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I. We Deny That ...

- Saving faith is mere mental assent to the gospel.
- There are two categories or kinds of Christians—spiritual and carnal.
- It is possible to accept Jesus as Savior without accepting Him as Lord.
- A genuine Christian can manifest no fruit over a long period of time.
- A genuine Christian can live in a life-long pattern of unrepentant sin and disobedience.
- “No-lordship salvation” is biblical.

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II. We Affirm That...

- A. At salvation, the believer becomes a new creation in Christ.
 - 1) Birth (John 1:12-13; 3:3)
 - 2) Creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 2:10; 4:24)
 - 3) Resurrection (Eph. 2:1-6; Col. 2:13)
- B. Salvation is by grace alone, but we receive it through faith in Christ AND repentance for our sins.

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II. We Affirm That ...

- C. True saving faith includes the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and a willingness to follow him.
 - Three basic elements of true faith...
 - Knowledge (*notitia*)
 - Assent (*assensus*)
 - Trust (*fiducia*)
- D. Every true believer will demonstrate the reality of his new life by submission to Christ and obedience to God’s Word.