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No. 19

It is suggested that No.19 is ambiguous when it speaks of "the truths central to salvation". We suggest that our intended meaning might have been more clearly stated by saying "the central truths, the truths of salvation". The word "central" was not intended to raise issues about which truths of salvation were more important than others.

What we were concerned to say was that not every ~~definition or~~ decree of every council could be or has been thought to be *permanently* binding upon the faithful. ~~Such binding force applies only to~~ ~~truths of salvation.~~