

Essentials of the Christian Faith

Any teaching that denies any of the following statements is heresy and false.

"This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God" (1 John 4:2-3)

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**

"...As He was praying, the heavens opened...and a voice from Heaven said, "you are My beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with You." (Luke 3:22)

- **Jesus divine eternally.**

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this!" (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- **Jesus was born of a virgin.**

"All right then, the Lord Himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel--"God is with us." (Isaiah 7:14 & Luke 1:28-33)

- **Jesus lived a sinless life.**

"This High Priest of ours (Jesus Christ) understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

- **Jesus died an atoning death and was raised physically on the third day from the dead.**

"I passed on to you right from the first what had been told to me, that Christ died for our sins just as the Scriptures said He would, and that He was buried, and that three days afterwards, He arose from the grave just as prophets foretold. He was seen by Peter and later by the rest of the Twelve (disciples). After that He was seen by more than five-hundred Christian brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died by now." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

- **Jesus ascended into Heaven and one day is coming again in person just as he was seen to go.**

"...Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring at the sky? Jesus has gone away to heaven, and some day, just as He went, He will return. (Acts 1:11)