

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? *Through Jesus' sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, we are RECONCILED with God and RESCUED from destruction.*

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

THE BASICS

Q8: What is required for salvation? [to be saved]

We must _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ.

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. ‘The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!’” Mark 1:15

SIN CAUSED 2 PROBLEMS

1. Disrupted _____ – with God and others
2. _____

TO BE SAVED – MADE RIGHT WITH GOD – WE NEEDED TO BE

1. _____ with God
2. _____ from death and destruction

WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS RECONCILIATION AND RESCUE BY

1. _____ of our sin

→ Means to change your _____

→ Means to change your _____

“Repentance means that you realize the way you’ve been doing things isn’t working. Your plans have failed and you have to make a change.” Phil Tallon

[Jesus] *“Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” Matthew 4:17*

“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.” Matthew 3:8

“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.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

“The call to repentance is as much political as it is moral or spiritual. It is not just about aligning our lives with God’s rules, but about aligning our lives with God’s specific plans: what God is doing in Jesus Christ.” Phil Tallon

2. _____ in Jesus Christ

→ Means to fully _____ that God’s ways are better than our own

→ Means to declare your true _____ to the Kingdom of God

“‘My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the LORD. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.’” Isaiah 55:8-9

“Everyone who believes in him [Jesus] is made right in God’s sight—something the law of Moses could never do.” Acts 13:39

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” Romans 3:22

“So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.” Romans 3:28

“For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.” Romans 10:10

THE GOOD NEWS [GOSPEL] OF JESUS CHRIST

*“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world...**But God** is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead... God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece.” Ephesians 2:1-10*

“Christianity is much more about saying ‘yes’ to the right things, which is to say to the right person, Jesus, and letting Him rule over your life.” Phil Tallon

“Repent and believe, Jesus said. That’s what it takes to let God save us.” Phil Tallon.

Next Week...What are the benefits of salvation?