



The Essentials – WHAT WE WILL DEFEND:

Class Notes

The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible to be:

- 1) the _____ word of God,
- 2) the _____ authority for faith and life,
- 3) inerrant in Spirit,
- 4) infallible,
- 5) and God-_____.
- 6) Scripture Reference (**2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12, 13**).

The Trinity

We believe in one Triune God:

- 1) Eternally alive in three persons.
- 2) God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3) The _____ is coequal, coeternal, coexisting in the same Glory, and coauthored the creation.
- 4) We Believe in _____ from the Father through the Son by the Spirit.
- 5) Scripture Reference (**Genesis 1:3, John 1:1-5, 1:14**).

The Person and Work of Jesus Christ.

We Believe in Jesus:

- 1) We believe that God of Heaven and Earth came into human history as the man, Jesus. Jesus professed this many times (**Mark 14:61-64, John 8:58-59, John 10:30-33, John 14:8-9, John 17:5**).
- 2) He was fully _____ without ever ceasing to be God.
- 3) He was sent on mission into cultural controversy. Born _____ the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived a sinless life and redeemed sinful man (**Luke 1:35, Hebrews 4:14-16**).
- 4) We believe, because man has tried to become like God, God had to become man as our penal _____ accomplishing redemption as the Lamb of God on the Roman crossbar (**Romans 5:12-21**).
- 5) We believe that _____ in Jesus as the only means of Salvation (**John 10:1-11, John 14:6-7, Romans 10:9**).
- 6) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry as _____ Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (**Acts 1:9, 10; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2**).
- 7) We believe Jesus is _____ to judge the living and the dead (**1 Peter 4:5; Romans 14:9; 2 Timothy 4:1**).

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

- 1) As _____ and Giver of life,
- 2) who convicts the world of sin, the saints of righteousness and judgment for the prince of this world who now stands condemned (**John 16:8-13**).
- 3) By the Holy Spirit a person is led to trust in divine _____.
- 4) The Holy Spirit _____ believers to Jesus in faith, brings about the new birth and dwells within the regenerate (**2 Corinthians 3:3-6, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 1:13-14**).
- 5) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit empowers the believer for the spreading of the Gospel (**Acts 2:38**). The Holy Spirit desires to continually fill



each believer with power to witness, and imparts His _____ for the edification of the Body and the work of ministry in the world (**1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-13**).

6) _____ the gifts of the Holy Spirit that were at

work in the church of the first century are available today and are to be earnestly desired and practiced in an _____ manner.

7) The Holy Spirit has come to _____ the Son who in turn came to _____ the Father.

The Church

We believe God by His Word and Spirit creates the Church:

- 1) calling sinful men out of the whole human race into the _____ of Christ's Body.
- 2) The church is not a _____ or denomination.
- 3) The Church exists to _____ and glorify God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 4) It also exists to serve Him by faithfully doing His will in the earth.

- 5) The ascended Christ has given gift ministries to the church (including prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) for the equipping of Christ's body that it might _____ and grow.
- 6) Through the gift ministries, all members of the church are to be nurtured and equipped for the work of the ministry.

Man

We believe man:

- 1) was created in the _____ and likeness of God (**Gen 1:27**).
- 2) However, man through one choice gave away _____.
- 3) Man disobeyed God, and by doing so was not allowed to stay in Eden and continue to eat from the Tree of Life.
- 4) Therefore, man became vulnerable to corruption, and the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil (**Gen 6:5**).

- 5) Adam had sons not in God's image, but his own (**Gen 5:1-3**). Therefore, man is totally depraved, and unable to save himself by his own _____. This depravity is radical and pervasive. It extends to his mind, will and emotions.
- 6) Man is a triune being, consisting of _____, soul (mind, will & emotions), and body.
- 7) All mankind, whatever his/her character or attainments, is lost and without hope apart from salvation in Christ alone.

Seed, Time & Harvest; First Fruits

We believe that God:

- 1) will not work outside of your _____.
- 2) God's principle of "Seed, Time & Harvest" exists in every aspect of ministry and our daily walk with Christ everyday (**Gen 8:22**)
- 4) Adam & Even disobeyed God and ate His _____ (**Gen 3:6**).
- 5) Cain dishonored God and did not sacrifice the first fruits of his harvest. Able sacrificed the _____ born of his flock and offered a _____ of the fat (**Gen 4:4**).

- 6) After rescuing his nephew lot, Abram was met by Melchizedek, the priest of God most high, who blessed him. Abram then gave him a _____ of everything (**Gen 14:18**).
- 7) By faith Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. God's covenantal promise of a seed (Jesus) would through the family tree of Abram (**Gen 15:4**).
- 8) The _____ belongs to the Lord (**Lev 27:30**). If the first is made Holy, then the rest is made Holy.
- 9) He who sows sparingly shall reap _____ (**2 Cor 9:6**).