

THE QUESTIONS OF THE ABSOLUTE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH*

DOCTRINE OF GOD

1 – Who is God? *God is HOLY TRINITY; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Three persons in one God.

2 – What is God like? *God is perfect in POWER, KNOWLEDGE, and in His HOLY LOVE.*

DOCTRINE OF CREATION

3 – What did God make? *God spoke EVERYTHING into being, by His own FREE CHOICE, and it was VERY GOOD.*

4 – Why is there evil? *God gave us FREE WILL to obey and we did not.*

DOCTRINE OF THE INCARNATION

5 – Who is Jesus Christ? *The eternally begotten Son of God and the Son of Mary. Fully DIVINE. Fully HUMAN.*

6 – Why did the Son of God become human? *Because God LOVES us and wants to make us truly CHILDREN of God.*

DOCTRINE OF SALVATION – PART I

7 – What is salvation?

8 – What is required for salvation?

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 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 matters – it has vital, eternal consequences.
2. The BIBLE is the final authority on all that it addresses.

THE BASICS

Q7: What is Salvation?

Through Jesus' sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, we are _____ with God and _____ from destruction.

“For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6

OUR PROBLEM...

“No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.” Romans 3:23

“You [who] were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.” Colossians 3:21

“We are sinners by birth and by choice.” St. Augustine

“Because of our disobedience, we are left with disrupted relationship and death.” Phil Tallon

SALVATION IS A PRESENT THING

“Salvation...is not a blessing that lives on the other side of death... It is a present thing, a blessing which, through the free mercy of God, ye are now in possession of...” John Wesley, The Scriptural Way of Salvation

1. To be reconciled means to have a _____ relationship

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

A. Jesus came and offered Himself ____ God _____ us

- Jesus took our place
- Jesus took our punishment
- Jesus offered Himself to the Father

B. Jesus came and offered Himself as a _____ sacrifice to atone [PAY] for sin

- For all humanity
- Once and for all

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

The cross took care of the disrupted relationship but it didn't solve the punishment for sin, which was death.

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

“Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.” Hebrews 9:22

2. To be rescued means to be _____ from danger and death

“The free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

A. Salvation is _____

- That involves the past = we have been saved
- That involves the present = we are being saved
- That involves the future = we will be saved

B. Salvation is made possible by the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.” Colossians 2:13-15

- Jesus showed us that death isn't the end of the story
- Jesus was killed and then came back to life as the first example of what will happen to us as well
- Jesus's resurrection guaranteed that God's goal to have us as part of His family can't be defeated by death

Next Week...What is required for salvation?