

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? *We must REPENT and BELIEVE in Jesus Christ.*

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 WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION? 11.17.19

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

THE BASICS

Q9: What are the benefits of salvation?

We are _____ by God, made part of God's _____ again, and given _____ life and power.

"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." Romans 5:1

SIN CAUSED

1. Disrupted **relationship**
2. **Death**

WE NEEDED

1. To be **reconciled** with God
2. And **rescued** from death and destruction

JESUS RECONCILED US TO GOD AND RESCUED US FROM SIN & DEATH

1. On the **cross**
2. By His **resurrection**

WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS RECONCILIATION AND RESCUE IF WE

1. **Repent** of our sin = change our mind and ways
2. **Believe** in Jesus Christ = fully trust and declare full allegiance

THE CENTRAL STRUGGLE FOR CHRISTIANS

→ _____ like _____ people

THE BENEFITS OF OUR SALVATION

¹Therefore, 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. ²Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

⁶When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

THE BENEFITS OF OUR SALVATION

1. _____

→ We are **pardoned** of our sin = a change in status, "made right" (v. 1)

"A change of status, accompanied (it is hoped) by a steady transformation of the heart." N.T. Wright, Justification: God's Plan & Paul's Vision

→ We are _____ = we stand in grace

→ We have peace _____ God = the ability to move forward, unhindered, reconciled and restored

2. _____

→ We are made part of God's **family** again = "undeserved privilege" (v. 2)

"Having peace with God means we can always go home." Mike Nappa, "What Does It Mean To Have Peace With God," Christianity.com

→ We have _____ to the Father

→ We have _____ with God

3. _____

→ We are given **resurrection life** and **power** = "confident hope of salvation" (v. 4)

"God isn't just interested in forgiving our past, He's about ensuring we have a future." Phil Tallon, The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith

→ We are _____ from the power of sin

→ We have confident _____ in our salvation

"RESURRECTION POWER"

"'Resurrection Power' is a song that reminds us everyday what really is true. The old is gone and the new has come. That is what this song is about... that inside of me is a resurrection power." Chris Tomlin