

Great Lakes Bible Methodist Youth

Foundational Truths

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God in Being

1. Does the Bible contain arguments to prove there is a God?

No. It merely announces the fact.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God

2. What is the first thing said about God?

That He is the creator of heaven and earth.

Gen 1:1 God created the heavens and the earth.

3. What is God?

God is a Spirit John 4:24

4. Where is God?

God is Omnipresent, which means present everywhere

Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?

Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?"

says the Lord.

5. Is God present everywhere in the same way?

No.

A. His throne is in Heaven

B. He is especially close to the righteous but far from the wicked.

Ps 11:4 But the Lord is in his holy Temple; the Lord still rules from heaven.

Prov 15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

6. How long has God lived?

God is eternal, which means He always has been and always will be.

Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."

7. Can we fully understand God?

No. If we could He would cease to be God because we would need to be greater than He is.

Isa 40:28 No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

8. What does God know?

God is omniscient, which means he has all knowledge

Heb 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

9. What can God do?

God is almighty and can do anything He wills.

Ps 135:6 The Lord does whatever pleases him throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in their depths.

10. Does God have faculties of being?

We are told of:

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| A. The eye of the Lord | Psa 34:15 |
| B. The ear of the Lord | Psa 34:15 |
| C. The smelling of the Lord | Gen 8:21 |
| D. The hand of the Lord | Isa 40:12 |

He is said to be pleased, grieved and angry; to mock, laugh, love and hate.

Psa 69:31, Psa 95:10, II Kings 17:18, Pro 1:26, Psa 2:4, John 3:16, Pro 6:16

11. What is God's character?

He is Just and Holy

1 John 1:9 He is faithful and just

Ps 99:9 For the Lord our God is holy!

12. How does God's character demonstrate itself?

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| A. Goodness | Psa 52:1 |
| B. Love | 1 John 3:1 |
| C. Mercy | Psa 86:5 |
| D. Anger | Rom 2:5 |
| E. Judgment | Rom 14:10 |
| F. Punishment | Isa 13:11 |

13. Is there more than one God?

1 Cor 8:4 There is only one God.

God in Trinity

14. What is meant by God in Trinity?

God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Matt 28:19 Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

15. Aren't there three Gods in three persons?

No, there is one God in Three Persons.

Eph 4:5-6 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.

16. Can we understand the Trinity of the Godhead?

No, we must receive it by faith.

1 Tim 3:16 Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith:

17. How do we know there are three persons in the Godhead?

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| A. The Bible calls the Father God. | Rom 15:16 |
| B. The Bible calls the Son God. | John 1 |
| C. The Bible calls the Holy Spirit God. | Acts 5:3-4 |

18. Does the Bible show all three working at the same time?

Yes. At the baptism of Jesus the Father speaks from heaven, the Son is being baptized, and the Holy Spirit descends as a dove.

Luke 3:21-22 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

19. Why shouldn't we believe in more than three persons in the Godhead?

The Bible tells us of only three persons and our faith is built on the Scriptures

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

20. In what name are we to be baptized?

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Matt 28:19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

21. Does the Old Testament teach a plurality of persons in the Godhead?

Yes. The Hebrew word for God, Elohim is a plural noun and used 32 times in Genesis 1.

Creation

22. When did God create the heavens and the earth?

In the beginning.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

23. Did the Son, Jesus, take part in creation?

He did.

John 1:3 God created everything through him,

24. Did the Spirit take part in creation?

He did.

Gen 1:2 And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters

25. Quote the first verse of the Bible.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

26. How did God create the heaven and the earth?

By His Word.

Ps 148:5 Let every created thing give praise to the Lord,
for he issued his command, and they came into being.

27. For whom were all things created?

For Jesus Christ.

Col 1:16 Everything was created through him and for him.

28. Does God preserve His creation?

Yes.

Heb 1:3 He sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

29. What was the crowning work of God's creation?

Man

Gen 1:27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

30. Why was man the crowning work of God's creation?

Because he was created in the image of God was to reign over the rest of creation.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

31. How many parts does man have?

Three. Body, soul and spirit.

1 Thess 5:23 May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

32. How did God make man's body?

God formed man out of the dust of the ground.

Gen 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground.

33. How did man become a living soul?

Man became a living soul by God breathing into his nostrils the breath of life.

Gen 2:7 He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

34. Are the body and soul different?

The body is physical and will die and decay. The soul is spirit and as is eternal, living forever.

Matt 10:28 Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul.

35. What is the relationship of man's spirit to the rest of his being?

God is a Spirit and the human spirit furnishes the avenue through which the soul may be saved and receive divine guidance.

John 4:24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

36. What was man's spiritual condition when he was created?

Excellent. He was created in the image of God.

Gen 1:27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

37. Of what does the image of God consist?

Righteousness and true holiness.

Eph 4:24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

38. How was the first woman created?

God caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam and took a rib from his side with which He made Eve.

Gen 2:21-22 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

39. What names were given to the first man and woman?

God named the first man Adam and Adam named his wife Eve.

Gen 3:20 Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live.

40. Did God create any other beings besides man?

Yes, He created angels.

Col 1:16 For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

41. What are angels?

They are spiritual beings without physical bodies.

Luke 20:36 And they will never die again. In this respect they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection.

42. What task is assigned to the angels?

They are to minister to mankind.

Heb 1:14 Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.

43. Were the angels created holy?

Yes, a holy God could not create unholy things.

Ps 145:17 The Lord is righteous in everything he does;

44. Did all the angels remain holy?

No, many of them sinned and became followers of the devil.

2 Peter 2:4 For God did not spare even the angels who sinned.

45. What is the devil?

A fallen angel of the highest order.

Ezek 28:14-15

I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.

15 "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.

The Fall of Man

46. What was the first task given to mankind?

To replenish and govern the earth.

Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

47. What did God do with man after He created him?

He placed him in the Garden of Eden.

Gen 2:8 Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.

48. What was man's task in the Garden of Eden?

Man's job was to tend and watch over the Garden.

Gen 2:15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

49. Did God give man any commandment to obey?

He did. Man was not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:16-17 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden —17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

50. What was the penalty if man disobeyed this commandment?

He would die.

Gen 2:17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.

51. Was the commandment God gave Adam and Eve easy to understand?

Yes, it was only one rule.

52. Did Adam and Eve keep the commandment God gave them?

They did not. They disobeyed.

Gen 3:6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

53. What is their act of disobedience called?

Sin

1 Tim 2:14 The woman was deceived, and sin was the result.

54. Who tempted the man to sin?

Eve brought Adam the fruit and he ate it.

Gen 3:6 So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

55. Who tempted Eve to sin?

The devil in the form of a serpent tempted Eve.

Gen 3:13 "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

56. How is every man tempted?

Man is tempted when he is drawn astray by his wrong desires.

James 1:14-15 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

The Consequences of Sin

57. What effect did Adam and Eve's sin have on them?

They were separated from God and became the servants of sin.

Rom 6:16 Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

58. How do we know that mankind lost the image of God?

Because we must be renewed in God's image now.

Col 3:10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

59. How do we know Adam and Eve had a sense of guilt?

They were afraid and hid themselves from the presence of God.

Gen 3:8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.

60. How do we know Adam and Eve were ashamed?

They made aprons of fig leaves to cover their nakedness.

Gen 3:7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

61. What did God do for Adam and Eve because of their sin?

God made coats of skins and clothed them.

Gen 3:21 And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

62. What does the statement “made clothing from animal skins” imply?

As a consequence of man’s sin, some creature had to die to provide a covering for man.

Rom 5:6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

63. Had death ever taken place in the world before man sinned?

Death entered into the world when man chose to sin.

Rom 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

64. What did God do to Adam and Eve because of their sin?

God drove them out of the Garden of Eden.

Gen 3:23 So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden,

65. Why couldn’t Adam and Eve return to the Garden?

God would not permit it.

Gen 3:24 After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

66. What is man’s condition apart from God?

He is a slave to sin.

Rom 6:16 Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

67. Besides being a slave to sin, what else does the Scripture say about man’s condition away from God?

He is spiritually dead.

Eph 2:1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

68. Did Adam and Eve’s sin affect anyone besides themselves?

Because Adam and Eve sinned, all their descendants are born morally depraved, or corrupt.

Ps 51:5

For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

69. Did this condition of depravity, or corruption, begin immediately with Adam?

Having lost the image of God, Adam's sons were born like himself.

Gen 5:3 he became the father of a son who was just like him—in his very image.

70. How does this inborn corruption demonstrate itself?

Inborn corruption shows itself in every evil work.

Gal 5:19-21

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

71. What are the final consequences of man's sin?

Everlasting death and punishment is the ultimate result of choosing sin.

2 Thess. 1:9 They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

72. What is death?

Death is a separation from the present environment and a change of condition that man has no power to reverse.

- A. In the case of Adam, it involves man being driven from the Garden and God, with no power to recover himself and return. Gen 3:24
- B. In Physical death, it is that point in our existence where the spirit leaves the body. James 3:26
- C. To be separated from God while we are alive is to be dead because of our disobedience from which we may be recovered by God's grace alone. Eph 2:8
- D. To be separated from God after we die is everlasting destruction and death. II Thess. 1:9

73. What will be the everlasting punishment for choosing sin?

- A. Sorrow and remorse of conscience
- B. The lake of fire

Mark 9:48 where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.

Salvation

74. Was God pleased with man's fall into sin?

No, God wants mankind to live instead of die.

Ezek 33:11 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live.

75. Did God do anything to keep man from suffering the full consequences of choosing sin?

God promised a Redeemer who would strike the serpents head.

Gen 3:15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

76. To whom does the promise of a Redeemer refer?

Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, by striking the serpents head, is able to delivery all those who follow Him, from the slavery and penalty of sin.

Matt 1:21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

77. What first step did God take to bring about man's salvation?

Because man continued to sin instead of live righteously, God gave the law.

Gal 3:19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised.

78. What was the purpose of the law?

- A. To give knowledge of sin
- B. To teach us our need of a Savior

Gal 3:24 The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

79. What step did God take besides giving the law to bring about man's salvation?

He sent prophets to inspire faith.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

80. How long did the law and the prophets continue?

The law and the prophets continued until the time of John the Baptist.

Luke 16:16

"Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses and the messages of the prophets were your guides.

81. Could a person be saved by keeping the law?

No.

Gal 2:16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.

82. Why couldn't a man be saved by the law?

Because the law sets forth the feeling of God toward sin, its power is that of condemnation. To a man in sin it becomes a curse.

Gal 3:10 But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse,

83. Is it possible for a man to meet the demands of the law and so escape its curse?

No, man is carnal and cannot keep a Holy Law.

Rom 8:7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will.

84. If a man cannot keep the law, how can he be saved?

Man is saved by grace. God, through Christ, can save man from the curse of sin by saving him from his sin.

Gal 4:5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

85. After the time of the law and the prophets, what was God's next step to save man?

God sent His Son.

John 3:16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

86. Does God desire the salvation of all men?

He does!

1 Tim 2:4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

87. Why does God want to save all men through Christ?

Because "God is love" 1 John 4:8

88. What did the Son of God do to save people from their sins?

- A. He became a man
- B. Lived according to law
- C. Suffered In our behalf
- D. Died for sin
- E. And rose again from the grave.

1 Peter 1:18-19

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

89. Was Jesus always God?

He was.

John 17:5 Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

90. Was the Son of God always a man?

No, Jesus became a man by his incarnation.

Phil 2:7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

91. What does incarnation mean?

The incarnation means that Jesus was revealed in a human body.

1 Tim 3:16

Christ was revealed in a human body

92. Did Jesus Christ have the nature of God?

He did. Jesus was God.

John 10:30 The Father and I are one.

93. Did Jesus have the nature of man?

He did. Jesus was man.

Gal 4:4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

94. Was Jesus two persons?

Jesus had two natures in one personality.

Matt 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son,
Acts 1:14 Mary the mother of Jesus,

95. Can we understand the incarnation?

No, it is beyond human comprehension.

1 Tim 3:16 Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith:
Christ was revealed in a human body

96. What kind of life did Jesus live as a man?

Jesus lived a holy life without sin.

Heb 4:15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same
testings we do, yet he did not sin.

97. Would a sinless life be according to the law?

Yes, the law is holy.

Rom 7:12 the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

98. Where is the moral law found?

The moral law is found in the Ten Commandments, Ex. 20:3-17

99. What is the first Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:3 You must not have any other god but me.

This teaches us that God is the supreme ruler over everything and becomes the foundation for
all morality.

100. What is the second Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:4 You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind

This teaches us that God alone is holy and we are to worship by faith and not by sight.

101. What is the third Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:7 You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

This teaches us that God's name is holy and is to be treated with proper respect.

102. What is the fourth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:8 Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

This means that God's special day is holy and we should observe it accordingly.

103. How were the first four Commandments summed up by Jesus?

Mark 12:30 you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

104. What is the fifth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:12 Honor your father and mother.

By this we learn the sanctity of the home and to respect our parents.

105. What is the sixth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:13 You must not murder.

This teaches us the sanctity of human life.

106. What is the seventh Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:14 You must not commit adultery.

This teaches us the sanctity of marriage.

107. What is the eighth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:15 You must not steal.

This teaches us the sanctity of personal property.

108. What is the ninth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:16 You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

This teaches us the sanctity of our neighbor's character.

109. What is the tenth Commandment and what does it teach us?

Ex 20:17 You must not covet

This teaches us to consider the sanctity of our own character.

110. How did Jesus sum up the last six Commandments?

Mark 12:31 Love your neighbor as yourself.

111. Did Jesus constantly keep all ten Commandments?

He did. Jesus never sinned.

2 Cor 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

112. How did Jesus Christ suffer for us?

- A. He humbled Himself to become a man. Phil 2:8
- B. He suffered many temptations. Hebrews 2:18
- C. He became our sin offering on the cross. I Peter 2:24
- D. He died alone and forsaken. Matt 27:46

113. Why should Christ die for mankind?

Christ became the sacrifice for our sin.

Rom 3:25

For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

114. Does Jesus' resurrection have special meaning for us?

Yes, it gives us the hope of eternal life.

John 14:19 Since I live, you also will live.

115. Are there proofs of Christ's resurrection?

Yes, He was seen by His disciples and many others.

1 Cor 15:5-8

He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. 6 After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

116. How long was Jesus on earth after His resurrection?

Forty days.

Acts 1:3 During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive.

117. What did Jesus do at the end of the forty day period following His resurrection?

He ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:9 he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching

118. What was the purpose of Christ's ascension into heaven?

To act as a mediator between God and man.

Heb 9:24 He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.

119. What two positions does Christ occupy by His death and resurrection?

- A. As the Lamb of God, He became our sin sacrifice. John 1:29
- B. By His resurrection, He became our high priest in heaven. Heb 4:14

120. Does the death and resurrection of Christ constitute an atonement for sin?

It does

Rom 4:25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

121. Was Christ's atonement for all mankind?

It was.

1 John 2:2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

122. Will all people be saved because of Christ's atonement?

Only those who meet the conditions will be saved.

Matt 7:13-14

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

123. What is the condition of salvation?

Faith

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved,

124. Is there more than one type of faith?

There is intellectual faith which does not save, and the evangelical or heart faith which does save.

Rom 10:10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God,

125. How does one exercise heart faith?

By being willing to give God everything.

Luke 14:33 So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

126. Does the Bible teach repentance to be necessary?

It does.

Luke 13:3 you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.

127. What is repentance and does it save us?

Repentance is a complete reversal of one's attitude and values, a turning toward God. It does not save us but prepares us to believe God for salvation.

Eph 2:8-9

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

128. Does man come to full repentance on his own?

No, God leads us to repentance through His Spirit.

Rom 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

129. How does God lead a person to repentance?

God reveals a person's sins to them and causes them to be sorry. This deep sorrow, or conviction, leads a person to repent.

2 Cor 7:10 For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

130. What is the mark of true repentance?

True repentance causes a person to turn away from and stop their sinning.

2 Cor 7:11 Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, . . . You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right.

131. Will children be saved who die before they know how good from evil?

They will.

Matt 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

132. What does the Bible say happens when, by faith, we believe in Jesus for our salvation?

We are made right in the sight of God and we have peace from the condemnation of our sin.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

133. What does justified mean?

It means a person is accounted in the eyes of God's law, as though they had never sinned.

Gal 3:13 But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.

134. What else does the Bible say will happen when a person, by faith, believes?

He will be regenerated or born again of God.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.

135. Is this new birth necessary for salvation?

It is.

John 3:3 "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

136. Along with the new birth, what else does the Bible say will happen when we, by faith, believe?

We will receive the witness of the Spirit.

Rom 8:16 For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

137. Is it important that we have this witness of the Spirit?

It is.

1 John 4:13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us.

138. What other evidence is there when a person has been regenerated or born again?

The outward life will change to become more like Christ.

2 Cor 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

139. How is regeneration defined?

It is the change, brought about by the Holy Spirit, in the heart of a believer that causes the image of Christ to be renewed in that individual.

Col 3:10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

140. What is meant by adoption as it relates to salvation?

It is that act of God's grace that takes an individual from being a child of this world to become a child of the Heavenly Father.

Gal 4:7 Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

141. What is the relationship of justification, regeneration, and adoption to each other and to salvation?

- A. Justification changes man's legal standing before the law. Rom 8:1
- B. Regeneration changes man's nature. II Cor 5:17
- C. Adoption changes man's relationship to God. I John 3:2

142. What is sanctification?

As it pertains to man, it is that act of Divine grace that sets a person apart for God's service and purifies the heart.

1 Peter 1:15-16

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

143. When does sanctification take place?

It begins in regeneration and is completed by faith and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thess 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 24 God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

144. What do we mean by “beginning” and “completed.”

- A. Regeneration renews our nature and separates the us from the world. This is the beginning or setting apart.
- B. Entire sanctification purifies our hearts in love, this is the completion.

John 17:14 And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

1 Tim 1:5 The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

145. May all believers be sanctified wholly in this life?

It is God’s will and plan for all believers to be sanctified.

1 Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

146. Is entire sanctification a duty or a privilege for believers?

- A. It is a duty because God commands it.
- B. It is a privilege to be free from sin.

1 Peter 1:16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Rom 6:22 But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

147. May a person fall from the grace of sanctification?

One may fall from any state of grace if they stop living and walking by faith.

1 Cor 10:12 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.

148. Are there other Scriptures that teach the possibility of falling away?

- A. The fruitless branch John 15:2
- B. The backslider II Peter 2:20-21
- C. Revoked forgiveness Heb 10:38-39
- D.

149. Is it necessary that people should fall back into sin?

No, God is able to keep us.

Jude 24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

Means of Grace

150. How do we guard against falling from grace?

By giving our attention to and participating in the 'means of grace.'

Heb 2:1 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

151. What are the 'means of grace?'

- A. Church attendance
- B. Reading the Bible
- C. Prayer
- D. The Sacraments

152. In what forms does the church of God exist?

- A. The Visible
- B. The Invisible

153. What is meant by the 'visible church?'

Congregations of true believers who gather for worship.

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper.

154. What is meant by the 'invisible church?'

The invisible church includes all God's children in all ages.

Gal 3:28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

155. Why should Christians unite with the 'visible church?'

- A. To be a help to each other.
- B. To better be able to go good works and spread the Gospel.

Heb 10:24-25 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

156. What are the different positions spoken of in the church?

- A. An Elder I Timothy 3:1
- B. A Deacon I Timothy 3:8
- C. Believers Acts 6:7

157. What are the benefits of church attendance?

- A. To learn more of God's Word and Doctrine.
- B. To enjoy the fellowship of believers.
- C. To find opportunities for Christian service.

158. What is a sacrament?

A ritual used in worship which has been established by Christ and which symbolizes the inner life, faith and hope of the believer.

159. How many sacraments are there?

Two, Baptism and Communion

160. What does the sacrament of Baptism symbolize?

Baptism signifies the washing away of the old life with its sin and being born again to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

161. What does the sacrament of Communion symbolize?

Communion signifies the faith of the believer in the atoning death of Christ and his hope for Christ's return.

1 Cor 11:26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

162. What is the Bible?

The Bible is the Word of God to man.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

163. Why is reading the Bible important?

- A. It causes our faith to grow.
- B. It tells us how to live.
- C. It tells us how God dealt with mankind in the past.
- D. It prophesies what will happen in the future.

164. What is prayer?

Prayer is communication of the human soul with God.

1 Thess 5:17 Never stop praying.

165. What encouragement do we have to pray?

The promises of God.

John 14:13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

166. How should we pray?

With faith, from a thankful heart

Phil 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

167. Give five examples of prayers from Scripture.

- A. Jesus continued all night in prayer. Luke 6:12
- B. Moses prayer for Israel Exodus 32:30-32
- C. Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple. II Chronicles 6:12-7:1
- D. Daniel's prayer for his people. Daniel 9:3-21
- E. Paul's praying night and day. I Thessalonians 3:10

168. Should special meetings for prayer be held?

Yes. Early Christians often met together for prayer and some promises are especially for united prayer and faith.

Matt 18:20 "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Death, Resurrection and Judgment

169. Should we prepare for more than the details and cares of this life?

Yes. We should prepare for death or the Lord's return.

James 4:14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

170. Why is death a fearful thing?

Because beyond death is a fixed destiny.

Heb 9:27 each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment

171. Should Christian be afraid of death?

No. They are able to face death with the calmness of faith.

2 Tim 4:8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

172. Will the body remain in the grave?

No. There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

John 5:29 Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.

173. What will happen to the wicked?

They will suffer eternal punishment and agony.

Matt 25:41 Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.

174. What will happen to the righteous?

They will enjoy eternal life and rewards.

Rev 22:3-5

No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. 4 And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

175. Will the destiny of the wicked and the righteous be eternal?

It will.

Matt 25:46 "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."