

## **1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12,13). Furthermore, though men have attempted to corrupt the word of God throughout history (2 Cor. 2:17), God's Word is forever settled in Heaven (Ps. 119:89) and preserved for us (Mark 13:31). The Scriptures have been divinely preserved for men in the **Masoretic Text** of the Old Testament (The Hebrew text of the Old Testament) and the Greek **Received Text** of the New Testament. For the English speaking people the translation known as King James Bible is the more reliable and accurate translation compared to modern versions that are not based on Received Text. (For comparison see list of verses left out in one modern version called New International Version at the end of this article of faith). Also see "Which Bible Version" article on this website, [lifelinehere.com](http://lifelinehere.com).

## **2. THE GODHEAD**

There is one Triune God eternally existing in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-- co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy. 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

## **3. THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST**

- a. The Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (John 1:1,2,14; Luke 1:35).
- b. The Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and, that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24,25; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- c. The Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the Ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9,10; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1,2).

## **4. THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- a. The Holy Spirit is a Person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them until the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13,14).
- b. He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth: and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; 1 John 2:20,27; Ephesians 5:18).

## **5. THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN**

Man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Genesis 1:26,27; Romans 3:22,23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3,12).

## **6. SALVATION**

Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:1; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18,19).

## **7. THE ETERNAL SECURITY AND ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS**

a. All the redeemed once saved are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1,38,39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5).

b. It is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh (Romans 13:13,14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

## **8. THE TWO NATURES OF THE BELIEVER**

Every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural (Romans 6:13; 8:12,13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:5-9). Being born again which results in a believer's receiving a new nature in Christ is not a repeatable experience but a one-time event as the physical birth is a one-time event. There is no mention of a person being born again several times in the New Testament. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit" John 3:6

## **9. SEPARATION**

All the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures or associations is commanded of God (2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1,2; 14;13; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 John 2-11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1).

## **10. MISSIONS**

It is the obligation and responsibility of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of the Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19,20).

## **11. THE MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

a. God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; evangelists, pastors and teachers are still used by God to preach and teach God's word and build His church and for the perfecting of the saints today; but speaking in tongues, reception of inspired words from God, the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-13). To believe that we are still in need of additional inspired new words from the mouth of God for further guidance in some specific or general areas of life is to say that the Scriptures in the Bible cannot thoroughly equip us for all good works. As a result the full sufficiency of the Scriptures in 2 Timothy 3:16,17 is contradicted. Words of men, claimed to have been received directly from God, as the words of Bible were received, will then become equal in authority and value to the scriptures and therefore we are to live by them as the rest of the scriptures (Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4). Such claims that men have in various ways received new inspired words from God in addition to and outside the Bible have been repeatedly made since the completion of Scriptures and are to be rejected. God's desire is that men turn to or return to His completed and perfect Word preserved in the Holy Scriptures, to deem them all sufficient, be content with them and not seek nor expect more inspired words from God.

b. God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (John 15:7; 1 John 5:14,15).

## **12. THE CHURCH**

a. The Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age (Ephesians 1:22,23; 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2).

b. The establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; 20:17; 28-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11). The gates of hell did not prevail against the church (Matthew 16:18) to make it to cease and then later restored by some new "apostles or prophets" but the church did and will continue until the church will be raptured by Christ (1Thessalonians 4:16,17).

c. Each local church is under direct authority of Christ and accountable to God for its operation and is not to be ruled by any external spiritual authority such as a head bishop of a group of churches, council or committee or some headquarter (Acts 13:1-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Romans 16:1,4; 1 Corinthians 3:9,16; 1 Corinthians 5:4-7,13; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

d. The ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper are Scriptural means to testify of one's faith before believers in this age (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41,42; 18:8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Since baptism is a picture of and a testimony to a person's salvation and regeneration by God (Romans 6: 3-4), only believers are to be baptized. Infants cannot receive eternal life by infant baptism, laying on of hands or receiving of communion. If infants could be born again by infant baptism then they would go to heaven because Jesus said "except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John3:3). However by clear evidence of the lives of many people of mainline denominations who have been baptized as infants we see that not only have they not been saved from their sins but many have become atheists and some greatly oppose

biblical Christianity. Baptism is not an additional requirement for salvation because we are born again by personally receiving Christ by faith alone and not by some outward actions done by us or done by men to us (John 1:12,13).

### **13. DISPENSATIONS**

The Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life which define man's responsibilities in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation, but divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these -- the age of Law, the age of Church, and the age of the Millennial Kingdom -- are the subjects of detailed revelation in Scripture (John 1:17; 1 Corinthians 9:17; 2 Corinthians 3:9-18; Galatians 3:13-25; Ephesians 1:10; 3:2-10; Colossians 1:23,25; Hebrews 7:19; Revelation 20:2-6).

### **14. THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN**

Satan is a fallen angel, the author of sin and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Job 1:6,7; Isaiah 14; 12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

### **15. THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST**

The Bible teaches us about the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation, and premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and about His subsequent return to earth, with His saints, to establish His Millennial Kingdom (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Revelation 3:10).

### **16. THE ETERNAL STATE**

a. The Bible teaches about bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28,29; 11:25,26; Revelation 20:5,6,12,13).

b. The souls of the redeemed are, at death absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; Revelation 20:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17).

c. The souls of the unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the time when with soul and body reunited they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment (Luke 16:10-26; Matthew 25:41-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude vv. 6,7; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 20:11-15).

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An example of a modern version Bible: The NIV leaves out 16 entire verses as follows! This is in addition to other verses that have some alteration compared to the traditional King James Version.

1. **Matthew 17:21:** "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."
2. **Matthew 18:11:** "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."
3. **Matthew 23:14:** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."
4. **Mark 7:16:** "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."
5. **Mark 9:44:** "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
6. **Mark 9:46:** "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
7. **Mark 11:26:** "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."
8. **Mark 15:28:** "And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors."
9. **Luke 17:36:** "Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."
10. **John 5:4:** "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had."
11. **Acts 8:37:** "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
12. **Acts 15:34:** "Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still."
13. **Acts 24:7:** "But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,"
14. **Acts 28:29:** "And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves."
15. **Romans 16:24:** "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."
16. **I John 5:7:** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Above are the list of verses in the New Testament that are present in the (KJV) but partly or all absent from some Bible translations completed after the publication of The New Testament in the Original Greek in 1881 and the later Novum Testamentum Graece (first published in 1898 and revised many times since that date). These editions of the Greek text took into account early manuscripts of the New Testament which had not been available to translators before the 19th century, notably those of the Alexandrian text-type.

1Timothy 3:16 which is a clear testimony to the divinity of Christ has been changed as follows: KJV reads: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh... but in NIV and some other versions it reads: He appeared in the flesh.

Will they find some other manuscripts in future and as a result leave out more verses from the Bible? Older manuscripts do not necessarily ensure they are more reliable and closer to the originals. That is an assumption. Are not the above verses then the word of God that have been in the Bibles for centuries and supported by majority of Greek manuscripts but are now partly or in whole left out in different modern versions? Is God the author of confusion especially when it comes to what is His word and what is not? God is not weak to protect and preserve His word throughout centuries but will ensure that those that seek Him with the whole heart will find His words in the scriptures.