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INTRODUCTION

This is the second part of your focus on the church's articles of faith. In the postmodern world that God has ordained we live in, there is still a need for a Bible-believing church who confirms the veracity of the Word of God and the importance of sound doctrine. In this lesson you will continue to examine what we believe.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. Article #8: The Church of Jesus Christ

A. By "Church of Jesus Christ" we are referring to the collective universal church comprised of all those who are genuinely born-again; although the word "universal" is not found in the Bible, there are references to the church in the Bible that cannot be attributed to the local church.

B. This article explains three ways born again believers can glorify God:

1. W_____.
2. S_____.
3. Seek to w_____ others to Christ.
4. Strive to live a h_____ life by separating from that which will dishonor God.

2. Article #5 affirms the belief in a real supreme being—Satan—who opposes G_____ in everything, is the father of lies, and is also described as:

- A. The p_____ of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11).
- B. The g_____ of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- C. Jesus affirms the reality of S_____ and indicates that he was cast from heaven by God in (Luke 10:18).

D. In Matthew 4, he is referred to as the d_____ and is the one who tempted Jesus in the wilderness.

E. Revelation 20:10 contains a promise that the d_____ will be ultimately contained in a lake of fire and brimstone forever and ever.

3. Article #8 deals with civil g_____ and civil matters.



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- A. We believe that g_____t is appointed by our Sovereign God ultimately for His purpose (Romans 13:1).
- B. Christian citizens are not to re_____ (Romans 13:2).
- C. Every soul is to be s_____ unto the higher powers (Romans 13:1) and the Apostle Peter says that we are to s_____ ourselves to the ordinance of man for the Lord's sake (1 Peter 2:13).
- D. What is the only exception to the principle of obeying civil authorities? _____

- E. In Mark 12:17, how does what Jesus said relate to paying taxes? _____

- F. According to Article #8, church members are p_____ from bringing a civil lawsuit against one another or the church (1 Cor. 6:1-8).
- G. However, Christians are permitted to seek c_____n from a fellow Christian's insurance company provided the claim/lawsuit does not hurt the cause of Christ or the testimony of the church.
- H. In Matthew 18:15-19, Jesus outlines the procedures for handling matters of offense between fellow Christians.
- I. In all offenses, the Christian is ALWAYS obligated to f_____ the offense because God for Christ's sake has forgiven the Christian's sin (Ephesians 4:32).
4. In Article #8, BBC affirms its commitment to the global proclamation of the G_____.
5. Article #8 contains Berean's commitment to Biblical marriage; this detailed articulation is a reflection of the degree to which the culture is trying to redefine marriage.
- A. We believe it is always God's intent for a m_____ to last for a lifetime.
- B. We believe marriage is always one male and one f_____.
- C. We believe that the husband is the leader of the h_____ and the c_____ is to be led by male pastors and deacons who have not been divorced.
- D. We believe the family is being attacked by S_____ because it is God's foundational institution of human society.



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E. We believe that intimate, s_____ relations before marriage is against God's will and will be grounds for church discipline.

F. We reject as unbiblical any suggestion that alternatives to heterosexual relationships outside of marriage are acceptable alternatives.

6. Article #8 addresses the sanctity of h_____ life.

A. We believe we must trust in the Sovereignty of God in situations where a woman becomes pregnant because of rape or incest.

B. We believe that abortion is m_____.

C. We reject any suggestion that some a_____ are acceptable based on birth defects in the child, gender selection, population control, or the mental well-being of the mother.

D. We believe human l_____ begins at conception in the womb.

7. Article #8: We encourage all church members to adopt a personal t_____ abstinence standard for themselves.

A. We believe that the Bible clearly prohibits drunkenness or being intoxicated.

B. We believe the negative consequences generally associated with the consumption of alcohol far outweigh any medicinal or recreational value.

C. BBC prohibits its e_____ and lay leaders (teachers and deacons) from consuming any alcohol.

8. Article #8L: This sub-article could be classified as a love article.

A. Christians must demonstrate love toward believers and unbelievers.

B. Christians must be gracious, g_____, pa_____ and h_____ with those who oppose them.

C. Stirring up st_____ and taking r_____ is strictly prohibited and will always result in some form of church discipline.



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QUESTIONS
