

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? *The ETERNAL Spirit of God, who PROCEEDS from the Father and the Son.*

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 DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? 01.19.20

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. What we _____ matters
2. Our beliefs shape our _____
3. Our beliefs shape what we _____
4. So the BIBLE will stand as our _____

THE BASICS

Q12: What does the Holy Spirit do?

"The Holy Spirit _____ us to repentance, _____ us new life, and _____ us to follow Jesus."*

"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. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior." Titus 3:5-6

The TRINITY is the most important idea in understanding who God is. God is HOLY TRINITY; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God.

"Everything God does, God does as a Trinity." Phil Tallon

God works **IN** us and **THROUGH** us by the **POWER** and the **PRESENCE** of the Holy Spirit

- We are saved [made right] by the Father who is the source of life
- We do so through the way Jesus has made = life, death and resurrection
- In the power of the Holy Spirit

Our Part

Repenting and Believing _____ Pardon and New Life

“Even though it seems like repenting and believing are things that we just decide to do on our own, the Bible says that it’s actually the Spirit working through us giving us the ability to repent and believe. We must cooperate with divine grace. But without the Spirit working behind the scenes, we never would have been able to repent and believe in the first place.” Phil Tallon

The Spirit’s Part

“The Spirit does not coerce or overleap or overpower human self-determination, but persuades, coaxes, challenges, pries loose, and invites freedom...Enabled by grace, freedom is called to examine itself, its deceptions and evasions. God will not do the repenting for us.” Thomas Oden, Classic Christianity

1. The Holy Spirit leads us to repent by _____ us of sin, and then gives us the grace to be able to _____ to trust God

“When he [Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.” John 16:8

2. The Holy Spirit gives us New Life by _____ us with Himself

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

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not

belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“You are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” Romans 8:9-11

3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Jesus to live

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

The Holy Spirit does many things:

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| • Teaches | • Guides | • Strengthens |
| • Comforts | • Corrects | • Transforms |
| • Fills | • Refills | • Resets |
| • Refreshes | • Recreates | • Gives Gifts |
| • Gives Us Peace | • Helps | • Reveals |
| • Assurance | • Speaks | • Forbids |

The Holy Spirit Works Through Us

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

- To _____ the world
- To _____ in God’s Kingdom