

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? *We are PARDONED by God, made part of God's FAMILY again, and given RESURRECTION life and power.*

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 HAPPENS WHEN WE LIVE OUT OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST? 11.24.19

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

Q10: What happens when we live out our salvation in Christ?

God **CONTINUES** to work in us to make us **HOLY** and

BLAMELESS.

“Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.” Colossians 1:22

THE ROLE OF GOD'S GRACE (WORK) IN OUR LIVES

1. **JUSTIFYING** grace – God works before we know it

“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” 1 John 4:10

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

- Enables us to **HEAR** the Good News
- Enables us to **RESPOND** to the Good News

2. **JUSTIFYING** grace – God makes us right with

Himself and others

“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

- **FORGIVEN** by God
- Have **PEACE** with God
- **SANCTIFYING** grace – God makes us holy and

blameless

“Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.” Colossians 1:22

“But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don’t drift away...” Colossians 1:23

“Sanctification is...the work of going from just being saved by Jesus’ death to being imitators of Jesus’ life.” Phil Tallon

- More like **JESUS**
- A beautiful and perfect **MASTERPIECE**

“Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.” Philippians 2:12

IN SANCTIFICATION, WE WORK **OUT** WHAT **GOD** IS WORKING **IN**

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:2

“Do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.” Romans 6:22

1. Sanctification is a **PROCESS**
2. That takes **TIME**
3. Where we **COOPERATE** with the Holy Spirit
4. To change our **HEARTS** and our **MINDS**
5. Until we are totally **FREE** from our rebellious ways

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN CHRIST?

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