

THE QUESTIONS OF THE ABSOLUTE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH*

DOCTRINE OF GOD

- 1 – Who is God?
- 2 – What is God like?

DOCTRINE OF CREATION

- 3 – What did God make?
- 4 – Why is there evil?

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- 5 – Who is Jesus Christ?
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DOCTRINE OF SALVATION – PART I

- 7 – What is salvation?
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DOCTRINE OF SALVATION – PART II

- 9 – What are the benefits of salvation?
- 10 – What happens when we live out our salvation in Christ?

DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 11 – Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 12 – What does the Holy Spirit do?

DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

- 13 – What is the church?
- 14 – What are the church's sacraments?

DOCTRINE OF GOD

- 15 – What is the world's great hope?
- 16 – What is our future?

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The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith **WHY DID THE SON OF GOD BECOME HUMAN? 10.27.19**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there, He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW THE "BASICS?"

1. What we BELIEVE has vital, eternal consequences.
2. The BIBLE is the final authority on all that it addresses.

THE BASICS

1. **Who is God?**

A: God is HOLY TRINITY; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God.

2. **What is God like?**

A: God is perfect in POWER, KNOWLEDGE, and in His HOLY LOVE.

3. **What did God make?**

A: God spoke EVERYTHING into being, by His own FREE CHOICE, and it was VERY GOOD.

4. **Why is there evil?**

A: God gave us FREE WILL to obey and we did not.

5. **Who is Jesus Christ?**

A: The eternally begotten Son of God and the Son of Mary. Fully DIVINE. Fully HUMAN.

6. **Why did the Son of God become human?**

A: Because God _____ us and wants to make us truly _____ of God.

Who is Jesus Christ? He is God in the _____ [Incarnation]

- Fully _____ = the Son of God
- Fully _____ = son of Mary
- The _____ between Heaven and Earth

WHY DID THE SON OF GOD BECOME HUMAN?

Here's what we know...

1. God _____ sin

"There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family." Proverbs 6:16-19

2. We _____ sin

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23

"No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God." Romans 3:10-11

3. God _____ have just let us go

"For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23

4. But He _____

"When the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 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." Galatians 4:4-5

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

Why...? Why did He bother? Why didn't/doesn't He give up?

God _____ the world He made!

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

[All Scripture references from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted]

WHY DID THE SON OF GOD BECOME HUMAN?

1. His motivation: _____

"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8

• A _____ love

"God is love." 1 John 4:8

• A _____ love

"God bought you with a high price." 1 Corinthians 6:20

• A _____ love

"May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:18-19

2. His goal: to make us _____

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

"Jesus became like us so we could be His brothers and sisters, with God as our Father." Phil Tallon

"To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

• His covenant with Abraham established a new family

• His covenant with Moses established the rules of God's household – a distinct way of being the people of God

• His covenant with David established a clear head to the household – a king to rule over them

"In coming to fulfill the previous covenants, Jesus fulfills all of them and establishes a new way of being family." Phil Tallon

EVERYONE IS INVITED!