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**DOCTRINAL OUTLINE**

1) The Holy Bible conveys the divine Word of our Creator, recorded by spirit filled, yet imperfect humans. God speaks to us through His Spirit and written word; humans translate and transliterate.

2) Satan, the father of all lies, inspires and seizes upon doubt. Doubt thrives in an absence of faith and truth. Satan divides to conquer.

3) The first millennia of our recorded history were written long after oral traditions were passed down from generation to generation, allowing human distortion to creep in both vertically and laterally. This inevitable contamination of God’s infallible Word may contribute a whole percentage point of error (if that) to otherwise invaluable scriptures.

4) Distortion continues both in transliterations and translations by otherwise diligent yet imperfect humans. An exhaustive and unrelenting confrontation of recorded human errors does not reduce the force and effect of otherwise divine scriptures, but rather removes man-made stumbling blocks to salvation.

5) The original covenant between God and His chosen people of Israel was nullified by our spiritual ancestors’ repetitive transgression and rejection of His covenant law.

6) This covenant divorce of the unfaithful led to the capture and destruction of His people, with only a remnant of Israel left to remain in the Holy Land, predominately from the tribe of Judah.

7) The promised Messiah came as Yeshua (Joshua/Jesus of Nazareth), beginning a restoration. Despite great anticipation of His eventual arrival, most of His Jewish contemporaries missed the prophecy unfolding right in front of them, while the powerful felt threatened by His introduction of the New Covenant. We risk repeating the same oversight.

8) He lived a perfect life and His sacrifice was payment for the sins of all, as only a divine life could. His teachings are revered by this church and provide the foundation for all activity. Keeping with the older covenant principles of blessings and cursing, we regard His *beatitudes* as New Covenant commands, with an emphasis on positive blessings rather than cursings.

9) The first and second halves of the older Ten Commandments can be summarized by His law as reflected in Matt.22:37-40 (Deut. 6:5 and Lev.19:18 respectively). Among many new and enhanced commands, a pinnacle is found in John 13:34 (John 15:12-14).

10) He promised a Comforter to come after His departure, known as the Holy Spirit. Available to those who respond to His calling, the essence of God can thrive within and grow into a heaven bound saint.

11) While God wishes that none would perish (Matt. 18:14, John 13:15-16), many will (Matt. 25:31-46). Our mission is that of calling and equipping (clothing) the saints with a divinely accurate Word and encouragement (Matt. 22:2-14).

12) All who have and will ever live shall experience some aspect of His second coming. Those who distort or dismiss the Book of Revelation commit heresy and are strongly admonished to repent (Rev. 22:18-20). These future events are summarized by our Savior in Matt. 24 and 25 (emphasis 24:14).

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