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We affirm that human beings are created in the image of God, but, through Adam's fall are now sinful, lost, and stand condemned. By deliberate choice, all participate in sin, which is open rebellion to God's law. However, in spite of the fall, all human life through creation has value and dignity.

We believe that human beings can be forgiven of sin and justified before God solely through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ who died for sinners and rose again from the dead. Only by repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ the Lord can acceptance with God be attained. We deny that salvation can be attained by any other means. We affirm that believers will enjoy an eternal state of blessedness in heaven, while unbelievers will experience eternal separation from God in hell.

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