



FOREWORD

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**DOCTRINAL BELIEFS OF  
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**1. The Bible**

The Holy Bible (consisting of the two parts commonly known as the Old Testament and the New Testament) is the divinely inspired Word of God. No other writing is of such divine origin. The Bible is infallible in teaching, and it contains the complete revelation of the plan of salvation and of the instruction and will of God for man.

2 Pet. 1:20, 21: Not the work of man but the product of the Holy Ghost.

2 Tim. 3:16: All Scriptures given by inspiration of God.

Isa. 45:23: It is the Word of God.

John 17:17: God's Word is truth.

Prov. 30:6: Not to add to His words.

Rev. 22:18, 19: Not to add to or take away.

1 Chron. 16:15: Word commanded to 1000 generations.

Matt. 24:35: God's words never pass away.

Heb. 4:12: Is quick and powerful and discernor of thoughts.

2 Tim. 3:17: Sufficient to insure perfection.

**2. God, the Creator**

The supreme Deity of the universe is God—the heavenly Father. He is the almighty Creator and sustainer of the heavens, the earth, and all things therein.

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Gen. 1:1. God created heaven and earth.  
Acts 14:15: Made heaven, earth, sea, and all things therein. (Same in: Acts 17: 24-28; Neh. 9:6; Psa. 124:8; Rev. 14:7.)  
Isa. 40:26, 23: Created heavenly bodies and calls them by name.  
Isa. 44:24: Made all things, stretched forth heavens and spreadeth abroad earth alone.

### 3. Jesus, the Son of God

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born to Mary, a virgin. He is the Christ, or Messiah, sent from God to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

John 3:16: Is only begotten Son of God. (Same in: 1 John 4:9 and John 1:18.)  
John 6:55: Christ speaks of His Father.  
Matt. 14:33: Men recognized Him as Son of God.  
Matt. 16:16: Peter declared He was Son of living God.  
Luke 1:26-32: Mary told she would bear a son, Jesus—Son of the Highest.  
Titus 2:14: Gave self to redeem from iniquity.  
Acts 4:12: Salvation in none other; saved only by Him.  
Matt. 3:17: Said to be "beloved Son" by Voice from heaven at baptism.

### 4. The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit (also called the Holy Ghost) is the Comforter whom Christ promised to send to take His place after His departure. Through the Holy Spirit Christ abides in the hearts of those who diligently seek Him.

2 Pet. 3:9: Lord not willing any perish, but that all should come to repentance.  
John 3:16: God gave Son; salvation through Him.  
John 10:1, 7, 9: Christ is door to salvation; must enter by Him.  
Acts 4:10-12: Salvation only in name of Christ.  
Rom. 5:11: Atonement (reconciliation) comes through Christ.  
Heb. 4:15: Sacrifice accepted because He had not sinned.  
1 Pet. 2:24: Christ bore sins on cross; healed by stripes.  
1 John 2:2-4: Christ is advocate and propitiation for sins.  
Heb. 9:13: Christ's blood purges from dead works.  
Heb. 9:28: Salvation received at Christ's coming.

### 8. The Blood of Christ

By the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary, Christ provided a full, complete, and immediate sacrificial atonement for sin for all mankind.

Matt. 26:28: Christ shed blood to remit sins.  
Rom. 5:6-9: Justified by blood and saved from wrath.  
Rom. 5:11: Atonement for sin made when Christ died.  
Rom. 3:25: Sins remitted through faith in Christ's blood.  
Col. 1:19-23: Blood of Christ reconciled all to God, but acceptableness with God contingent upon faith.  
1 Pet. 1:18, 19: Redeemed by blood of perfect Lamb—Christ.  
1 John 1:7: Christ's blood cleanses from

By His Holy Spirit, God reveals Bible truth unto men and gives power to witness for Christ. Evidence of His presence is manifested in lives by words spoken, by "fruit of the Spirit," and by keeping the commandments of God.

John 14:16, 17, 26: Called the Spirit of truth and Comforter.  
John 16:13: Will guide into all truth and show things to come.  
Luke 11:9-13: Father gives to those who ask Him.  
Acts 1:8: Gives power to witness for Christ.  
Rom. 5:5: Sheds (bestows) love of God in hearts of believers.  
Gal. 5:22, 23: Produces good fruit.  
1 Cor. 12:7-11: Bestows nine special gifts.  
1 John 3:24: Dwells in those who keep commandments.

### 5. Satan

Satan is "that old serpent, which is called the Devil, and Satan." He is the adversary of God and of His people.

Rev. 20:2: Called "dragon," "old serpent," and "Devil."  
1 Pet. 5:8: Is man's adversary.  
2 Cor. 11:14: Transforms himself into an angel of light.  
Matt. 13:39: Sows bad seed to deceive and make followers for himself.  
Eph. 6:11-13: Need armor of God to withstand him.  
Luke 10:18: Christ saw Satan fall from heaven.  
John 8:44: Was murderer from beginning; is a liar and father of it.

Rev. 12:9: He and angels cast out into earth.  
Rev. 20:10: His end to be lake of fire.

### 6. The Fall of Man

Man was created a perfect, sinless being, but through disobedience he became a sinner. This caused imperfection, the curse of God, and death to come upon all mankind.

Gen. 1:26-31: Created in image and likeness of God; God said all He made was good.  
Gen. 3:8-20: Disobeyed by eating forbidden fruit; cursed with sorrow, hardship, and death and driven from Garden of Eden.  
1 Cor. 15:21, 22: Death came by man (Adam); made alive in Christ.  
Rom. 5:12: Death is result of sin and all are charged with it.

### 7. The Plan of Salvation

The Plan of Salvation was designed by God the Father as the way for man to escape the death penalty pronounced upon him after he (Adam and Eve) had sinned. The key to this plan is His Son, Christ, whom He sent to the earth to redeem man from the curse of sin. Here He accomplished this by living sinlessly, dying and shedding His blood sacrificially, and rising from the grave triumphant over death. Therefore, the Father accepted His Son's death as payment of the death penalty, thus making possible a pardon for sin and eternal life for all who will accept this Plan of Salvation by believing in and accepting Christ as their Saviour and Redeemer.

Acts 20:28: Christ purchased Church of God with His blood.  
 Eph. 1:7: Redemption and forgiveness of sin through His blood.  
 Heb. 13:12: Sanctified by the blood of Christ.  
 Rev. 1:5: Washed from sins by Christ's blood.

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(where possible) for wrongs committed, and baptism by immersion in water to signify the burial of the old life of sin and the arising to a new life of service and obedience to God. Complying with the terms of the gospel will result in conversion or a change of nature from the old sinful way of life to the new Christian way of life.

## 9. Accepting Christ

In order to receive the benefits of the Plan of Salvation, an individual must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as his personal Saviour, obey the terms of the gospel, and pattern his life after the example set by Christ.

Acts 4:12: No salvation except through Christ.  
 Luke 24:47: Repentance and remission of sins to be preached.  
 Rom. 10:9, 10: Confess Christ with mouth and believe in resurrection to be saved.  
 1 John 5:10-13: Eternal life is in Christ; no life without Him.  
 Rom. 6:16-18: Righteousness comes by obeying doctrine (terms of the gospel).  
 Mark 1:15: Christ said: "Repent... and believe the gospel."  
 1 Pet. 2:21: Christ set example to be followed.  
 John 13:15: Christ set example in foot-washing.  
 1 Cor. 11:1: Paul followed Christ; said follow him.

## 10. The Terms of the Gospel

The terms of the gospel include faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ, confes-

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enjoins the people of God to observe the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday. It is to be observed as sacred and holy from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday. It was given as a memorial of creation, and is a day to be used for rest and worship, and secular work is to be excluded.

Gen. 2:3: God blessed and sanctified it.  
 Ex. 20:8-11: Enjoined in fourth commandment.  
 Matt. 5:18: Law to stand as long as the earth, therefore so will the Sabbath.  
 Heb. 4:4-9: No other day instituted as the Sabbath; Jesus mentioned no other day.  
 Luke 4:16: It was Jesus' custom to observe the Sabbath.  
 Luke 23:56: Women observed Sabbath when Jesus died.  
 Matt. 28:1: Sabbath is the day preceding the first day of the week.  
 Lev. 23:32: Sabbaths observed from even to even.  
 Acts 13:14, 42, 44: Paul and company observed the Sabbath.  
 Acts 13:4-11: Paul observed Sabbath for 18 months.  
 Acts 16:13: Paul and women observed Sabbath.  
 Mark 2:27, 28: Sabbath made for man and Christ is Lord of it.

## 13. The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance given to the Church as a memorial of the death of Christ, and it is to be observed annually on the beginning of the day corresponding to the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month Nisan (or Abib). Unleavened bread and the

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Heb. 11:6: Can't please God without faith in Him.  
 John 14:1: Must also believe in Christ.  
 1 John 5:5: Overcome world by believing in Christ.  
 Gal. 3:26: Children of God by Faith in Christ.  
 Num. 5:7: Sins must be confessed.  
 1 John 1:9: Sins be forgiven if confessed.  
 Acts 2:38: Repentance and baptism necessary for remission of sins.  
 Luke 13:3: Will perish unless repent.  
 Acts 3:19: Conversion also necessary.  
 Eph. 4:21-25: Must put off old man; put on new—possess a new nature and new spirit.  
 Luke 19:8: Zacchaeus set example of restitution.  
 Gal. 3:27: Put on Christ.  
 Matt. 3:16: John baptized Christ IN (not WITH) water.  
 Acts 8:38: Philip baptized the eunuch IN (not WITH) water.

## 11. The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments constitute the eternal, basic law of God for the conduct of His people. These commandments were given by God to be observed by His people from the time they were proclaimed, and

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inasmuch as none of them has been revoked or changed, they are still to be observed in their entirety.

Ex. 20:2-17: The Ten Commandments listed.  
 Deut. 9:10: Written by finger of God on stone.  
 Matt. 5:17: Christ did not destroy the law.  
 Matt. 19:16-22: Young man told to keep the commandments.  
 Matt. 5:18: To stand as long as heaven and earth.  
 James 2:8-12: Called "royal law" and "law of liberty."  
 1 Cor. 7:19: Keeping commandments very important ("everything" according to Moffatt translation).  
 1 John 2:4: Knowledge of God shown by keeping commandments.  
 1 John 3:4: Sin is the transgression of the law.  
 Rom. 3:20: By the law is the knowledge of sin.  
 1 John 5:3: Commandments not grievous.  
 Established in the New Testament:  
 (1st) Matt. 4:10  
 (2nd) 1 John 5:21; Acts 17:29  
 (3rd) 1 Tim. 6:1  
 (4th) Mark 2:27, 28; Heb. 4:4, 10; Col. 1:16  
 (5th) Matt. 19:19  
 (6th) Rom. 13:9  
 (7th) Matt. 19:18  
 (8th) Rom. 13:9  
 (9th) Rom. 13:9  
 (10th) Rom. 7:7

## 12. The Sabbath

The fourth commandment of the Decalogue

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juice) should be used in this service as emblems of the broken body and shed blood of Christ.

- 1 Cor. 11:1, 2: Ordinances given to the Church.
- Mark 14:22-25: Consists of eating bread (unleavened) and drinking "fruit of the vine."
- 1 Cor. 11:20-34: Paul calls new ordinance "the Lord's Supper," restates and stresses importance.
- 1 Cor. 11:24-26: Ordinance commemorates Christ's death.
- Matt. 26:17-29; Luke 22:7-21: Jesus instituted new ordinance the night He ate the Passover with the twelve.
- Lev. 23:5: Passover was 14th of first month.
- Luke 22:29, 30; Matt. 26:29: To be observed in the Kingdom.

#### 14. Feet Washing

The ordinance of feet washing was given by Jesus as an example of humility, and it is to be practiced in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

- John 13:1-5: Instituted following supper.
- John 13:6-12: Jesus washed disciples' feet.
- John 13:13-17: Jesus instructed that this act should be continued.
- Luke 14:11; James 4:10: Christ taught humility.

#### 15. Church Organization

Although salvation is obtained by exercising faith in Christ and accepting Him

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Acts 10:9-14: Peter (after Christ's resurrection) recognized that there were clean and unclean animals.

Rev. 18:2: John (also after the resurrection) mentions unclean birds.

#### 19. Unclean and Defiling Habits

Children of God are temples of the Holy Spirit; therefore, they should refrain from all practices which would defile their bodies and make them unclean in the eyes of God, for He will destroy those who pollute themselves. Thus, Christians must overcome all fleshly lusts, refrain from smoking, chewing, and snuffing tobacco, the drinking of intoxicating liquors, and from using narcotic drugs unless such drugs are prescribed by a licensed physician for health reasons.

- 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16-18: Believers are God's temple; if kept clean He will dwell therein.
- 1 Cor. 3:17: God will destroy defilers of His temple.
- 2 Cor. 7:1: To guard against filthiness of the flesh.
- 1 John 2:15-17: John warns against fleshly lust.
- James 1:14, 15: Lust results in death.
- Gal. 5:19-21: Works of flesh listed which will bar the offender from the Kingdom of God.
- Eph. 5:18: Not to be drunk with wine.

#### 20. Carnal Warfare

Inasmuch as Christians are to love their enemies and to work for the salvation of mankind, the Church of God stands opposed to carnal warfare.

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non (patterned after biblical examples) is Scriptural and expedient. Its purpose is to provide a means of cooperation whereby the gospel of salvation can be proclaimed effectively, true Bible standards and doctrines can be established, and members of the family of God can enjoy fellowship together.

- 1 Cor. 12:27-30; Eph. 4:10-17: Components of the body of Christ.
- Eph. 2:19, 20: Christ is cornerstone of household of God.
- Heb. 13:7: Those who proclaim the Word to have rule, or authority.
- Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:2-7: Elders to have spiritual oversight and preach the Word.
- 1 Tim. 3:1-13: Bishops and deacons also ordained.
- Acts 6:1-8: Apostles appointed seven to look after the widows.
- Acts 1:23-26: Judas replaced by Matthias.
- 1 Cor. 12:27-30: Makeup of the body of Christ—the Church.

#### 16. Church Name

The Bible name for the Church is: Church of God. This is the only name which is to be used by the organization of the Church.

- Eph. 3:14, 15: Family (or church) of God to be named after Him.
- Dan. 9:19: God's people called by His name.
- John 17:11, 12: Christ's followers to be kept in Father's name.
- Acts 20:17, 28: Elders told to feed "church of God."
- 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:22; 15:9; 1 Tim. 3:15: Paul recognized believers as "church of God."
- Deut. 28:10: Children of Israel called by God's name.

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#### 17. Church Financing

The Bible plan for financing the church's work of preaching the gospel is for its members to pay tithes and give offerings. The tithe is one-tenth of the increase and should be paid as a part of the Christian obligation.

Offerings are separate from tithes and are also expected from God's people as another part of their Christian duty and are to be given freely and liberally as they are prospered of Him.

- Lev. 27:30: The tithe belongs to the Lord.
- Lev. 27:32: The tithe is the tenth.
- Deut. 14:22, 28: Increase to be tithed.
- Matt. 23:23: Christ preached tithe paying.
- Mal. 3:10: Blessing promised for tithe paying.
- 1 Cor. 9:13, 14: Ministers to live of the gospel.
- Mal. 3:8, 9: God is robbed when tithes and offerings not paid.
- Luke 21:4: Christ paid tribute to widow for her offering.

#### 18. Law of Clean and Unclean

God's people are to use for food only those animals, birds, and fishes which were given by Him for that purpose, as distinguished from those designated in the Bible as unclean for human use.

- Gen. 7:1, 2, 20: Animals and birds classified as clean and unclean in Noah's time.
- Lev. 11:4-23; Deut. 14:3-20: Clean and unclean listed.
- Isa. 66:15-17: Those who are eating swine, mice, and other unclean flesh when Christ comes will be consumed.

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Rom. 12:17: Not to recompense evil for evil.

Rom. 12:19, 20: Not to seek revenge: do good to enemy.

John 18:36: Servants of Jesus not to fight.  
Matt. 26:51, 52: Perish by the sword if use the sword

Matt. 5:44: Christians are to love enemies.  
2 Cor. 10:4: Christians to use spiritual weapons.

Rom. 12:21: Are to overcome evil with good.

Prov. 16:7: God makes enemies to be at peace.

## 21. Prayer

God's people are to pray to Him in the name of Jesus, their Mediator and High Priest, who is at the right hand of God in heaven. Only prayer uttered in the name of Jesus Christ is efficacious, and those who earnestly call upon Him will have their needs supplied in accordance with God's will for them.

1 Tim. 2:8: Men (including women) are to pray everywhere.

Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17: To pray always, without ceasing.

Phil. 4:6: Use prayer to request and to thank.

John 14:13, 14: Are to pray to God in Christ's name.

Heb. 4:14-16: Christ touched by infirmities; grants mercy and grace if we ask boldly.

1 Tim. 2:5: Christ mediates between God and man.

Rom. 8:34: Christ intercedes at right hand of God.

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(John 19:14, 42): "...the preparation of the passover."

Note: Wednesday proves to have been the crucifixion day, inasmuch as it was "three days and three nights" prior to "the end of the sabbath" (at which time the tomb was found empty), and the Sabbath was the resurrection day.

## 25. The Kingdom

The Kingdom is divided into three phases: (1) The Spiritual Kingdom of Grace, (2) the Millennial Reign of Christ, and (3) the Eternal Kingdom of God.

The present age is the Kingdom of Grace during which Christ reigns in the hearts of the believers through the Holy Spirit.

During the millennium, Christ will personally reign on the throne of His glory, and the redeemed will reign jointly with Him.

Following the millennium will be the third phase, The Eternal Kingdom of God, in which God will be all in all.

Col. 1:12-14: Now translated into kingdom (Gr.: "royalty, realm")—spiritually.

1 Pet. 2:5-9: Now part of the spiritual house.

Rom. 12:2: Not to be conformed to world now.

Acts 26:18: Delivered from darkness in spiritual phase.

Heb. 4:6: Throne of grace is approached spiritually now.

Matt. 25:31, 32: During millennial (or Second) phase Christ will be physically on earth:

(1) 1 Cor. 15:24-28: subduing and restoring and

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God's will is heard.

Matt. 7:7, 8: Don't receive unless ask.

James 1:6: Faith must accompany prayer.

Matt. 6:7: Use not vain repetitions.

Matt. 6:9-13: Christ gave a model prayer.

## 22. Prayer for the Sick

God hears and answers both the individual and the collective prayer of faith in behalf of the sick. It is also Scriptural for the sick to call for the elders of the church to anoint them with oil and pray for their recovery.

James 5:13, 14: Sick to call for elders to anoint and pray for them.

James 5:15, 16: Prayer saves sick; is very profitable; pray for one another.

Psa. 103:3: No disease God can't heal.

2 Kings 20:1-6: Hezekiah prayed when sick; God rewarded.

Acts 5:16: Many were healed by apostles' prayers.

Acts 19:11, 12: Sick were healed by anointed handkerchiefs.

Acts 28:8: Publius' father healed by prayer.

## 23. Pre-existence of Christ

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was in the plan of salvation before the foundation of the world. He was the Word spoken of in John 1:1, 2, and His birth of the virgin Mary was in fulfillment of, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

John 1:1, 2: Word was in the beginning: was God and with God.

John 1:14: Word was made flesh.

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John 8:56-58: Abraham saw Christ's day: Christ said: "Before Abraham was, I am."

Gen. 11:7: At Babel Lord said: "Let us..."

John 17:5: Christ had glory with Father before world was.

Col. 1:16-18: By Christ all things created: He is before all things.

1 Cor. 10:1-9: "Rock" in Moses' time was Christ.

John 13:3; 16:27, 28: Jesus came from God.

## 24. Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ

Jesus was crucified on the day of the week commonly known as Wednesday, and was placed in the tomb just before sundown of that day. Just before sundown the following weekly Sabbath—three days and three nights (or 72 hours) later—He arose from the grave, thus fulfilling the prophecy He uttered concerning this event as recorded in Matthew 12:39, 40.

Matt. 12:39, 40: Christ to be in earth three days and three nights.

1 Cor. 15:3, 4: Christ rose third day after burial.

Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1-9: No one saw Christ rise.

Every visitor found tomb empty, even "in the end of the Sabbath."

John 19:31-42: Placed in tomb on day before the sabbath—an "high day" sabbath and not weekly. Crucifixion day also called:

(Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54): "...the preparation... before the sabbath," and

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(2) Rev. 20:6: the righteous reigning with Him.

Note: See Scriptures under Article 26-C 32- which further reveal and describe conditions during this second phase, and also see Scriptures under Article 27 for information about the third phase of the Kingdom.

## 26. Millennial Reign of Christ

Christ will establish His Kingdom on the earth at His second advent, where the redeemed will reign with Him for 1000 years. This is the "regeneration" period (Matt. 19: 28) and also the "times of restitution" (Acts 3:21).

During this millennial age Christ puts all enemies, including death, under His feet, and at the close of it He turns the Kingdom over to God the Father.

Acts 3:21; Matt. 19:28: Time for restitution and regeneration.

Zech. 14:1-9: Begins with "the day of the Lord"; comes to Mt. Olives; Lord becomes king over all the earth.

1 Cor. 15:24-28; Mic. 4:7: Christ reigns until all enemies are subdued—in Mt. Zion—then turns Kingdom to Father.

Rev. 11:15: World kingdoms to become Christ's.

Rev. 19:11-16: To rule nations as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Rev. 20:4, 6; Rev. 5:10: Righteous reign with Christ 1000 years—on earth.

Dan. 7:27: Kingdom to be given to saints.

Matt. 25:31-34: Time to separate "sheep from the goats."

Isa. 2:2, 3; Mic. 4:1, 2: Nations come to

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taking place in the political, religious, physical, and social world which reveals to them that the advent of Christ is very near.

2 Pet. 1:19-21: Prophecy is sure; is a light in darkness; comes by divine inspiration.

Rom. 15:4: Things written aforetime for learning and to give hope.

Psa. 119:105: Word is a lamp that reveals.

Matt. 24:1-41; Luke 21:25-27: Christ prophesied many events.

Luke 17:26-31: Prevailing conditions before Christ's return foretold.

Rev. 11:18: Angry nations sign of end.

2 Tim. 4:3, 4: Failure to listen to sound doctrine and truth sign of times.

2 Tim. 3:1-7: Men being self-lovers, lovers of pleasure, unreliable, disobedient, unthankful, unholy, ungodly, and seducers and the increasing of evil are signs of last days.

## 31. State of the Dead

There is no consciousness in death. Both the body and the soul sleep in the grave until they are resurrected.

1 Cor. 15:42-52: Death is state of corruption (Gr.: "decay"; changed to spiritual, incorrupt state "at the last trump.")

Rev. 20:7, 11-15: Judgment not pronounced at time of death; comes at end of millennium.

Psa. 146:4: When breath leaves, thoughts perish.

Ecc. 9:5, 6: Dead know nothing; can no longer love, hate, or be envious.

Job 17:13; 14:13: Job waits in the grave.

Job 14:14: Must wait after death until appointed time to live again.

"Lord's house"; be taught His ways and walk in His paths; law go forth from Jerusalem.

Isa. 2:4; Mic. 4:3, 4: Nations be judged and people rebuked; time of no war and none be afraid.

Isa. 65:20: Time when people live 100 years.

## 27. The New Earth

At the close of the millennium the restitution will have been completed, and the earth will have been made new—restored to its original state of perfection with all sin and the results of it having been eradicated. This new (renovated) earth will then become the eternal home of the redeemed.

2 Pet. 3:13: To look for "new heavens and a new earth."

Rev. 21:1-5: New (restored, renovated; Gr.: "fresh") heaven and earth after millennium with God present.

Prov. 10:30: Righteous never to be removed from earth.

Prov. 37:11; Matt. 5:5: Meek to inherit the earth.

## 28. Regathering of Israel

The regathering of a portion of literal Israel to the land of Palestine, as portrayed in the prophecies, is in process of fulfillment, and this is a sign that the return of Christ is not far away.

Luke 21:24: Israel dispersed into all nations; Jerusalem trodden down.

Ezek. 21:25-27: Israel to be liberated.

Jer. 31:1-14: Israel to be gathered to Zion

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(Gr.: "a permanent capitol"—Jerusalem and the area of its jurisdiction) from "coasts of the earth," or according to:

Ezek. 37:21-23: Be taken from among heathen and brought to own land to be made one nation.

Isa. 61:4: Waste places and cities to be restored.

## 29. Second Coming of Christ

The second coming of Christ will be personal and visible and for the purpose of establishing His kingdom on earth. He will come in the clouds of heaven in the same manner as He departed into heaven.

Acts 1:10, 11: Angels foretold return of Christ.

John 14:1-3: Christ promised to prepare place for saved and return to be there with them.

Rev. 1:7: Return visible—every eye to see Him.

Acts 3:20: Peter verified Christ's return. Job 19:25-27: Christ to stand upon earth "at the latter day."

## 30. Prophecy and Signs of Its Fulfillment

Prophecy has not been just the guesses, imagination, or speculation of men. All Bible prophecy was penned by holy men of God after the Holy Spirit had revealed future events to them. It was given so that those who studied it might know where they were on the highway of time, and today students of the Bible can see signs of prophetic fulfillment in much that is

John 11:11-14: Lazarus was in grave "asleep" when dead.

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### 32. The Resurrection of the Dead

At the second advent of Christ the righteous dead will be awakened from their sleep of death and brought forth from their graves to receive immortality. After the 1,000-year reign of Christ, the wicked dead will be resurrected to be judged and punished.

Acts 24:15: A resurrection of both just and unjust.

John 5:28, 29: All in graves to come forth—some to life and some to damnation (death).

1 Thess. 4:13-17: Righteous dead resurrected at Christ's coming and are with Him thereafter.

Luke 14:14: Recompense comes at the resurrection.

1 Cor. 15:53, 54: Righteous dead receive immortality at their resurrection.

Rev. 20:5, 13: Wicked dead live again after 1,000 years.

Rev. 20:11-15: A judgment at end of millennium.

### 33. Punishment of the Wicked

Those who at their death are judged by God to be wicked will be punished by being cast into a lake of fire which will completely consume and destroy them and they will become as though they had never been.

Rev. 20:15: Wicked be cast into lake of fire.

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preached by the Church of God as a warning against that evil power. This is part of the gospel, which, if accepted, will make it possible for people to escape the wrath of God.

Rev. 13:1-10: The beast described and activities told.

Rev. 14:9-11: Third angel warns against worshiping beast.

Rev. 17:3-14: More about beast that carries "the woman."

### 38. Marriage and Divorce

Marriage is a sacred ordinance instituted by God and thus belongs to the Church. Therefore, members of the Church of God should secure the services of one of their ministers to perform marriage ceremonies.

After a person has been converted and is in fellowship in the Church, divorce is not to be tolerated, except for Bible reason. However, the Church accepts those couples as being married who were united in marriage prior to their conversion, providing the marriage was recognized as being legal by civil law.

Matt. 5:27-32; Matt. 19:3-9: Christ's statements about marriage and divorce.

Note: For additional information and a more detailed Scriptural coverage of any of the doctrines stated herein write to the publishers, and it will be gladly supplied without cost. See a partial list of available literature on page 32.

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Psa. 145:20: All the wicked be destroyed.  
Mal. 4:1, 3: Wicked be burned as stubble; become ashes.

Prov. 10:29, 30: Workers of iniquity be destroyed; not inhabit the earth.

Isa. 1:28; Psa. 104:35: Sinners destroyed and consumed; be no more.

Psa. 37:20: Wicked shall perish and into smoke consume away.

2 Thess. 1:9: Wicked receive everlasting destruction.

Prov. 10:25: Wicked to pass as whirlwind.

### 34. Worldliness

The Scriptures condemn worldliness, which includes "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." Therefore Christians should not patronize such places as movie theaters, pool halls, taverns, dance halls and night clubs. They should not take part in any form of social or ballet dancing. They should avoid the excessive use of jewelry.

Gal. 5:17-21: Works of flesh are of the world and bar from the Kingdom.

Rom. 8:12-14: Not to live after the flesh.

1 John 2:15, 16: Not to love world or things in it.

John 17:16; Rom. 12:2; Titus 2:12: Children of God not of world or conformed to it.

Col. 3:1-10: Not to set affection on things of earth; abstain from fornication, idolatry, anger, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, and lying, which are of the world.

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Angels Days

The days commonly known as Christmas, Lent, Easter, Good Friday, and Sunday are of pagan origin and thus are not Biblical. Therefore, they should not be observed by members of the Church of God.

Jer. 10:2: Told: "Learn [or teach] not the way of the heathen" (or pagans).

Note: In addition to the Scriptures, see profane history and other reference books for origins of the afore-mentioned days.

### 36. The Seven Last Plagues

The wrath of God against sin and sinners reaches its fullness before and at the time of the second advent of Christ in the releasing of seven dreadful and devastating plagues (called "the seven last plagues") upon those "which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." These plagues represent events in the world which cause great trouble and distress. It is a part of the message of the Church to warn the world against the suffering and disaster that comes as the result of sin.

Rev. 15:1: Seven angels have seven last plagues.

Rev. 16: Seven last plagues listed and described.

### 37. The Third Angel's Message

An evil power, referred to in Scripture as "the beast," exists prior to and at the time of the second advent of Christ. A message, commonly known as the "Third An-

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