What you believe matters.

- 1. We must believe in a gracious and loving God, the Father, who reigns over all creation.
- 2. We must believe in <u>Jesus Christ as the first born Son of God</u>, the only one who could come to earth to be the sacrifice for mankind's sins.
- 3. We must believe in <u>undivided attention be given to the word of God for it tells</u> us everything that God wants us to know and follow.
- 4. We must believe that beyond the revelation of the word there is no other pattern or creed existent for mankind to follow, ethically, morally and spiritually. (patterned authority)
- 5. We must believe that the Holy Spirit has guided the New Testamen writers to put God's whole word down on paper accurately and that it has been done with absolute perfection. There is then no need for added words, covenants, or creeds be added to this given word.
- 6. We must believe in worshipping God truthfully, scripturally, and exactly as it is written.
- 7. We must believe that <u>God loves mankind</u> without regard to race, colour, or national origin, wishing all to be saved, to which I must be a devoted servant, intent on my evangelistic job that he has told us all to do, constantly.
- 8. We must believe that Jesus will return on the appointed day, which no man can know or anticipate. The evil will go to be with Satan, and the saved will go to be with God Jesus and The Holy Spirit, forever. (It is a one event of universal judgement.)
- 9. We must believe that we are commissioned to live every day according to the exactexpressed will of God, whole heartedly.
- 10. We must believe that all life comes from God's capable hands, in one way or another. He has not revealed explicitly, other than to say "He spoke and it all happened." If God can create all things, He is big enough and smart enough to know what man should be doing. Therefore God must reign as the absolute sovereign.
- 11. All of the covenants of the Old Testament are finished completely in the life and work of Jesus. He nailed them to the cross at Calvary. There will be no later covenants given, because what He did, He did for all time and all peoples, everywhere in this world.
- 12. We all are saved by the blood of Jesus which was shed on that cross for us. He gave to mankind the offer of total forgiveness thus at Calvary. It is freely and lovingly given to His disciples in His church. He paid the debt that we owed. He was sinless and thus the only hope possible.

- 13. There are doctrinal points to be obeyed along the way, such as baptism by immersion, nurturing others, benevolently helping all people in distress, and systemically worship Him as He directed: without vain worship, self-worship, and or false worship. God is sovereign in all things and He alone rules my life. I do not rule my life, nor my messages regarding that life. He has already told us all what He wants us to do. It is now up to us to get down to doing it.
- 14. There could not have been any other possible way for God to forgive mankind, but by the death of Jesus. It was essential, as He designed it, or else we make God out to be capricious and vicious task-master. God does not rule then by fear of punishment, hiding to catch us in some 'slip-ups'.
- 15. God hears His children when they cry and moan. He knows our struggles and the factors that affect our lives daily. Coupled to His hearing, is his willingness to help His children. He knows when to say "yes", and when to say "no". God does answer righteous prayer.
- 16. God has asked His church to remember the death of Jesus, and all associated factors, in the Lord's Supper which the true church practices every week on Sunday, the day that is defined as the day of worship.
- 17. The church is to be cherished, every day, all day. This is the centerpiece of our lives and efforts. (There is no job that is higher and more practical than that of being His servant. All occupation should be viewed as a tool by which we extend our service to those around us. We live in a world of on-going love of Jesus, God, The Spirit, and their given word.)
- 18. We are to be full time servants, for all of our lives. There is no holiday time and no retirement from the vow we made at the time of our conversion. We are strongly encouraged to keep on reading and learning about GOD, JESUS, THE SPIRIT and their united way all the days of our lives.