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- What did Eve eat in the garden that was forbidden?
 - The Bible merely says “the fruit”
 - Gen. 3:2-3, 6 - “And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

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- Several things are only thought to be in the Bible:
 - “Spare the rod and spoil the child”
 - “Cleanliness is next to godliness.”
 - “The Lord helps those who help themselves.”
 - “Guardian angels”
 - “Three kings or wise men visiting Christ as an infant.”
- Ten doctrinal matters that are only thought to be in the Bible.

I. Moral & Ceremonial divisions of the Old Law.

- “Only ceremonial law done away with; the moral law is still binding”
 - Ten commandments
 - Sabbath worship on Sunday
 - Use of instruments in worship

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- All of the Old Law was removed.
 - Col. 2:13-17 - “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

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 - Heb. 8:7, 13 - “For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 13 In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”
 - Gal. 5:2-4 - “Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”

II. Peter was the first Pope.

- “Pope” isn’t in the Bible.
- Peter had a wife.
 - Matt. 8:14 - “Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.”
- He didn’t leave her.
 - 1Cor. 9:5 - “Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?”

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- He wouldn't accept worship from Cornelius.
 - Acts 10:25-26 - "As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, Stand up; I myself am also a man."
- He was an elder.
 - 1Peter 5:1 - "The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed"

III. Instrumental music in the Worship.

- Roman Catholics introduced instrumental music into worship in 755 AD.
- Protestant churches did not begin using it until around 150 years ago.
- It was not used in the New Testament Church.
 - Eph. 5:19 - “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”
 - Col. 3:16 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

IV. Salvation by Faith only.

- The phrase “faith only” is used in the Bible only once, and it says one isn’t saved by faith alone.
 - James 2:24 - “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”
 - Rom. 10:13, 16-17 - “For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report? 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
 - James 2:14, 20 - “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”

V. Salvation without the church.

- Christ is the savior of the Body
 - Eph. 5:23, 25-27 - “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”
 - Acts 2:47 - “...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
- There are many commands for Christians that cannot be kept outside of the church. One cannot be saved without keeping the commands that can only be obeyed in a collectivity.

VI. Satan was once an angel in Heaven.

- Not in the Bible; in Milton's Paradise Lost and Regained and in Dante's Inferno
- Lucifer isn't even Satan's name. Means "light giver or daystar."
- Lucifer is a prophetic term for a Babylonian king.
 - Isa. 14:4-23

VII. Religious observance of Christmas.

- Where is the authority?
 - There is not one mention of Christmas in the Scriptures.
 - The birth of Christ belongs in the dispensation of the Law of Moses.
 - The New Testament only authorizes an observance of the death of Christ - 1Cor. 11:23-26.
 - Christians must not partake of any religious practice that is not authorized in Scripture; it is sin to engage in any denominational worship activity - Eph. 5:11.

VIII. The Rapture.

- As described by Premillennialists, the rapture isn't found in the Bible.
 - 1Cor. 15:51-52 - “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

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- 1Thes. 4:15-17 - “For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”
- John 5:28-29 - “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

IX. "The Lord will understand."

- "As long as I'm doing good, the Lord will allow it."
 - Used to justify more error than any other argument.
 - Saul tried to use this reasoning; Agag and Amalekite sacrificial animals .
 - "Behold to obey is better than sacrifices."
- Among members of the church, it is used to justify:
 - forsaking the assembly
 - disregarding of discipline
 - engaging in immoral behavior in the company of sinners
 - immodesty
 - excuse-making

X. Judgment as a set of balance scales.

- "The Lord will weigh the good I've done against the mistakes I've made and the good will outweigh the bad."
 - Gal. 5:19-21 - "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

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- Rev. 21:8, 27 - “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
- 2Cor. 5:10 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
- Ecc. 12:13-14 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

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