ABORTION IS EVIL

Life begins at conception
Job 31:15 God made you in the womb...formed us in our mothers
Ps 22:9-10 “from my mother’s womb you have been my God”
Ps 139:13-16 “you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your eyes saw my unformed body”
Is 44:2; Is 49:5 the Lord formed you in the womb
Is 46:3-4 “I have upheld you since you were conceived”
Jer 1:4-5 “before you were born I set you apart”
Lk 1:41 “the baby leapt in her womb”

We should be involved in pro-life causes
Ex 20:13 Thou shalt not murder
Ps 82:3-4 defend the weak and fatherless
Prov 24:11-12 rescue those being led away to death

Pharmaceutical abortion condemned
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ALCOHOL

God permits drinking alcohol
Gen 27:25 – Isaac drinks wine
Deut 14:23-26 – God tells Israelites to buy wine and strong drink
Ecc 9:7 drink your wine with a merry heart, God approves of it
Isa 25:6 – God provides choice wine
Lk 7:33-34 – Jesus drinks wine
Jn 2:2-10 – Jesus turns water into wine
1 Tim 5:23 – Paul tells Timothy to drink wine

Drunkenness is a sin
Prov 20:1 – wine is a mocker
Isa 5:11 – Woe to those addicted to alcohol
Isa 5:22 – Woe to “heroes of drinking wine”
Eph 5:18 – do not get drunk

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Acts 2:38-39 - “Repent and be baptized...this promise is for you and your children.”
Acts 16:15, 16:33, 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16 - household baptisms suggest baptism of children
Jn 3:5; Rom 6:4 - necessity of baptism
Col 2:11-12 – OT circumcision replaced by NT baptism as sign of the covenant (OT circumcision was performed on infants, see Gen 17:12)

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION (BORN AGAIN)

Jn 3:5 – born of water and spirit
Acts 2:37-38 – be baptized and receive Holy Spirit
Acts 22:16 – be baptized and wash away your sins

Rom 6:4-46 – baptized into death, live in newness of life
1 Cor 6:11 – you were washed, sanctified, justified
Titus 3:5 – the “washing of regeneration”
1 Pet 3:21 – baptism now saves you
Heb 10:22 – heart sprinkled, bodies washed in water

CELIBACY

Jer 16:1-4 – God commands Jeremiah to be celibate
Mt 19:12 – celibacy commended by Christ
1 Cor 7:7-9 – Paul was celibate
1 Cor 7:32-33 – celibacy commended by Paul
1 Tim 5:9-12 – pledge of celibacy taken by widows

CHURCH AUTHORITY

Acts 2:42 - doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread)
Eph 5:25-26 - Christ loves the Church
1 Tim 3:15 - church is “the pillar and foundation of the truth.”
Mt 16:18; 20:20 - Christ protects Church
Heb 13:17 - “obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls”
Mt 18:17-18 - church as final authority
Mt 23:2 - Pharisees succeeded Moses (seat of Moses)
1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tim 1:20 - Church has power of excommunication

CHURCH UNITY

Jn 10:16 – one sheepfold and one shepherd
Jn 17:17-23 – Jesus prays that his disciples might be one as He and the Father are one
Rom 12:4-5 – though many, we are one body in Christ
Rom 16:17 – avoid those who cause schism
1 Cor 1:10 – there should be no divisions among you
Eph 4:3-6 – one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, on faith, one baptism, one God & Father
Col 3:15 – called in one body

CONFESSION

Jn 20:22-23 - “if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.”
Mt 18:18 - binding on earth and heaven
2 Cor 5:17 - the Apostles possess the “ministry of reconciliation.”
Jas 5:14-16 - speaks about the forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession

CONTRACEPTION IS EVIL

Human fertility is a blessing
Gen 1:27-28 – be fruitful and multiply
Ex 23:25-26; Deut 7:13-14 – fertility declared a covenantal blessing
Ps 127:3-5 – children are a gift from God...blessed is a quiver full
Hos 9:10-17 – Israel punished with childlessness
1 Tim 2:11-15 – women saved through childbirth
Lev 21:20 – crushed testicles called defect/blemish
Deut 23:1 – castrated men banned from OT worship
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**Withholding self and seed is unnatural and sinful**
Gen 38:9-10 – Onan killed by God for spilling his semen on the ground
Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias/Saphira slain for withholding part of their gift

**The OT punishes sterile sex with death**
Lev 20:13 – death sentence for man with man (sterile sex)
Lev 20:15 – death sentence for man with animal (sterile sex)
Lev 20:16 – death sentence for woman with animals (sterile sex)

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**DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS ARE SCRIPTURAL**
The seven books are: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach (aka Ecclesiasticus), Baruch, and 1 and 2 Maccabees. The Council of Rome in AD 382 formally canonized these seven “deuterocanonical” books along with the rest of the OT and NT as we know it.

In the 1500s, Martin Luther removed these seven books from the OT because first century Rabbinical Jews had previously rejected them. Protestants call them the “Apocrypha” meaning “hidden” books. First century Jews who denied that Jesus was the Messiah rejected these seven books because of their emphasis on the Messiah and the resurrection.

However, the New Testament actually refers to the seven “extra” deuterocanonical books, which means that the NT authors approved of these seven books. For example:
- Heb 11:35 refers to 2 Mac 6:18-7:42
- 1 Pet 1:6-7 refers to Wisdom 3:5-6
- Rom 1:18-32 refers to Wisdom 13:1-9

The Greek version of the OT called the “Septuagint” contained the deuterocanonicals and the Septuagint is frequently quoted by the NT authors: Is 7:14 - Mt 1:23; Is 40:3 - Mt 3:3; Joel 2:30-31 - Acts 2:19-29; Ps 95:7-9 - Heb 3:7-9.

**EUCHARIST & REAL PRESENCE**
Mt 26:26-27; Mk 14:22,24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 10:24-25 – “This is my Body…This is my Blood.”
1 Cor 5:7 – “Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast” (i.e. the Eucharist)
1 Cor 10:16 – eating Eucharist is participation or communion with the Body and Blood of Christ.
1 Cor 11:26-30 – unworthy eating is sinning against the Body and Blood of Christ
Jn 6:52-58 - you must eat the Body and Blood of Jesus

[52] The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
don’t make[53] So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;
[54] he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
[55] For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drunk indeed.
[56] He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.
[57] As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me.
[58] This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.”

Ps 27:1-2; Is 9:18-20; Is 49:26; Mic 3:3; Rev 17:6,16 – shows that symbolic interpretation of Jn 6 inappropriate
Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 - Christ is a priest like Melchizedek, offering bread and wine
Acts 2:42 – “breaking of bread” refers to Eucharist

**FAITH & WORKS**
James 2:24 – not justified by faith alone
James 2:26 – faith without works is dead
Gal 5:6 – we must have “faith working in love”
Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10, 13; 3:31; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12 – works have merit
Jn 14:15 – if you love me, keep my commandments
1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3 - keep commandments

**FASTING**
Mt 6:16-18 – Jesus gives directions for how to fast
Mt 9:15 – Christ’s disciples will fast when he is gone
Mk 7:19 – all foods are called clean
1 Tim 4:4-5 – all foods are good

**HELL EXISTS**
Is 33:11-14 everlasting flames
Mt 25:41 depart, you accursed, into the eternal fire
Mt 25:46 these will go off to eternal punishment
Lk 3:16-17 the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire
2 Thes 1:6-9 these will pay the penalty of eternal ruin

**HOMOSEXUALITY**
Gen 1:27 – God made them male and female
Gen 19 – the homosexuals of Sodom destroyed
Lev 18:22 – homosexuality called “abomination”
Lev 20:13 – death penalty for homosexuality
Rom 1:27 – called unnatural, shameful, and a perversity
1 Cor 6:9 – active homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God
1 Tim 1:9-10 – homosexuals called “sinners”

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“Always be prepared to make a defense…yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” (1 Pet 3:15)
JUSTIFICATION NOT MERELY FORENSIC OR IMPUTED
1 Jn 1:7, 2 Pet 1:9 - purified from sins
Jn 1:29, Heb 9:26-28 - takes away sin
Ps 50:3, Ps 102:12, Is 43:25 - blot out, clear away sin
Rom 2:13, Rom 3:20 - future justification
Jas 2:24 “You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”
2 Pet 1:4 - become partakers of the divine nature

MARY
Lk 1:42-48 - “blessed are you among women.”
Jn 2:1-5 - Mary’s intercession
Lk 1:43 – Mary is “Mother of God”

Immaculate Conception of Mary
The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary was conceived without original sin by the “pre-applied” grace of Christ’s death on the cross
Gen 3:15 with Rev 12:1-17 Mary is the New Eve and enemy of the Serpent
Lk 1:28 - “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The Greek word for “full of grace” is kecharitomene, denoting a plenitude of grace. Wherever grace is full, sin is absent.

Mary Ever-Virgin
John 19:26-27 - Jesus gives care of Mary to John, not one of his “brothers”
2 Sam 6:23; Gen 8:7, Dt 34:6 - passages demonstrating that “until” (Mt 1:25) does not denote consummation
Rev 11:19-12:3 - Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant and it would be unfitting for her sacred womb to be violated

The so-called “Brothers” of Jesus
In Jewish antiquity, “brother” does not mean “blood brother” but simply “kinsman”
Gen 14:14 - Lot, Abraham’s nephew (Gen 11:26-28), described as Abraham’s brother (KJV)
Gen 29:15 - Laban, Jacob’s uncle, calls Jacob his “brother” (KJV)

The “brothers” of Jesus number are actually the children of Mary the wife of Cleophas
Mary wife of Cleophas and “sister” of the Virgin Mary (Jn 19:25) is the mother of James and Joseph (Mk 15:47; Mt 27:56) who are called the “brothers of Jesus” (Mk 6:3).

The number of the “brothers” of Jesus equals about 95 men!!!
Acts 1:12-15 says that there were 120 at Pentecost consisting of apostles (12 people), Mary (1 person), “some women” (about 12 people) and Jesus’ “brothers”—this means that the “brothers of Jesus numbered at about 95 people!!! Obviously “brothers” does not mean blood brothers.

Assumption & Coronation of Mary
Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5; 2 Kings 2:1-13 - Enoch and Elijah were assumed bodily into heaven
2 Tim 4:8, Jas 1:12, 1 Pet 5:4, Rev 2:10 - coronation awaits saints

ORIGINAL SIN
Gen 2:16-17 – the day you eat…you shall die (spiritual death)
Gen 3:11-19 - God’s punishment for eating of tree
Ps 51:5 – in sin my mother conceived me
Rom 5:12-19 – many became sinners through one man’s sin
1 Cor 15:21-23 – by man came death; in Adam all die

PETER & PAPACY
Peter, the first Pope, is named 195 times in the New Testament – more than all the other Apostles combined.
Mt 16:18 – on this rock (Peter) I will build my Church
Mt 16:19 – I will give you the keys of the kingdom…whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven
Lk 22:32 – Peter’s faith will strengthen his brethren
Lk 24:34 – Peter is first apostle to see resurrected Christ
Jn 21:17 – Peter is Christ’s chief shepherd who “feeds the sheep”
Mk 16:7 – angel sent to announce resurrection to Peter
Acts 1:13-26 – Peter oversees election of Matthias
Acts 2:14 – Peter preaches first apostolic sermon
Acts 3:6-7 – Peter performs first apostolic miracle
Acts 8:21 – Peter excommunicates first heretic
Acts 10:44-46 – Peter baptizes first Gentile
Acts 15:7 – Peter presides over first apostolic council
Acts 15:19 – Peter pronounces first apostolic dogma
Gal 1:18 – Paul visits Peter after his conversion

PRIESTHOOD
The English word “priest” comes from the Greek work “presbyter” meaning “elder”.
Rom 15:16 Paul calls himself “a minister of Christ Jesus with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God”
Acts 1:15-26; 2 Tim 2:2; Tit 1:5 - unbroken Apostolic Succession of laying on of hands
Acts 15:6,23; 1 Tim 4:14, 5:22; 1 Tim 5:17; Jas 5:13-15 - presbyters/elders (priests) were ordained to preach and administer the sacraments.
Lk 16:24; Rom 4; 1 Cor 4:14-15; Acts 7:2; 1 Thes 2:11; 1 Jn 2:13-14 - ministers called “father”
Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 - priest forever according to order of Melchizedek, offering bread and wine.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD
2 Mac 12:43-46 - sacrifice for the dead
2 Tim 1:15-18 - Paul prays for the now deceased Onesiphorus for "that Day"

**PURGATORY**

*Purgatory is the state where the Holy Spirit purifies people who are saved but who still need to repent of their particular sins.*

Christ remits eternal guilt at justification, but completes personal sanctification, if necessary, in purgatory.

1 Cor 3:15 - “he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.”

Lk 12:59; 1 Pet 1:7; Mt 5:25-26 – examples of temporal punishment

Heb 12:6-11 - God’s painful discipline

Mt 12:32 - no forgiveness…nor in the age to come.

Rev 21:27 - nothing unclean shall enter heaven

Heb 12:23 - souls in heaven “having been made perfect.”

Col 1:24 - “extra” suffering

**RELICS**

2 Kgs 13:20-21 - Elisha’s bones give life to a dead man (1st class relic)

Mt 9:20-22 - Jesus’ garment cures a woman (2nd class relic)

Acts 19:11,12 - handkerchiefs and aprons touch to Paul’s body heal the sick (3rd class relic)

Acts 5:15-16 - Peter’s shadow thought to heal the sick

**SAINTS**

Mk 12:26-27 - “not God of the dead, but of the living.”

Jn 15:1-8 - vine and its branches

1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5 - body of Christ.

Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 1 Thess 1:11 - intercessory prayer.

Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16 - veneration of angels united with God (Mt 18:10)

1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2 - saints also united with God

Lk 20-34-38 - those who die are like angels

2 Mac 15:11-16 - deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews

Rev 5:8; Rev 8:3-4 - saints in heaven presenting to the Lamb the prayers of those on earth

**SALVATION (“Have you been saved?”)**

*Past Event (“I have been saved”)*

Rom 8:24 – in you hope you were saved

Eph 2:5-8 – by grace you have been saved

2 Tim 1:9 – he saved us, he called us

Titus 3:5 – he saved us though the washing of regeneration

*Present Event (“I am being saved”)*

Phil 2:12 – work out your salvation with fear and trembling

1 Pet 1:9 – as you attain the goal of your faith, salvation

*Future Event (“I will be saved”)*

Mt 10:22 – he who endures to the end will be saved

Mt 24:13 – he who perseveres to the end will be saved

Mk 8:35 – he who loses his life for my sake will save it

Acts 15:11 – we shall be saved through the grace of Jesus

Rom 5:9-10 – since we are justified, we shall be saved

Rom 13:11 – salvation is nearer now than when we first believed

1 Cor 3:15 – he will be saved, but only through fire

Heb 9:28 – Jesus will appear again to bring salvation

**“Once saved always saved” denied by Scripture**

Mt 7:21 – Not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will be saved

Mt 24:13 – he who perseveres to the end will be saved

Rom 11:21-22 - spare branches, continue or be cut off.

1 Cor 9:27 - “I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

1 Cor 10:12 - “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!!”

Gal 5:4 - “You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.”

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Phil 2:12 - “work out salvation with fear and trembling.”

Heb 4:1 - “the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.”

Heb 6:4-6 - describes “enlightened” Christians who have fallen away from Christ

Heb 10:26-29 - “worse punishment … for the man who has spurned the Son of God, and profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and outraged the Spirit of grace”

Jas 5:19-20 - Christians can “wander from the truth,” which leads to “death”

2 Pet 2:1 - “even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.”

2 Pet 2:20 – some have come to knowledge of Christ but they have returned to sin and their end is worse than their beginnings

1 Jn 5:16-17 - some sins are mortal, some not

**SCRIPTURE & TRADITION**

Jn 21:25 - not everything is in the Bible

2 Thess 2:15; 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2; 1 Thess 2:13 - Paul speaks of oral tradition

Acts 2:42 - early Christians followed apostolic tradition

2 Pet 3:16 - Bible hard to understand, meaning easily distorted

2 Jn 1:12; 3 Jn 1:13-14 - more oral tradition

2 Pet 1:20-21 - against personal interpretation of Bible

Acts 8:31; Heb 5:12 - guidance needed to interpret scriptures

**SEVEN SACRAMENTS INSTITUTED BY CHRIST**

1. Baptism - Mt 28:19

2. Confirmation - Acts 8:14-17; Heb 6:2

3. Eucharist - Mt 26:26-29


5. Anointing of Sick - Mk 6:13, James 5:14-15

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6. Holy Orders - Acts 6:3-6; 1 Tim. 3:1; 1 Tim. 3:8-9; 1 Tim. 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 5:17-19-22
7. Matrimony - Mt 19:10-11; Eph 5:31-32

STATUES & ICONS
Ex 25:18-22, 26:1, 31; Num 21:8-9 - God commands sacred images to be made
1 Kgs 6:23-29, 35, 7:29 - Solomon’s Temple contained both statues and images

TRINITY (one Substance, three divine Persons)
Mt 28:19 – Baptism is Trinitarian “I baptize you in the name (singular) of the Father, and of Son, and of Holy Spirit.”

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