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Furthermore, our salvation is effected by the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit who imparts new life to us while we were still dead in our sins. Therefore, we confess that Christians are twice born. As such, we have a new nature given to us through the renewal of the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is supernatural. All other religious expressions are natural, works based attempts to earn God's favor. Such works will never achieve eternal salvation.

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