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Children's Church  
Materials



Dear Pastor,

We understand your concerns about the lack of fundamental, KJV materials available today. It is hard to find quality materials that uphold Biblical principles and support your stand as a pastor and as a church.

First let us assure you that all our materials are conservative and God-honoring. We hold to the fundamentals of the faith. Wendy and I are both Bob Jones University graduates and are members of Beth Haven Baptist Church of Simpsonville, SC.

For almost 30 years we traveled in the United States conducting evangelistic meetings. Now God has led us to pass on some of what we have learned. We do that through these materials.

We invite you to take a closer look. These materials are a bit different.

While we stick to the old-time Gospel, we tell the stories one principle at a time. Many of the stories are told in short segments. For example, twelve lessons are devoted to the story of Noah. Each week, as the story advances, a new Life Lesson is emphasized.

Each lesson centers on one Life Lesson which is supported by the Introduction, Secondary Story, Bible Memory Verse, and Bible Story. They all tie together.

Read the sample lesson from Noah and you'll see how the Life Lesson is emphasized again and again, culminating in a challenge to the children to apply that lesson to their lives. In other words, we magnify a single Bible truth per lesson by magnifying God's Word.

Take a look at our sample lesson. Then read on to see all four quarters in Year One of A Closer Look.

In Christ,

Gary and Wendy Collins

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# SAMPLE LESSON

## LESSON 19

# SAFE IN THE STORM

### Lesson Order

Prayer / Introduction  
Song Time  
Missionary Story  
Memory Verse Time  
Bible Lesson Time / Invitation  
Challenge  
Bible Quiz

### LIFE LESSON

**I will trust God during the  
storms in my life.**

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### MEMORY VERSE TIME

- *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*  
Hebrews 13:5b
- Introduce the verse and lead children in saying it several times.
- Use a game to help teach the verse

### BIBLE TIME / INVITATION

- Text: Genesis 7:7-24

### CHALLENGE

- Reemphasize the life lesson and give the challenge of today's lesson.

### BIBLE QUIZ

- As time allows, use the quiz questions to review the lesson. Use a game to make it fun.

### PRAYER & INTRODUCTION

- Prayer: Ask the Lord to speak to hearts.
- Introduction: Energetically welcome the children and begin the introduction.

### SONG TIME

- Lead songs that are familiar as well as ones that reflect the theme of today's lesson.

### MISSIONARY STORY

- Tell the story with enthusiasm

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## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever been in a terrible lightning storm where the wind was howling, the thunder was rumbling, and the lightning was cracking? It can be very frightening, can't it?

Sometimes in life, we face storms. Those storms may come in the form of all sorts of problems and trials that we have neither prepared for nor asked for. But still they come.

When the storms of life come, we don't need to hide our heads and shake in fear because we have a strong and mighty God who watches out for each one of us. Today we'll be talking about going through the storms, but first let's sing.

Today's Life Lesson is: I will trust God during the storms in my life.

## SONG TIME

### MISSIONARY STORY

Gladys Alyward: These Prison Walls

The last few weeks we have been hearing about missionary Gladys Alyward who went to China. She is now at the inn where she daily cares for orphaned children and shares the Gospel with the Coolies who nightly lodge at the inn.

One day as Gladys was working at the inn, a red-faced messenger came running into the courtyard. He was urgently demanding to speak to Gladys. It was hard for Gladys to understand what the man was saying. He was speaking so quickly. Whatever it was, Gladys could tell it was urgent. Slowly Gladys realized the man was saying that she was needed at the prison. Now!

The man shook with fear and Gladys had a terrible feeling come over her. Why would they want her at the prison? Had she done something wrong? But there was no time to argue. Gladys could tell by the important looking paper the man waved under her nose that she had no choice but to go to the prison.

So Gladys followed the man. When they arrived at the prison, Gladys was met by a group of somber faced prison officials. They all surrounded Gladys and began to tell Gladys that there was a riot going on in the prison. They demanded that she do something about the riot.

"Why have you sent for me? Why do you expect me, a mere woman, to calm the wild riot that is raging within the prison walls?" Gladys asked.

"We are all too frightened to enter the prison, but you will be safe. You have always said that your God will protect you. If that is true, then you have nothing to worry about!" they explained to Gladys.

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Gladys realized that the people of the village had listened to what she had been telling them about God. Now they were putting her to a real test. If her God was real and if He protected her like she said, then she had nothing to fear in the prison.

Gladys knew that just because God protects Christians it does not mean that they are untouchable. She knew that if she entered the prison she had a very good chance of being hurt or killed. But Gladys also knew that these people would not understand that. Now she had the opportunity to show the people that her God was real and powerful. Her God could keep her safe in the worst storm.

So Gladys took a deep breath, breathed a quick prayer, and told the men to open the gates so she could enter. She was determined to trust God to help her. Gladys squared her shoulders and marched through the gates that slammed closed behind her.

The sight that met Gladys' eyes when she entered the prison almost wiped out all her courage. Confusion and chaos were on every side. Men were running and fighting each other. She heard screaming and saw blood everywhere.

Then Gladys noticed that the crowd seemed to part in front of her. A man ran towards her. He ran, swinging a large cleaver, hitting anyone who got in his way. And he was headed straight toward her.

Then an amazing thing happened. The minute he set eyes on Gladys, he stopped dead in his tracks. He had probably never seen a white woman before. The sight of Gladys must have been a shock. Everyone else in the prison also saw her and there was complete silence. No one moved.

At that instant Gladys stepped forward. "Hand me the cleaver," she demanded.

Gladys used her stern voice that she always used when scolding the children in the orphanage. To her utter amazement, the man reached out and handed the cleaver to her! Then Gladys again barked out another order. She told the men to sit on the ground. And they all sat! Gladys continued to call out orders until all was completely calm and quiet.

The guards crept hesitantly into the prison as they heard the noise die down. But Gladys was not done yet. She had been asked to stop the riot, now she wanted to know what had started the riot.

Gladys selected one of the men to act as spokesman for the men. He stood and explained that the prison provided no food. Only prisoners with family who brought food got to eat. Also there was nothing to do. The combination of hunger and boredom had caused great trouble.

As Gladys listened to the men's complaints, she realized that God loved them also. She promised to speak to the prison officials about finding occupations to fill the men's time. She also saw to it that men with no means of getting food were fed daily. And every week Gladys would go to the prison and hold church services to tell the men about Jesus Christ.

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God was with Gladys. The people of the entire village saw that God had protected her. God does not always work in such miraculous ways. But sometimes He does allow His servants to do great things to show His great power. But that day Gladys learned that even in the greatest storms of life, God truly was with her.

## BIBLE MEMORY TIME

### SET UP

Choose a memory verse Game to help teach the verse. First start with telling or showing the verse to the children. Then have them say it with you several times. Then use the game.

### VERSE

*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Hebrews 13:5b

## BIBLE LESSON

### TEACHER'S STUDY TEXT

Genesis 7:17-23

### LESSON

#### THE ROAR OF THE STORM

After Noah and his family had gone into the ark, God closed the door. For six days nothing happened. Perhaps they could hear the people outside the ark as they laughed at them and taunted them.

They must have listened and watched carefully for any signs that God would actually do what He had said He would do. They looked for that first drop of rain to fall.

For six days, nothing. Then on the seventh day, the heavens opened and water gushed from above. From below the crust of the earth was broken up and water came gushing up.

The worst storm the world had ever seen or ever would see had begun. For forty day and nights the water poured onto the earth's surface from above and below. The wind howled. The entire earth was ripped into pieces. There was nowhere to hide outside the ark. Nothing and no one survived.

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Genesis 7:23 says, *And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.*

Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark were the only living creations that survived the storm.

Can you imagine what it must have been like on the ark when the rain began to pour? The people outside realized that Noah had been telling the truth. They may have begun to pound on the ark begging to be let in. But it was too late. There was no way to help them.

The ark must have rocked and tossed in the waves that would have been created by the water pouring forth from both the earth and sky. But we know that the ark did not tip over. It didn't even come close to tipping. God had told Noah the perfect details for building the ark so it could withstand the worst storm of all time.

Regardless, it may have been rather frightening to be in the ark. The sounds and motions both inside and outside the ark may have been scary. Nothing like this had ever happened before!

It rained and rained and rained. Can you imagine it raining for forty days straight? That would be almost a month and a half of constant rain!

Genesis 7:19 says, *And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.*

The water continued until it rose above the highest mountain.

#### **FORGOTTEN IN THE STORM**

After the 40 days, it quieted down. The rain stopped and the ark floated. Maybe after all the noise was gone, the quiet was a bit eerie also.

Those in the ark may have wondered when the rain would stop. Then when all was quiet, they had time to reflect on what the world would look like when they finally went back outside. They could tell by the violence of the storm that nothing would be like they had left it. Their entire world would be changed.

The ark floated for about five months. Maybe after a month or two of silence Noah and his family may have wondered if God had forgotten them. After all, the storm was done, why hadn't God let them go out yet?

They may have also wondered what the world would be like when they did finally leave the ark. The world they had known would be gone. Everything would be changed. And change can be frightening.

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## YOUR STORMS IN LIFE

You may be going through a storm in your life. And like Noah and his family, you may feel forgotten in the storm. You may wonder if God remembers you, if He cares about what is happening to you.

Storms do come into everyone's life.

You may have a family storm. There may be problems in your home such as fighting with your brothers or sisters. Or maybe your parents are having problems or you are coping with a divorce. Maybe someone you love is sick.

You may have school storms. Maybe you're having a tough time with a certain subject and no matter how hard you study you just can't seem to understand how to do the work.

You may have friend storms. Maybe a close friend has made you angry or there is jealousy about something.

There are lots of storms in life. And the storms can come at all different ages. It can be scary when a storm comes into your life. You don't know how things will turn out. You wonder when it will end.

## GOD WAS WATCHING

Noah and his family were not alone in the storm. God was with them. He was watching over them. Not for one minute did God forget them.

Genesis 8:1 says, *And God remembered Noah.*

God didn't forget about the ark. He remembered that Noah, his family, and all the animals were floating on the waters. He knew their needs. He knew their worries. He cared about them and He was busy working out everything for the time when they would finally walk out onto the dry land.

God didn't prevent the storm. God allowed the storm and He allowed them to go through it. But God controlled the storm. And God protected them in the storm. He never abandoned them for even one second. He was with them every second.

## GOD IS WITH YOU IN YOUR STORMS

The same is true of the storms in your life. Whenever you go through a hard time, you can be sure that God is right there with you every minute. God watches over you.

This world is filled with sin, just like in Noah's day. Sometimes the sin of others can hurt us. Sometimes our own sin causes us problems. And sometimes problems just come for apparently no reason.

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God won't magically cause all the storms in your life to disappear. He won't make all the hard times go away. Often when people go through storms they get angry at God. They wonder why God would allow anything bad to happen to them. They think that if God loved them that He would take away all their problems.

But just because you have problems in your life does not mean that God does not love you. God often allows storms to come into our lives for our own good.

During the storms in life we can learn a lot of important things if we are willing to listen to God's voice. We can learn that God is sufficient for us. He is all that we need, even when storms come. He is our strength and help. We can learn to trust God. We can learn to be closer to God.

No, God doesn't prevent the storms from coming into our lives, but He does control them. Nothing can happen to you that God does not allow and control. And if God controls our problems, then we can know that whatever happens is what is best for us.

Romans 8:28 tells us, *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.*

That doesn't mean all things ARE good. It does mean that all things will eventually fit together the way that God planned it. And that they will fit together for good. God is always working for your good. God can turn bad into good.

God will never leave you. He will never forsake you. That is a promise from God, and God always keeps His promises.

#### **HOW ARE YOU WEATHERING THE STORMS?**

So, how do you face your storms? Of course, no one says, "Oh, goody! I have a big problem!" But what do you do? Here are some things you can do that will help.

1. Pray. Stay close to God. Talk to Him. Ask Him for help.
2. Read His Word. Find out what the Bible has to say about problems. Psalms is a great book to read. See what King David did when he had problems.
3. Talk to your pastor or teacher at church. They can often help you and pray with you.
4. Determine to trust God. In your heart, determine to trust God to work out everything for your own good.

If you have already asked Jesus to come into your life, you can know that God loves you and that He only wants the best for you each day.

But maybe you are not a child of God. When the storms of life come along, you are all alone. That doesn't have to be the case. You can ask Jesus to forgive your sin and become a part of your life. Then when you go through life's problems, you can know that God will be right with you. Have you ever done that? Would you like to? You can today.

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## INVITATION

## CHALLENGE

Hopefully things are good in your life right now. Hopefully there are no storms. But would you be ready if one came up?

I challenge you this week to make a plan. Make up your mind right now what you will do. Here are the things we talked about.

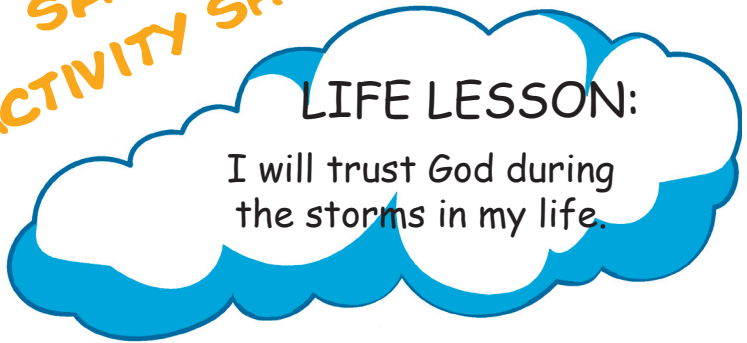
1. Pray. Stay close to God. Talk to Him. Ask Him for help.
2. Read His Word. Find out what the Bible has to say about problems. Psalms is a great book to read. Start reading now. Be prepared.
3. Talk to your pastor or teacher at church. If a problem does come, get some help.
4. Determine to trust God. Right now, determine to trust God to work out everything for your own good.

## BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who closed the door of the ark?
2. How many days were Noah and his family in the ark before it started to rain?
3. Recite today's memory verse.
4. How long did the rain come down?
5. How long were Noah and his family in the ark all together?
6. From what direction did the water come?
7. What did the ark do in the storm?
8. What happened to everything outside of the ark?
9. How high did the waters go?
10. Name something you can do when you go through a storm or problem in your life.

# A Closer LOOK

SAMPLE  
ACTIVITY SHEET



## Safe In The Storm

Where can I go during the storms in my life?

Write all the number 1 letters in order on the lines below. Then write all the number 2 letters in order. Then the number 3 letters, and so on.

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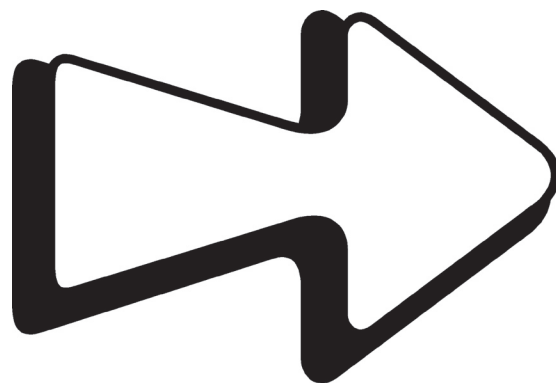
I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.

Hebrews 13:5b

Now Take ...  
**A Closer Look**

at all

Four Quarters of  
**Year one - A Closer Look**



# FIRST QUARTER

	LESSON & TEXT	LIFE LESSON	VERSE	SUPPORT
<b>1</b>	Who is God? Genesis 1:1-2:25	God has a plan for me.	Ps 10:16a	Stinky's Creation
<b>2</b>	Wonderfully Made Genesis 1:31-2:25	I Am One Of God's Creations.	Ps 139:14	You're Kidding
<b>3</b>	In His Image Genesis 1:3-27	I Am Made In God's Image.	Lev. 20:7	"Conformed To His Image"
<b>4</b>	The 7th Day Genesis 2:1-3	God wants me to keep holy things pure and set apart.	I Cor. 3:16	<b>Creation Bible Game</b>
<b>5</b>	Forbidden Fruit Genesis 2:15-17	I am content with what God gives me.	I Tim 6:6	Stolen Pleasure
<b>6</b>	Satan's Lies Genesis 3:1-7	I will not listen to Satan's lies.	John 8:32	Pottery
<b>7</b>	Sin Hurts Everyone Genesis 3:8-21	Sin hurts me and everyone around me.	Prov. 14:12	Stinky - It's the truth
<b>8</b>	Paradise Lost Genesis 3:22-24	I can walk and talk with God.	Heb. 4:16	George Mueller
<b>9</b>	Right Fruit/Wrong Fruit Genesis 4:1-5	I will let God produce good fruit in my life.	Matt. 7:16	Ornamental Oranges
<b>10</b>	Acceptable Sacrifices Genesis 4:1-7	I please God when I obey God.	Rom. 12:1	Good, perfect & acceptable
<b>11</b>	Sins Of The Heart Luke 6:45, Prov. 23:7	I will guard my heart and mind from sin.	James 4:7	Temptation Gates
<b>12</b>	Family In Crisis Genesis 4:1-25	I will love the family God has given me.	Eph. 6:2	The Praying Hands

## SECOND QUARTER

	LESSON & TEXT	LIFE LESSON	VERSE	SUPPORT
<b>13</b>	God's Regret Genesis 1:31, 6:1-8	God is hurt by my sin and so am I	Rom 6:12	Garbage In - Garbage Out
<b>14</b>	Chosen of God Genesis 6:8, 9	God knows my heart and mind.	Heb. 10:22	Pound Puppy
<b>15</b>	Exercising my faith Genesis 6:8-14a	I will exercise m faith.	Heb. 10:23	In training
<b>16</b>	God knows the details Genesis 6:14-22, 7:1-5	God knows the details of my life.	Deut. 13:4	Gladys Aylward
<b>17</b>	Let them laugh II Peter 2:5	I will have the courage to follow God.	Heb. 13:6a	Gladys Aylward
<b>18</b>	Only eight Genesis 7:7-16	I will follow even when no one else does.	Matt. 16:24	Gladys Aylward
<b>19</b>	Safe in the storm Genesis 7:17-23	I will trust God during the storms in my life.	Heb. 13:5b	Gladys Aylward
<b>20</b>	Waiting on God Genesis 7:24	I will wait for God's perfect time.	Ps. 27:14	Gladys Aylward
<b>21</b>	A sacrifice of praise Genesis 8:4-22	I will thank God for His blessing.	Heb. 13:15	What is a sacrifice?
<b>22</b>	God keeps His promises Genesis 8:20-22, 9:1-18	God will keep all of His promises..	II Pet. 1:4a	Promises to keep
<b>23</b>	God remembers we are dust Genesis 3:19, 6:3a, 8:21	My strength comes from God.	Phil. 4:13	Stinky - The collection
<b>24</b>	Blah, Blah, Blah Genesis 9:18,19, 11:1-9	God is God and I am not..	Ps. 46:10	The teacup

## THIRD QUARTER

	LESSON & TEXT	LIFE LESSON	VERSE	SUPPORT
<b>25</b>	Red, Set, Go Genesis 12:1-4	I will follow when God leads.	Ps. 37:23	William Carey
<b>26</b>	Tangled Webs Genesis 12:10-20	It's always best when I tell the truth.	Ps. 34:13	Half truths
<b>27</b>	Rich blessings Genesis 12:1-3,15:1	God is my exceeding great reward.	Joshua 1:8	The richest man
<b>28</b>	Green eyes of greed Genesis 13:1-13	I will let God choose what's best for me.	I John 2:16	The magic genii
<b>29</b>	Give God Glory Genesis 14:1-24	I will bring glory to God with my life.	Ps. 34:3	<b>God's amazing grace</b>
<b>30</b>	Lot lost a lot Gen. 18:20-33, 19:1-29	I will keep myself pure from the world.	Mark 8:36	The most toys
<b>31</b>	Count the stars Genesis 15:1-6	God keeps His promises.	Ps. 105:42	Jesus never fails
<b>32</b>	Hagar's Tears Genesis 16:1-16	God watches over me.	Prov. 15:3	God will take care of you.
<b>33</b>	A New name Genesis 17:1-19	I will be Christ like.	Phil. 2:5	Pick a name
<b>34</b>	Sarah's laughter Genesis 17:15-22	God knows what is best for my life.	Ps. 34:15	A house or a home
<b>35</b>	Family Feud Genesis 21:8-21	I will be a peacemaker.	Rom. 12:18	The Twilight Zone
<b>36</b>	A test of faith Genesis 22:1-19	I will trust and obey.	Job 13:15	Fanny Crosby

## FOURTH QUARTER

	LESSON & TEXT	LIFE LESSON	VERSE	SUPPORT
<b>37</b>	You can count on me Genesis 24:1-9	I will serve God faithfully	I Cor. 4:2	What is a missionary?
<b>38</b>	A wise guy Genesis 24:10-14	God guides me through prayer.	James 5:16b	Trust and obey
<b>39</b>	Someone's watching Genesis 24:15-25	I will do my best for others are watching.	Col. 3:23	The beam in my eye
<b>40</b>	A thankful heart Genesis 24:26-60	I will thank God when He answers prayer.	Eph. 5:20	How to pray
<b>41</b>	God's choices are best Genesis 24:62-67	I will love God with all my heart.	I John 4:19	Maid of Emmaus
<b>42</b>	Power struggle Genesis 25:20-34	I will let God control my life.	Eph. 3:14	Where's the key?
<b>43</b>	Here we go again Genesis 26:1-11	God wants me to be truthful.	Eph. 4:25	Examine your tongue
<b>44</b>	Plotting & Planning Genesis 27:1-28	I will show God's love to my brothers.	I John 4:21	The contest
<b>45</b>	Bitter or sweet? Genesis 26:34, 35	I will glorify God with a sweet attitude.	Ps 51:10	Old man Cline
<b>46</b>	Give a little, Get a lot Genesis 28:1-10, 22	I will give God my time, talents, and treasures.	Ps. 100:2a	Talents and treasures
<b>47</b>	Pay back Genesis 29:1-28	I shall harvest what I plant.	Ps. 51:3	The inheritance
<b>48</b>	The flavor of forgiveness Genesis 32:1-29, 33:1-20	God wants me to taste the sweet flavor of forgiveness.	Eph. 4:32	Alan gets saved

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We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son; He was active in the creation; He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; He bears witness to the truth of the gospel; He is the Agent in the new birth; He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

## SATAN

We believe in the reality of Satan; he was created by God as an angel but through pride and rebellion became the enemy of God; he became ruler of the powers of darkness and is destined to the eternal judgment in the lake of fire.

## CREATION

We believe the Biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and man; this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical creative act of God without any evolutionary process; man was created by a direct act of God; and all men are descended from Adam and Eve.

## THE FALL OF MAN

We believe man was created in innocence, in the image and likeness of God, but by voluntary transgression Adam fell from his sinless state, and all men sinned in him, in consequence of which all men are totally depraved, are partakers of Adam's fallen nature, and are sinners by nature and are under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

## THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner, born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can be born of woman, and He is both the Son of God and God, the Son.

## SALVATION

We believe that salvation of sinners is provided by grace through Jesus Christ, Who voluntarily took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, shed His blood in His death, thus fully satisfying the just demands of a holy and righteous God; His sacrifice was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ the Lord bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; having risen from the dead He is now in Heaven, and He is in every way quali-

fied to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior. We believe faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation. Repentance is a change of mind and purpose toward God prompted by the Holy Spirit and is an integral part of saving faith.

## RESURRECTION AND PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and in His ascension into Heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest interceding for us.

## GRACE AND THE NEW BIRTH

We believe in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; it is instantaneous and not a process; in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; the new creation is brought about by God, through the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; its evidence appears in the fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life.

## JUSTIFICATION

We believe justification is that judicial act of God whereby He declares the believer righteous on the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ; it is bestowed, no in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's shed blood.

## SANCTIFICATION

We believe sanctification is the divine setting apart of the believer unto God accomplished in a threefold manner; first, an eternal act of God, based on redemption in Christ, establishing the believer in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts the Savior; second, a continuing process in the saint as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to the life; third, the final accomplishment of this process at the Lord's return

## RAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We believe in the premillennial return of Christ, an event which can occur at any moment, and that at that moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ shall be given glorified bodies without tasting death, and all shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before the seven years of the Tribulation. We believe that the Tribulation which follows the Rapture of the Church, will be culminated by the revelation of Christ in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of David and to establish the millennial kingdom.

## THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe only those who are justified by faith in Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem; while all who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting joy of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost in the lake of fire.