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We believe that the Holy Scripture is inspired by God and is fully sufficient and effective as a guide in all matters of conscience, and is the authoritative standard for all beliefs, values and practices.

Belief #1: The Bible is composed of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. [Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19]

Belief #2: The Bible is inspired by God.
[2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17]

Belief #3: The Bible is fully sufficient and effective as a guide in all matters of conscience.
[2 Timothy 3:16-17; Josh. 1:6-8; Heb. 4:11; 1 Thess. 2:13]

Belief #4: The Bible is the authoritative standard for all beliefs, values and practices. [Mt. 5:17; Jn. 10:35; Gal. 3:10]

We believe that there is one holy, everlasting and almighty God existing in the three persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Belief #5: God is.
[Gen. 1:1; Rom. 1:18-20]

Belief #6: God can be known.
[Jn. 17:3; Heb. 8:11; 1 Jn. 2:13; Col. 1:10]

Belief #7: God is holy.
[Lev. 19:2; Isa. 6:3]

Belief #8: God is everlasting.
[Job 36:26]

Belief #9: God is almighty.
[Jer. 32: 17]

Belief #10: God exists in the three persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. [Mt. 28:18-20; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20-21; Gen. 1:26]

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[Rom. 5:12; Rom. 3:23; 1 Jn. 1:8]

Belief #16: Mankind's sin consequently has plunged creation into a state of separation from God.
[Isa. 59:2]

Belief #17: Mankind's separation from God brought about the ramifications of strife, suffering, death, and hell.
[Rom. 8:20-22; 2 Thess. 1:8-9]

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[Jn. 3:16; Eph. 2:1-5]

Belief #19: Jesus died as a payment for the sins of mankind.
[1 Tim. 2: 1-6; 1 Tim. 4:10; 1 Jn. 2:2]

Belief #20: God graciously made Jesus' sacrifice available to everyone.
[Jn. 12:32; Acts 17:26-27; Titus 2:11; Jn. 1:7; Ezek. 18:23, 30-32; Mt. 23:37; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:9]

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross for the sins of mankind, was physically resurrected from the dead, reigns now at the right hand of the Father and will return to claim His people and judge the world.

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[Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 1:3; Heb. 2:7]

Belief #22: Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.
[Lk. 1:26-38, 57-80; Rom. 5]

Belief #23: Jesus Christ lived a sinless life.
[Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22]

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- Belief #24: Jesus Christ died on a cross for the sins of mankind.
[1 Peter 3:18; Rom. 5:8]
- Belief #25: Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead.
[Jn. 20:1-18; Rom. 1:4; Rom. 6:5; 1 Cor. 15:12-19]
- Belief #26: Jesus Christ reigns now at the right hand of the Father.
[Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3,13]
- Belief #27: Jesus Christ will return to claim His people and judge the world.
[Mt. 24:29-31; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; 2 Thess. 1:16-2:12; Rev. 19:11-21]

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[Jn. 14:6; 1 Tim. 4:10; Rom. 1:16-20; Mt. 23: 37; Eph. 2:8-9; Lk. 9:23-26]
- Belief #29: To be saved, one must pledge to trust Jesus as one's Savior forever.[1 Tim. 4:10; Jn. 1:12;Jn. 3:16; Jn. 12:32]
- Belief #30: To be saved, one must pledge to follow Jesus as one's Lord forever.[Lk. 9:23-26; James 2:14,17,19-20; Josh. 24:14-15; Mt. 28:18-20; Eph. 5:23-24]

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[Eph. 1:13-14;Acts 2:38]

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We believe that the mission of the true church is to go into the whole world and make disciples of all who are willing, leading them into a mature relationship with Jesus Christ through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.

Belief #33: The church is to go into the world. [Mt. 28: 18-20]

Belief #34: The church is to make disciples of all who are willing, leading them into a mature relationship with Jesus Christ.
[Mt. 28: 18-20; Lk. 9:23-26; Acts 2:37-47]

Belief #35: The church is to be guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
[Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Cor. 13:8-12]

Belief #36: We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit as described in the New Testament is fully present and active in the contemporary church. We understand his ministry to be one of providing wisdom (counselor), relational connection (filling), moral transformation (fruit) and divine empowerment for ministry (gifts) [John 14:16; John 14:26; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:10-11]

We believe that the mature church of Jesus Christ is characterized by an intimate relationship with God, resulting in conformity to His character, perspectives and values as well as a manifestation of His truth, love and power that impacts the world.

Belief #36: The church of Jesus Christ is called to become mature. [Eph. 4:11-16]

Belief #37: The mature church of Jesus Christ is characterized by an intimate relationship with God.
[Mt. 22:37-38; Acts 2:37-41]

Belief #38: The mature church of Jesus Christ embodies His character, perspectives and values.
[1 Peter 1:15-16; Acts 2:42-46]

Belief #39: The mature church of Jesus Christ is a manifestation of His truth, love and power that impacts the world. [Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-47]