*

The Gift of Tongues is used to present the Gospel of Salvation to people in their own vernacular tongue. (Acts 10:1, 45, 46) It is given as a sign to unbelievers to help them accept Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 14:21-25)

7. That Satan is a personality, and before he became the devil he was an anointed angel called Lucifer. His pride was lifted up and he was cast out of heaven. That as the Devil, he is the adversary of God and of all the Children of God. The Devil will be bound for a thousand years, and then he will be released to deceive the nations after which he will be destroyed in the lake of fire.

*Luke 10:18; Isaiah 14:12-20;
Ezekiel 28:13-19; John 8:44;
Revelation 12:7-9; 20:1-3, 7-10.*

The Devil began a war in heaven and was cast out. He was able to accuse the Children of God before God until Jesus died and curbed much of Satan's power (Job 1:6; Revelation 12:10; Colossians 2:15). He tempted Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-6) and caused man to fall. He has a great power, but he can be vanquished by the power of Christ in us. (Zechariah 3:1; II Corinthians 2:10-11; I John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14).

8. That man was created perfect originally, but through disobedience fell, bringing imperfection, death and God's wrath upon mankind.

*Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 5:12, 17;
I Corinthians 15:21-22;
Genesis 3:17, 19.*

We believe that the Ten Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus are the standards of righteousness by which the future destiny of man will be determined in the day of judgement. Jesus said in John 5:28-29:

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." In Revelation 14:9-11, an account of the destruction of the wicked is given, and in verse 12 we are told that the saints, or the ones saved, are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. See also Revelation 12:17; 22:14; I John 5:3 and James 2:10-12.

9. That the Christian life must be patterned after the perfect man, Christ Jesus. That each member strives to give himself as a living sacrifice; that each one lives his life in opposition to worldliness so that

the Body of Christ - the Church-may be clean, unspotted and separate from the world.

*James 1:27; II Corinthians 6:17-18;
Hebrews 7:26; II Peter 3:14;
I Timothy 2:8-10; Matthew 5:48;
Romans 12:1; I Peter 2:21-25;
I John 2:6-7; I Thessalonians 5:5.*

10. That the Inspired Bible name for the Body of Christ, God's called out assembly, is "The Church of God".

*Acts 20:28; I Corinthians 15:9;
Galatians 1:13; I Corinthians 1:2;
I Timothy 3:15; Isaiah 62:2; 65:15.*

The head of the Church of God is Jesus Christ. He is also the foundation and corner stone of this body, having purchased it with His own blood.

*I Corinthians 1:2-3; Ephesians
2:19-22; Colossians 1:18;
I Corinthians 3:11; Acts 20:28;
I Peter 2:6.*

11. That the Organization and Government of the Church be as "God did set" it - first Apostles (12); second Prophets (70); third teachers. Later the Seven were added, as needed, to take care of the business of the Church.

I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians

4:11-16; Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 10:2-5; Luke 10:1.

Notice that God did set in the Church apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healings, helps, etc. (I Corinthians 12:27-30) These gifts and offices were given (Ephesians 4:11) "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ," (the Church of God) so that we will not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. It is to make the saints come to a unity of the faith.

12. Religion, personally experienced by the baptized and totally regenerated individual through the power of the Holy Spirit, is the only safe one to trust.

*Colossians 2:7-13; Romans 6:6-12;
Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 1:27.*

13. That repentance is a duty and must be preached. We all have sinned, and every individual must repent. Sin is the transgression of God's Ten Commandments.

*I John 3:4; Job 11:14-15;
Matthew 9:13; Luke 13:3; 24:47;
Acts 2:38; 8:21-22; Romans 6:23.*

14. That conversion is essential to salvation and receiving eternal life.
Luke 22:32; Acts 3:19; Psalm 19:7.

15. That sanctification is commanded for the people of God.

*John 17:17; Acts 26:18;
I Corinthians 1:2; 6:11;
II Timothy 2:21; Hebrews 13:12;
I Peter 3:15; Jude 1.*

To be sanctified means to be "set apart for a holy purpose." It is a work of God, as illustrated in Genesis 2:3. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren..." - Hebrews 2:11. See also Hebrews 10:10.

16. That baptism is by immersion, for the remission of sins, typical of the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is performed in the name, Lord Jesus Christ, which is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the immersion, hands should be laid on the candidate by the minister (or ministers) for the reception of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 6:3-6; Matthew 3:16;
28:19; Acts 8:14-20; 9:17-18;
19:1-6; I Peter 3:21;
Galatians 3:27-28.*

17. That there is efficacy (power to produce) in the prayer of the righteous.

*Isaiah 55:6; Luke 21:36; Matthew
21:22; James 1:5-6; 5:16;
Colossians 4:2; I John 3:22; 5:14.*

18. That the laying on of hands, with the prayer of faith, and anointing with oil shall save the sick.

*James 5:14-16; Mark 6:13;
Acts 5:15-16; 9:17-18; 28:8;
Luke 9:1-2, 6.*

19. That the Lord's Supper is to be observed annually, at the beginning of the 14th day of the first month Abib as stated by the Lord in Exodus 12:2, 18; 13:4. The Lord's Supper is to be a perpetual statute until fulfilled in the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ became the Passover and was slain on the same 14th day of the first month on Calvary.

*Luke 22:8-18; I Corinthians 5:6-7;
11:23-30.*

The 14th day of the first month occurs during the time of the full moon. The new moon nearest the vernal equinox is the beginning of the first month.

20. That we ought to wash one another's feet. The Footwashing is to be a part of the Lord's Supper Service. It is to be done before the emblems of the Lord are presented. This is the order in which Jesus put

it at His Last Supper.

*John 13:1-17; Matthew 26:25, 30;
John 13:30; John 13:34-35.*

Jesus washed all twelve Apostles' feet. He then pointed out His betrayer, Judas Iscariot. After Judas leaves, Jesus institutes the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, (also unleavened) to be the emblems of His Body and His Blood. Jesus reminds us in John 13:15-17, that we should do as He did. Therefore, we must obey and follow the same procedure. (I Corinthians 5:7)

21. That we should observe the seventh day of the week, from even to even, as the Sabbath of the Lord our God.

*Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11;
31:14-17; Ezekiel 20:21; Isaiah
58:12-14; 56:2-7; Luke 4:16.*

Evening is at sunset when day ends and another day begins. No other day has ever been sanctified as the day of rest. The Sabbath Day begins at sundown on Friday and ends at sundown on Saturday.

*Mark 2:27-28; Matthew 12:10-12;
Hebrews 4:1-11; Genesis 1:5, 13-
15; Nehemiah 13:19; Mark 1:32.*

22. That the paying of the tithe (a tenth) of all increase is a continued

obligation.

*Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 6:20;
7:1-2; Deuteronomy 14:22-28;
Numbers 18:21-26;
Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 23:23;
I Corinthians 9:11-14.*

23. That we stand opposed to participation in carnal warfare as declared in our earliest constitution and belief. He who uses the sword will also be killed by the sword.

*Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22;
Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 26:52;
Revelation 13:10; Romans 12:19-21.*

Since governments allow selective service for non-combatancy, we recognize that members may make personal decisions as to how they wish to serve their country.

24. The Bible teaches the eating of clean meats, but the eating of unclean meats is an abomination to God.

Leviticus 11:1-47; Deuteronomy 14:3-20; Leviticus 20:25-26; Isaiah 66:15-17; 65:3-4; I Timothy 4:1-6; II Corinthians 6:17-18; Revelation 21:27.

25. Partaking of and use of intoxicating liquors, alcoholic stimulants,

narcotics, tobacco and any habit-forming drug is contrary to the nature of man. Man's body is the Temple of God.

*Proverbs 31:4-5; 23:29-32;
Daniel 1:8, 12; Luke 21:34;
Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:21;
I Corinthians 5:11; 6:10.*

That everything we can eat and drink be sanctified with the Word of God and with prayer and that it be partaken of in moderation.

*I Corinthians 9:25; 3:16-17;
Colossians 2:21-23, 16-19;
I Timothy 4:4-5.*

26. The lot system is the Biblical method for choosing officers for the general body down to the local congregation. God is in the disposition of the lot when His guidance is asked for with fasting and praying.

Proverbs 16:33; 18:18; Acts 1:15-26; Jonah 1:7; Acts 13:16, 19; 8:21.

27. That the perfection and continuation of the Law of God, the Ten Commandments, should be taught and adhered to. It is the perfect "law of liberty," it is "holy, just and good," and a "royal law."

James 2:8, 10-11; Romans 7:12; Deuteronomy 5:1, 21; Psalm 19:7-8; Isaiah 42:21; Matthew 5:17-32;

19:17; I John 5:3; Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14.

Jesus was asked: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer that Jesus gave is so conclusive: "Keep the commandments!" Then Jesus quoted His Father's Ten Commandments. (Luke 10:25; 18:18-20; Mark 10:18-19)

28. That justification from sins is through the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

John 1;29; Romans 3:14-26; 4:24-25; 5:1; 7:24-25.

Justification is the judicial act of the Lord to declare a sinner free from guilt or free from the condemnation of sin. The faith that brings about the working of Christ justifying righteousness is a full and living one. The justified person does not come into judgment.

After we have been justified, we become sanctified by the truth of God's Word.

John 17:19; I Corinthians 1:2, 30; 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 2:11; 10:10.

When a person is baptized (buried with Christ) he should strive not to sin any more. (Romans 6:1-6) Sin is the trans-

gression of the Law of God (the Ten Commandments). (I John 3:4-5) In Jesus was no sin.

He lived a sinless life, but the death which He died is what saves the believer and rescues him from his sins and the Second Death. (Revelation 5:9; John 3:14-16; Acts 17:3; Revelation 14:13; 20:6)

29. That Christ is a mediator, not an investigator. That there is no such thing as an investigative judgement in heaven, but we are instructed to examine ourselves.

*II Corinthians 13:5; I Timothy 2:5;
Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24;
I Corinthians 11:28, 31-32;
Romans 8:1.*

30. That Jesus Christ completed the atonement on the cross. That the two goats of the Old Testament Day of Atonement made an atonement together, one representing the crucified Jesus and the other the resurrected Jesus.

*Leviticus 16:9-10; Romans 5:10-12;
I Corinthians 15:21-23.*

The Lord's goat and the scapegoat made an atonement together. The Lord's goat was sacrificed, representing the crucified Jesus. The scapegoat was taken alive into the wilderness. This repre-

sents the alive and resurrected Jesus who is away from camp, but is still interceding and making atonement for us at the throne of God. We are saved by Christ's death as well as His life.

Hebrews 10:19-21

Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Further we read: "Without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). Therefore, we need the "precious blood of Jesus Christ," to save us from our sins. (I Peter 1:18-21) This blood is the power of our sanctification (Hebrews 13:12).

31. That the tabernacle which God pitched, and not man, is the heaven and earth. The earth is the holy place and the heaven the most holy. That Christ's flesh (or body) which was crucified on the cross was the veil between. That when Jesus died on the cross the vail was rent in twain making the way into the holiest (or heaven itself) open to all the saints, through prayer, to come to God.

*Hebrews 8:1-2; 10:19-20; 4:15-16;
Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 66:1-2;
Acts 7:48-50; Mark 15:37-38.*

The rending of the vail in the temple meant a number of important things, es-

pecially:

(1) Free access by prayer to God through Jesus Christ instead of coming to the temple (at least three times a year) Hebrews 10:19-20; 9:8-14.

(2) The end of the law contained in sacrifices and ordinances. (Ephesians 2:14-15).

(3) Blotted out the law of ordinances by nailing them to the cross. (Colossians 2:14, 16-17)

(4) Removed all nationalistic and social distinctions. (Galatians 3:13, 27-28; 4:21-31)

(5) Took away some of the powers of Satan. (Colossians 2:15)

32. The dead are unconscious in their graves and immortality is conditional.

*I Thessalonians 4:13-14; Job 14:12-14; Psalm 6:5; 115:17; 146:3-4;
Isaiah 26:19; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6;
Acts 11:34; I Corinthians 15:51-56;
Hebrews 11:39, 13.*

When God formed Adam, out of the dust of the ground, and before Adam could live, God breathed the breath of life into his body: "And man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). See also

Ezekiel 18:4, 20. Psalm 146:4 says, "His (man's) breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth (dust); IN THAT VERY DAY HIS THOUGHTS PERISH." Man will remain mortal until the day of resurrection. (John 5:28)

33. That the First Angel's Message of Revelation 14:6-7, the hour of God's judgment, and the everlasting gospel was preached to the world during the early days of the Church of God and is still a continued message today.

John 9:39; 12:31; Romans 1:29-32; 10:15; 2:1-2; I Timothy 5:24; Hebrews 9:27; I Peter 4:17; Acts 16:9-10; 15:7; Galatians 1:8-9; Romans 1:16; Acts 24:25.

34. That the Second Angel's Message of Revelation 14:8 was preached by the Church of God in the wilderness during the dark ages, warning the people of the apostate doctrines of Babylon. This message is still being sounded today.

II Thessalonians 2:6-7; Revelation 17:5, 9, 18.

35. That the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14:9-12 is a present day message, and will continue to the second advent of the Lord Jesus. This message is a warning against

the "wrath of God" which is the seven last plagues. These plagues are literal and fall at the termination of the Gospel Age. We should not obey pagan doctrines, or traditions, of apostate Babylon, which are contrary to the Scriptures. All who oppose the Bible doctrines, especially the Commandments of God, shall receive the plagues, or wrath of God. Therefore, the Third Angel's Message is a warning to all mankind to escape the indignation of God.

Revelation 18:4; 14:17-20; 6:14-17; 11:15-19; Isaiah 26:20-21; Ezekiel 21:31-32.

The trumpets of Revelation (chapters 8-11) are the same as the vials of Revelation 16 and point out the dreadfulness of God's indignation and wrath.

36. The beast of Revelation 13:1-10 and the 17th chapter is the Pagan Roman Empire. That the mouth given to the beast of Revelation 13:5-6, and the woman rider of the 17th chapter is the Papacy. The golden cup in her hand is full of abomination and filthiness of her sins and represents the false doctrines and traditions of Pagan Rome, which the Papacy has made into so-called Christian doctrines but are not ac-

ording to the Scriptures at all.

Here are summed up some of the pagan practices that have been claimed by Protestants, as well as Catholics, to be Christian, but are not:

Easter, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, All Saints' Day, Christmas, Halloween, A Trinity, Infant Baptism, Purgatory, etc.

That these two beasts, the one in Revelation 13 and the other one in Revelation 17, are the same. This is proven by Daniel the Prophet in chapter 7 where we see four beasts: the Lion - Babylon, the bear - Medo-Persia, the Leopard - Greece and the Roman beast which engulfed all the territory of the other three beasts is the beast of Revelation 13 and 17, and they also have seven heads and ten horns.

37. That the return of Jesus will be literal, visible, personal and is imminent.

Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Matthew 24:23-31; Revelation 1:7; II Peter 3:10-12.

38. That the Second Coming of Christ will be in two parts: (1) the Reaping Phase and (2) the Warring Phase. This is expressed by the

Apostle Paul as the "Parousia" and the "Epiphany" (Titus 2:13).

There is much detailed Scripture concerning the two phases of Christ's return. Christ comes first for the saints and His Church. He comes only as far as the clouds and air. The saints are caught up to meet Him. (Revelation 14:14-20; I Corinthians 15:51; I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Matthew 13:39; 24:30-31; 25:31-33; Ephesians 5:27)

The above verses all prove the "reaping phase" of the second advent. The next group of Scriptures prove the "Warring phase" or the time Jesus touches the earth at the Mt. of Olives. (Revelation 19:11-16; 17:13-14; II Peter 3:3-7; Ezekiel 39:4-11)

Jesus is "The King of Saints," in the first phase of His coming. (Revelation 15:3) Jesus is called "King of Kings," when He comes at the second phase. (Revelation 11:15; 19:15-16; 17:14)

Jesus returns to punish unrighteousness and to destroy the wicked.

II Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:11-16; 17:14; 16:15-16; 18:18-21; Zechariah 14:1-4, 16-20; Isaiah 66:15-16.

He returns to liberate the literal (twelve tribes) Children of Israel. Revelation 1;7; Jeremiah 23:6-8; Zechariah 8:22-23; 13:1-2; Ezekiel 37:24-27; Malachi 3:2-3.

39. That the Sea of Glass to which the saints are caught up IS the New Jerusalem, which comes down with the Lord Jesus Christ at the Reaping Phase of the Second Coming of Christ. It is the reward of the saints and home of the saved.

John 14:1-13; Hebrews 11:16; Galatians 4:25-26; Hebrews 13:14; Revelation 15:1-3; 22:12-14.

40. That the New Jerusalem - The City of God - is the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. The saints are the invited guests to the marriage of the Lamb and adorn the City of God (the Sea of Glass) with their wedding garments - the righteousness of Christ. Jesus and the saints will dwell in this golden city (clear as crystal, Revelation 21:11-12) and rule the nations and people left after the battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 5;9-10; 15:1-4; 19:7-9; Luke 14;15; Matthew 25:10; 22:2-9; John 3:29; Revelation 20 (the whole chapter)

The New Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven at the reaping phase of the second coming as shown in Revelation 21:2 where John saw the City of God coming down out of heaven, and verse nine shows that the seven last plagues have NOT been poured out. The saints will be in the City and will be safe from the plagues. (Isaiah 4:6; Psalm 91:1-9; Ezekiel 48:35)

The kingdoms of the world come to an end at the end of the thousand year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Revelation 11:15; Revelation 19:15-16; I Corinthians 15:24; Psalm 24:7-10; Zechariah 14:9, 20)

41. This Millennium is the time when the "meek shall inherit the earth" and shall dwell on it in safety and peace. After the Millennium, the Kingdom is turned over to the Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10; Matthew 5:5; Psalm 37:11; I Corinthians 15:24-28; Zechariah 14:9; Revelation 2:26-27; 5:9-10; Revelation 12:5; 17:14; 19:15-16.

42. That at the end of Christ's thousand year reign Satan shall be loosed "for a little season." Satan tries, for the last time, to destroy the

works of God. He encompasses the City of God. The last act of Christ is to destroy "death and hell." ("hell" means the place of the dead) This is the termination of the "second death."

Isaiah 14:15-16, 19; I Corinthians 15:21-28; Revelation 20:7-15.

Fire comes "down out of heaven" and destroys those that come against the City of God. Satan is put into the "Lake of fire."

43. That the dispersed nation of fleshly Israel is now being regathered. It is the whole house of Israel made up of twelve tribes.

Ezekiel 36 and 37 chapters; Jeremiah 30 to 33 chapters; Amos 9; Hosea 3:4-5; Joel 3:1; Isaiah 61:4; Ezekiel 39:22-29.

44. That the 144,000 of Revelation 7 and 14 are of the literal twelve tribes of Israel. They were the "firstfruits" unto God and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) being the called out ones (the faithful) of Israel by Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

Revelation 7:4-9; 14:1-6; James 1:1, 18; Romans 11:17; 11:1-9.

Israel saints were the firstfruits and the "elect of grace." (Romans 8:23)

45. That the throne of David will be established at the earthly Jerusalem by Jesus Christ. David will be Israel's Prince. The Apostles will be judges over the twelve tribes of Israel. That the heathen, those who have never heard of the "fame and glory of the Lord" shall be the subjects of the universal kingdom.

Daniel 2:3-35, 44-45; 7:13-14, 27; Revelation 20:4; Isaiah 9:7; 24:20-23; 66:15-21; Jeremiah 33:17; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Zechariah 12:8; Isaiah 66:15-21; Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:29-30; Zechariah 14:8-9.

46. That the Spirit of prophecy is the Word of God, The Bible.

Revelation 19:10; 1:1-3; John 5:39.

Nothing should be added or taken away from God's Holy Word.

Revelation 22:18-19; 2:25; Proverbs 30:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32.

The Word of God is not to be privately interpreted and is not to be privately interposed.

II Peter 1:19-21; Isaiah 8:20; II Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 1:11.

47. That the Church of God stands opposed to divorce and remarriage

for any cause except as recorded in Matthew 19:9.

Matthew 5:31-32; Luke 16:18; Mark 10:2-9; Titus 1:6; I Timothy 3:2.

The Word of God is full of warnings against breaking the seventh commandment. This Law of God embraces all the sins committed against the body. "Every sin that man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication (any kind of adultery) sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?...ye are NOT YOUR OWN." (I Corinthians 7:15-20; Romans 1:24-27; 2:2, 22; Galatians 5:19)

We recommend all members of the Church to marry in the faith and be married by a Church of God minister.

48. That there are two general resurrections. That of the righteous and of the wicked. The righteous will be raised to eternal life while the wicked are raised to final judgment and annihilation.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:5-6; John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:46; Acts 17:31; 24:15; Malachi 4:1-3.

Any minister who teaches any doctrine

contrary to any point of our essentials of faith as is taught by the body, and published through our literature, either by precept or example, shall not be considered a minister of the Church of God.

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