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- \* 2) ***Christ must suffer, die, and be raised again.*** “The Son of man must suffer many things...and be killed, and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31; Matt. 16:21). “Even so must the Son of man be lifted up” (John 3:14). “Ought not Christ [was it not necessary for Christ] to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?” (Luke 24:26).
- \* 3) ***To be saved a person must believe.*** Faith is essential. “Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:30-31). “Without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is” (Heb. 11:6).
- \* 4) ***The sinner must be born again.*** The new birth is essential. Self-reformation will never bring about a new nature. “Ye must be born again” (John 3:7).
- \* 5) ***The believer must face tribulation.*** Such is ours by Divine appointment: “We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22; compare 1 Thess. 3:3-4; John 16:33).
- \* 6) ***The believer must engage in constant prayer.*** “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1).
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