1. There is one living and true God, infinitely perfect in glory,

wisdom, holiness, justice, power and love, one in His essence but

eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God

the Holy Spirit. God sovereignly created the world out of nothing, so that

His creation, while wholly dependent upon Him, neither comprises part

of God, nor conditions His essential perfection (Genesis 1:2; Matthew

28:19,20).

2. The books which form the canon of the Old and New Testaments

are verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings, the only

infallible rule of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16).

3. God created man in His own image, in a state of original

righteousness, from which man subsequently fell by a voluntary revolt,

and consequently is guilty, inherently corrupt and subject to divine

wrath.

4. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, became man without ceasing to be

God uniting to His divine nature a true human nature in His incarnation,

and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures and

one person, forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the

virgin Mary, exhibited His deity by manifold miracles, fulfilled the

requirements of the Law by His sinless life, shed His blood as a vicarious

and propitiatory atonement for man’s sin, was resurrected from the dead

in the same body, now glorified. He ascended into heaven and now

intercedes in glory for His redeemed as our greatest high priest and

advocate, and as the Head of the Church and Lord of the individual

believer (Matthew 1:20,21; John 1:1-14; Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11; I Peter

3:18; I John 2:1,2; Luke 24; Acts 1:9; Hebrews 8).

5. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and

judgement, through the ministry of regeneration and sanctification

applies salvation and places believers into the Church, guides and

comforts God’s children, indwells, directs, gifts and empowers the Church

in godly living and service in order to fulfill the great commission, and

seals and keeps the believer until Christ returns (John 16:1-33; I

Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:13,14).

6. Every man, regardless of race or rank, who receives the Lord Jesus

Christ by faith is born into the family of God and receives eternal life. This

occurs solely because of the grace of God and has no ground in human

merit.

7. The Holy Church is the one institution specifically ordained of God

to function in the furthering of the Kingdom until Christ comes again. It

consists of all those regenerated by the Spirit of God, in mystical union

and communion both with Christ, the head of the Body, and with fellow-

believers. Neighborhood congregations are the local manifestation of the

Church universal. In obedience to the command of Christ, these

congregations preach the word of God, equip God’s people for the work

of ministry, and administer the Lord’s Supper and Baptism.

8. The Lord Jesus Christ will return bodily, visibly and personally to

receive His own, to conform believers to His own image and to establish

His kingdom. He will judge the quick and the dead and will affect a final

separation of the redeemed and the lost, assigning unbelievers to eternal

punishment and believers to eternal glory, enjoying conscious fellowship

with Him (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:50-58; Revelation

20:4-6).

9. Man’s chief end in life is to honor and glorify Almighty God.

Personal salvation is a means to this end.