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NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION LESSON 2

WHAT WE BELIEVE

THIS LESSON IN INTENDED TO DISCLOSE FOUNDATIONAL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES THAT ARE BELIEVED, PREACHED, ADHERED TO, AND UPHELD BY FULL COUNSEL MINISTRIES.

1. **WE BELIEVE** that the Holy Bible is the inspired word of almighty God. In its' original form, it is inerrant and infallible.

2. **WE BELIEVE** that every aspect of Christian living, practice, thought and endeavor must be based on the word of God.

3. **WE BELIEVE** that there is but one God who has revealed Himself in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

4. **WE FURTHER BELIEVE** that God is sovereign, holy, perfect, and unchanging.

5. **WE BELIEVE** in the Genesis account of creation; that God is the source of all life and that all souls belong to him

6. **WE BELIEVE** that man was created in the image of God, but through disobedience fell, incurring both physical and spiritual death. All men are therefore born with a sinful nature and are separated from the eternal life of God until they are reconciled by receiving the atoning redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

7. **WE FURTHER BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin.

8. **WE BELIEVE** Jesus lived a sinless life, and being without sin, offered himself as the sin offering to atone for and completely remit the sin of mankind.

9. **WE BELIEVE** that Jesus died a physical death on the cross, thereby becoming a curse for mankind that the curse that rightfully came upon mankind through disobedience might be fulfilled and made of none effect.

10. **WE BELIEVE** that Jesus was buried and was resurrected by God on the third day following His crucifixion. After forty days, He ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God, the Father. Jesus is both the Author and Finisher of the Christian Faith and is the only mediator between man and God.

11. **WE BELIEVE** it is only through unfeigned faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord that one may attain Salvation is not earned by outward works, and there is no other means under heaven given to mankind to attain salvation, other than Redemption through Christ.

12. **WE FURTHER BELIEVE** that the public confession of Faith in Christ should be followed by water baptism. Water baptism is to be complete immersion of the convert in water and is to be rendered by the local presbytery. While water baptism does not cause the spiritual rebirth of a person, it does demonstrate that they willfully choose to follow Christ. Baptism compliments the inward work of repentance and faith in the heart of man. (James 2:18)

13. **WE FURTHER BELIEVE** that New Believer's must diligently continue growing in the Faith in order to make their calling and election sure. This includes exposing themselves to the teaching of God's Word, assembling, worshipping, and fellowshipping with other Believers, diligently growing in commitment to holy living, and guarding their relationship with God, Christ, and fellow Christians to ensure a consistent spiritual standing.

14. **WE BELIEVE** that both Heaven and Hell are literal places where the righteous and unrighteous will receive rewards or punishment in the afterlife.

15. **WE BELIEVE** God will judge all men by Christ, with those believing in Him receiving eternal life and those who believe not being eternally damned.

16. **WE BELIEVE** in the operation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as listed in **I Corinthians 12**, as being still relevant to the church of today and still intended for this age.