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## A. THEOLOGY PROPER

*Check the statements below that you believe to be accurate. (There may be more than one per section)*

### 1. THE TRIUNE GOD

- A. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three equal but separate gods.
- B. God the Father created Jesus to accomplish his plan of salvation through both redemption and judgement.
- C. There is one God, the creator, who exists eternally in unity as three equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- D. Jesus was merely a man filled with the Holy Spirit, which provided him with the authority to perform miracles.
- E. The Father sent the Son to earth where he was then no longer God but became fully human.
- F. People receive Spirit baptism when they receive new life in Jesus Christ.
- G. The Holy Spirit is a powerful force representing God the Father and God the Son on earth.

### 2. BIBLE

- A. The entire Bible is true and trustworthy and is the final and absolute authority for belief and conduct.
- B. Throughout the centuries the Bible has been translated into several versions that reflect varying degrees of accuracy.
- C. A prophetic word, when given corporately, has authority equal to the Bible.
- D. Jesus' words, sometimes quoted using red letters, have higher authority than other parts of the Bible.
- E. The Bible reveals God's character and saving purposes for humanity.
- F. Although the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture, it is still a product of its time containing teaching that does not reflect the will of God.

### 3. CREATION

- A. God created and continues to sustain the heavens and the earth.
- B. Humans are created in God's image, but sin has in some way negatively affected that image.
- C. Although creation is marred it still must be stewarded by humankind, and especially by the people of God.
- D. Humans have freedom to make choices, establish moral standards, and form spiritual truths that suit how they relate to God in their time and culture.
- E. Demons are spirit beings who work with Satan against the purposes of God.
- F. Christians can expect victory over all forms of demonization.

#### 4. SALVATION

- A. The life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ provide the only way of salvation.
- B. A person receives Spirit baptism at salvation as a sign that they are forgiven of their sins.
- C. Our salvation is assured by the Holy Spirit as we remain obedient and keep our faith in Christ.
- D. Sanctification allows for a Christian to live a sinless life after they have received salvation.
- E. The salvation provided by Christ brings believers liberation from slavery to sin and evil, and includes the experience of healing (in various forms) as a foretaste of future restoration.
- F. Christ's salvation provides believers with the opportunity to seek for healing today through prayer.
- G. Healing is assured if a person has enough faith.

#### 5. SPIRIT BAPTISM

- A. Spirit baptism is an experience separate from being born again.
- B. The sign of speaking in tongues indicates that believers have been baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- C. A believer may be baptized in the Holy Spirit without the sign of speaking in tongues.
- D. Spirit baptism always occurs at the same time as the experience of the new birth.
- E. Speaking in tongues provides assurance to the believer of their sanctification.
- F. The purpose of Spirit baptism is empowered speech and action for effective witness of the Lord Jesus Christ

#### 6. THE CHURCH

- A. Jesus Christ provides a delegated authority to ordained pastors to be the head of the church.
- B. The universal church is made up of those who have been Spirit baptized with the sign of tongues.
- C. Both females and males may equally serve in all ministry leadership roles, with the primary responsibility of equipping the body of Christ for works of service.
- D. Spiritual gifts, such as prophecy, words of knowledge and words of wisdom when used properly, are equal in authority to the Scriptures.
- E. The gifts of the Spirit serve to build up the church and to demonstrate the presence of God.
- F. Water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are essential to receiving God's plan of salvation.

#### 7. RESTORATION

- A. Our great hope is for the imminent return of Jesus Christ in the air to receive his own.
- B. The return of Jesus Christ is imminent which means it could happen at any time.
- C. Ultimately, God will judge the living and the dead.
- D. The unredeemed will go away into eternal punishment.
- E. Ultimately, God's grace provides for everything to be restored including the devil and fallen angels.
- F. The redeemed will enjoy eternal life in the presence of God in the New Heaven and New Earth.

## **B. APPLIED THEOLOGY**

*The following questions may be answered in a paragraph or two. Please attach additional sheets if needed.*

**1. How do you demonstrate a passionate commitment to follow Christ?**

**2. Describe the way that grace, by which we are saved, is demonstrated in and through the life of a believer.**

**3. In what way(s) has Spirit baptism affected your life and areas of ministry?**

**4. In the course of everyday life, how do you personally engage with people who do not know Christ?**

**5. In a western culture that is secular, materialistic, pluralistic and sensual, explain how you live out the call to personal and relational purity and holiness?**

**6. Give your understanding of the biblical role of your ministry in the context of the church, including application of the principles of Christian unity in your relationships with the following:**

**a) The church or ministry where you serve:**

**b) The community in which you minister:**

**c) Clergy, both PAOC and others:**

**d) Your PAOC District Office and the International Office:**

**e) Your local, provincial, and federal government authorities:**

7. What is your responsibility to address issues of social and economic justice (e.g. poverty, current and historical oppression, policy injustices) How are you fulfilling that responsibility?

8. What is your view regarding women as leaders and/or pastors in ministry?

9. Using Matthew 18:15-19 and Acts 15 as background, how would you resolve conflict in a personal or ministry setting?

10. Express (i) your views, (ii) your practice by giving scriptural support for your position on each of the following:

a) the use of intoxicating beverages, legal, illegal and hallucinogenic drugs and substance abuse.

b) Divorce and remarriage.

**c) Forms of entertainment, Internet and social media use.**

**d) Whole life stewardship and tithing.**

**e) Homosexual, or bisexual identity and behaviour.**

**f) Transgender identity and expression (i.e. gender transition, fluidity, etc).**

**g) The use of pornography (i.e. publications, video, internet, etc.).**

**h) Gambling and lotteries.**

**11. Briefly define your life experience in family relationships, noting the following areas:**

**a) Authority in the home.**

**b) Balancing spousal expectations and parental responsibility with ministry.**

**12. Explain the difference, if any, between the receiving of the Holy Spirit at new birth and Spirit baptism.**

**13. Explain the difference, if any, between the gift of tongues, in a corporate setting as referred to in I Corinthians 12, and tongues as the sign of Spirit baptism.**

**14. In one page or less give a point form explanation of key end time events as you understand them.**