

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? The *Holy Spirit LEADS us to repentance, GIVES us new life, and EMPOWERS us to follow Jesus.*

DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

13 – What is the church? The *church is the COMMUNITY of all true believers, who are Christ's body in the world, CONTINUING the work of the apostles.*

14 – What are the church's sacraments? "Baptism is the holy covenant by which we join the church, and Holy Communion is the church's ongoing act of thanksgiving. Both are means of *PARTICIPATING* in Jesus' death and resurrection."

DOCTRINE OF GOD

15 – What is the world's great hope?

16 – What is our future?

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WHAT IS THE WORLD'S GREAT HOPE?

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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
2. Our _____ shape our _____
3. Our _____ shape what we _____
4. The _____ stands as our _____

Q15: What is the world's great hope?

"Christ has _____

[1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 3:18]

Christ has _____

[Mark 16:6; Rom. 14:9; 1 Cor. 15:16-20]

Christ will _____

[Rev. 22:7; Rev. 21:3-4]

To _____ all things

[Rev. 21:5]

And _____ as King forever"*

[Rev. Rev. 11:15]

"He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20, NLT

THE BIBLE TELLS US A LOT OF THINGS

1. It tells who _____ is

“God is love.” 1 John 4:8, 16

“God is HOLY TRINITY; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God.”*

2. It tells us who _____ are

“God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27, NLT

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“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, NLT

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“How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!” Psalm 139:17, NLT

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.” 1 John 3:1, NLT

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“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8, NLT

“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.” Ephesians 2:8-9, NLT

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“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13, NLT

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10, NLT

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“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23

“The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!” Psalm 14:2-3, NLT

3. It tells us what _____ it is

ACT ONE: The story begins with human in right relationship with God (Genesis 1-2)

ACT TWO: Humans rebel, and continue to rebel, against God’s good rulership (Genesis 3)

ACT THREE: God reestablishes relationship through a series of promises to a particular people (Genesis 6 – Malachi)

ACT FOUR: God actually enters the world through the incarnation, becoming a man: Jesus Christ. Jesus lives, dies, is raised, and ascends to the Father (Gospels)

[Jesus] “Pray like this: Our Father in heaven... May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10, NLT

“Jesus’ mission is not to bring us up to heaven but to bring heaven down to earth.” Philip Tallon

ACT FIVE: The true King works to set everything fully right again through the church, and finally returns to fix everything forever (Acts – Revelation)

OUR GREAT HOPE

In the end, heaven and earth will be _____.
When Jesus returns, He brings heaven down with Him!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared... God’s home is now among his people!.. And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:1-5, NLT