

## 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? *God CONTINUES to work in us to make us HOLY and BLAMELESS.*

### **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 WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? 01.12.20

### 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. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the final authority on all that it addresses.
2. What we \_\_\_\_\_ matters
3. Our beliefs shape our \_\_\_\_\_
4. Our beliefs shape what we \_\_\_\_\_

### THE BASICS

#### **Q11: Who is the Holy Spirit?**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit of God, who \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father and the Son.

[Jesus] "When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative — that is, the Holy Spirit — he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." John 14:26

**The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important idea in understanding who God is**

The Father is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life

Who makes Himself known in Jesus Christ = the \_\_\_\_\_

By the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit

## The Holy Spirit

*“That the Holy Spirit is a personal, encountering, interacting Thou distinguishable from the Father and Son is clearly a recurrent teaching of Scripture.”* Thomas Oden, *The Living God*

- **Is a \_\_\_\_\_ – not an impersonal “it” – fully God**

*“God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...’ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”* Gen. 1:26-27

- Identity
- Feelings
- Responses

- **Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God here**

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”* Acts 1:8

*“The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of God.”* Amy Vogel

- Present
- Real
- Ready
- Waiting

- **Has all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God because He is God**

*“Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”* Mat. 28:19

- Eternal (Heb. 9:14)
- Omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10-12)
- All powerful (Luke 11:20; Rom. 15:18, 19)

- **Is not in a \_\_\_\_\_ we can fully understand – He isn’t human like Jesus**

*“...and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove.”* Luke 3:22

*“The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message.”* Acts 10:44

- **Does what only \_\_\_\_\_ agents can do**

- Grieves (Eph. 4:3)
- Struggles with other persons (Gen. 6:3; Isa. 63:10)
- Provides leadership (Rom. 8:14)

- Witnesses to believers that they are God’s own (1 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14)
- Bestows gifts on others (Eph. 6)

- **Embodies the power of \_\_\_\_\_ but not as a nameless, faceless force**

*“We know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”* Rom. 5:5

- \_\_\_\_\_ **in self-determined ways that persons act**

- Teaches (John 14:26)
- Stands as witness (Rom. 8:16)
- Sends (Acts 13:2)
- Gives gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **for a purpose = agent of change, renewal, and redemption setting the faith of the earliest believers aflame**

*“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”* Job 33:4

*“When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”* John 14:26

- **To \_\_\_\_\_ us follow Jesus back to the Father**

*“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.”* Rom. 8:1-2

- **And fill us with \_\_\_\_\_**

*“The believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”* Acts 13:52

*“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.”* Titus 3:4-5

- This is His \_\_\_\_\_