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One Faith

8 Essentials of the Faith

1. Monotheism (Exodus 20:3–6; Deut. 4:35, 39; I Sam. 2:2; Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5, 6, 21; Joel 2:27)
-There is only one God

Isaiah 43:10–11 (NASB95)

10 “You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. **Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me.**”

11 “I, even I, am the LORD, and **there is no savior besides Me.**”

2. Doctrine of the Trinity (Matt. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6)

Genesis 1:26–27 (NASB95)

26 Then God said, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 **God created man in His own image**, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Matthew 28:19 (NASB95)

19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

3. Jesus' Virgin Birth (Luke 1:27; 1:34, 35; Matt. 1:25)

Isaiah 7:14 (NASB95)

14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **a virgin will be with child** and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 (NASB95)

23 “BEHOLD, **THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD** AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “**GOD WITH US.**”

4. The Deity of Christ (Jn. 10:30-33; 20:28; Exo. 3:14; Col. 2:9; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 1:8; 1 Jn. 4:2-3)
-Jesus is God in flesh.

John 1:1, 14 (NASB95)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 8:58 (NASB95)

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**”

John 8:24 (NASB95)

24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that **I am He**, you will die in your sins.”

5. Salvation by Grace (Gal. 2:21; Rom. 3:20; 4:5; Gal. 3:21–22; 5:4)

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB95)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Galatians 2:21 (NASB95)

21 “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 4:5 (NIV)

5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Galatians 3:21–22 (NIV)

21 Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.

22 But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

Galatians 5:4 (NASB95)

4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

6. The Resurrection of Christ (I Thess. 4:14; Rom. 4:25; II Cor. 5:15)

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17 (NASB95)

14 and **if Christ has not been raised**, then our preaching is vain, **your faith also is vain.**

17 and **if Christ has not been raised**, your **faith is worthless**; **you are still in your sins.**

7. The Gospel (John 1:12; Rom. 10:9-10; Gal. 1:8-9)

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (NASB95)

1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, **in which also you stand**,

2 **by which also you are saved**, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,

4 and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures,

8. Jesus is the only way to salvation (John 10:9; Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:18; Heb. 10:20)

John 14:6 (NASB95)

6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**