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Rhombus Doctrinal Beliefs

Part I

Chapter One

1. Concerning Holy Scripture:

Rhombus acknowledges that the Biblical Scriptures have not been revealed by a mere man, but by God Himself, inspiring human authors to write the truths concerning Him and His will alone. We also acknowledge that creation and nature itself reveals there is a Creator God and that He is powerful and divine in nature (Rom. 1:18-20), but we acknowledge that no one can know God through nature alone, but only through His revealed Word given to humankind so that all people may know God, the depravity of humankind, the will of God concerning people because of the state of human depravity, ecclesiological function and operation, the order of nature concerning people (such as family, work, etc), and the culmination of times for His glory and namesake. There is no new revelation given that can bring people to know God. The former ways in which God has revealed Himself to people have now ceased and are no longer necessary (Heb.1:1-2).

Chapter Two

1. We believe in the Authoritative Word of God:

Rhombus believes that the Word of God is the ultimate Source of authority for life and practice for the Christian. We believe that the Bible itself is God-breathed and inspired by Him alone (2 Timothy 3:16).

2. We believe in the Inerrant Word of God:

Rhombus maintains that the Word of God is consistent in its Source and message. We also believe since the Bible is indeed God-breathed it contains no errors because it is infallible and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).

3. We believe in the Triune Godhead:

We believe that God is one in essence and yet is found in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Rhombus maintains that they are all co-equal in nature and glory, and carry with them the same attributes and perfection (Gen. 1:26; Lk. 3:21-22).

4. We believe in the work of God the Father:

We believe in the first Person of the Godhead that He existed in the beginning (Gen. 1:1). He is unseen by men and He is a self-existent spirit (1 Jn. 4:12). He is omniscient (Ps. 139:8), omnipotent (Jer. 32:17), eternal (Jn. 1:1), infinite (Job 11:7), everlasting (Gen 21:33), glorious (1 Chron. 29:12-13), Holy (Lev. 19:2), merciful (Lu. 6:36), righteous (Ps. 7:9), just (Deut. 32:4), and good (Mr. 10:18) all at once. There is no attribute or quality that exists independently of Himself. He receives all praise and glory and it is Christ Jesus that human beings can relate to the Father (Jn. 1:18-20; Col. 1:15). We believe that the Father protects and provides for all (1 Tim. 6:17). We believe that the Father also raises the dead (Jn. 5:21), is in control of all end time (eschatological) events. He draws those to Christ, even before the foundation of the world (Jn. 6:44), He predestines believers to be adopted as sons in Christ (Rom. 8:29) He disciplines believers for their sanctification (Heb. 12:6), He preserves the saints in their relationship to God (Ps 97:10), and gives gifts to men (Jas. 1:17).

5. We believe in the work of God the Son:

Rhombus maintains that Christ, the Eternal God, without putting aside His nature to be God, and was conceived by the Holy Spirit through the Virgin Mary so that God may be revealed to sinful men (Isa. 7:14). We believe that Jesus Christ is all man and all God (Jn. 1:1-3, 14), and came on behalf of His Father to save sinners from condemnation (Rom 8:1). We believe in the

penal-substitution atonement on the cross as our representative (Isa 53:5). We believed He was buried and on the third day physically rose again from the dead for our justification (Rom 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:4). We believe he is exalted at the right hand of God and that He is in God's presence interceding on behalf of the saints (Rom. 8:34). Rhombus believes he will return to set up a literal one thousand year reign becoming Israel's King (Rev. 20:1-6).

6. We believe in the work of the Holy Spirit:

Rhombus believes that the Holy Spirit was there in the beginning with the Father and the Son (Gen. 1:2). We believe the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin righteousness and judgment (Jn. 16:8). We believe God by the Holy Spirit baptizes (Jn. 1:33), seals (Eph. 1:13), and sanctifies (Rom. 15:16) believers for the day of redemption in Christ Jesus. We believe that He guides believers into all truth according to His Word and that He anoints them and teaches them about Christ according to His Word (Jn. 15:26; 16:13). Our fellowship also acknowledges the Holy Spirit as a Person who can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), who has a will (Acts 13:4), and can be lied to (Ac. 5:3).

Chapter Three

1. Creation:

We believe in the historical account recorded in Genesis chapters 1-3. We believe that God spoke the world and universe into existence (Gen. 1:1-25). We believe that the six days of creation were six literal days and rested on the seventh day (Gen. 2:2-3). We also believe that man and woman was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). We believe that man was created by the dust of the earth and God breathed life into man (Gen. 2:7). We believe that God created the first woman from the rib of Adam the first man (Gen. 2:22). We also believe in the Great Flood during the time of Noah (Gen. 6:17), the calling of Abraham (Gen. 12:1), which brought forth through his lineage the nation of Israel, God's Chosen people.

2. We believe in the created order of marriage between man and woman:

Rhombus believes that God established "Created order unions" (i.e., traditional covenant marriage), between and man and a woman, and not members of the same sex (Gen. 2:18-24). Rhombus also believes that "created order unions" (i.e., traditional covenant marriage) also are to reflect the relationship that Christ has with His church (Eph. 25:22-33)

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3. Man:

We believe that man and woman was created in the image of God, but fell when they broke God's command in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6-7). Adam, man's representative, disobeyed God and because of the fall of man he is now totally depraved and

deprived and separated from God. Man because of his nature cannot remedy his condition on his own (Jer. 17:9).

4. Salvation:

We believe that the gift of God is found in Christ the Lord who paid the price of sin, that is death, because of His substitution atonement on the cross for the forgiveness of sins (Isa 53:5). This act is not determined by man's ability or faithfulness but by the grace and mercy of God (Eph. 2:4-5).

Chapter Four

1. We believe in the eternal security of the believer:

We believe in the assurance of salvation that is found in Christ on the cross for our sin (Jn. 10:27-29). We also believe that this assurance in our salvation should not be used to engage in the practices of the flesh (Rom. 6:1-2; Gal. 5:13-15).

2. The Dual natures of the Believer:

We believe in the two natures of the believer. We believe at their conversion a Christian holds two natures: the corrupt sinful nature and the regenerated nature that has been quickened by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Tit. 3:5). We believe that the second nature is capable of pleasing God and the flesh is not capable of pleasing God (Gal. 5:17).

3. We believe in separation from the world and its practices:

We believe in the separation of the believer from the culture in terms of false ideas, acts, beliefs, concepts, and practices (2 Tim. 3:1-5). We also believe in the separation from false teachings and doctrines that seek led men away from the truth (Matt. 7:15).

4. Missions:

We believe that it is the call of every believer who has been redeemed by Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit to preach and proclaim the gospel to all men (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15-16).

Chapter Five

1. Spiritual Gifts:

We believe that God gives every believer a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:4-11). We also believe these gifts are used for the strengthening of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:12). We believe in the gifts

of the Spirit such as administration, mercy, exhortation, giving, and teaching. Yet we believe that miracles, tongues, and prophecies as a normative sign and wonder for the church have ceased because God's revelation is complete (Heb. 1:1).

2. Prayer:

We believe that God hears and answers the prayers of every believer according to His will, especially for those who are sick and troubled (1 Jn. 5:14; Jas. 5:13-18).

3. Baptism:

We believe in full water immersion identifying ourselves with Christ's death, as a practice for the people of God today (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:1-11).

4. Sacraments:

We believe in the Lord's Supper, which proclaims Christ death, is a practice for the people of God for today (Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20).

5. We believe in the local church:

We believe in the local church and His people operating within it (Ac. 2:42-47). Yet, we also believe in the universal Church that exist worldwide (Acts 1:8). The universal church holds to the fundamental teachings and doctrines of Scripture in a literal, historical, and cultural aspects.

6. We believe in Dispensational Theology:

We believe in the theology where the Scripture reveals determined dispensations, which defines man responsibility in the successive administration of God (Eph. 1:9-10; Col. 1:24-25). These dispensations are divinely sequenced by which man God directs man according to His will and purpose. Although there are more that are recognized there are seven that are widely known and accepted: The Dispensation of Innocence (Gen. chaps. 1-3), The Dispensation of Conscience (Gen. chaps. 4-8), The Dispensation of Government (Gen. chaps. 9-11) The Dispensation of Promise (Gen. 12:1-3), The Dispensation of Law (Exo. 20:1-10; Jn. 1:17), the Dispensation of Grace (2 Cor. 3:6-18; Eph. 3:2-10), and the Dispensation of the Kingdom (Rev. 20:2-6).

Chapter Six

1. We believe in Satan:

We believe that Satan is the accuser of the brethren (Zech. 3:1), and he is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44). He is the author of sin and he is the enemy of God and man (Rev. 12:17). We believe that Satan in the Millennial Kingdom will be bound for a literal one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3). We also believe that Satan will be released and deceive the nations and launch a final assault on God's people (Rev. 20:7-9). We believe that Satan's demise will be eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).

2. We believe in the second return of Christ:

We believe in the second advent of Christ that He will return with His saints to establish the Millennial Kingdom on earth, which will begin after His second advent (Rev. 19:11-21). This is the blessed hope for the believer in Christ (Tit. 2:11-13).

3. We believe in the glorification of the saints (eternal state of man):

We believe in the glorification of man and at the time of Christ return man will be glorified (1 Thess. 4:16-17). We also believe that those who are dead are present with the Lord at the first resurrection will be joined new body and soul with the Lord to dwell with the Lord for eternity (1 Cor. 15:50-54).