

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? Christ has *DIED, Christ has RISEN, Christ will COME AGAIN to REDEEM all things, and REIGN as King forever.*

16 – What is our future?

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The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith

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

Q16: What is our future?

EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW...

What happens to us after we die?

**Like Jesus, we will be _____ from the dead,
either to _____ God forever
or to be forever _____ from Him***

*"God will raise us from the dead by his power,
just as he raised our Lord from the dead."*

1 Corinthians 6:14, NLT

THE BIBLE TEACHES

*What happened to Jesus after He died
is what will happen to all who follow Him*

“In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.” 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, NLT

THE “STEPS” IN SALVATION

Step One: _____ – we are spared from death

“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, NLT

> God’s action of pardoning us in Christ, so that it is “just as if” we’d never sinned

Step Two: _____ – we are given new life

“He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:5, NLT

> God’s action of bringing us back from the dead and giving us power to follow Christ

Step Three: _____ – we are given new ways of living

“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, NLT

> God’s action of helping us to actually become like Christ

Step Four: _____ – our whole being (body, soul, and mind) will be put right again

“We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.” Philippians 3:20-21, NLT

The full image of God that was destroyed in the fall will be RECREATED in the RESURRECTION. Human beings will be...

1. _____
2. _____ in knowledge
3. _____ from future sin
4. _____ our original creation!

God will also redeem _____ creation, so we’ll have a new earth to inhabit with Go’s kingdom being fully realized on earth!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared... ‘Look, I am making everything new! ...To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.’” Revelation 21:1, 5-7, NLT

THE GOOD NEWS

God wants all people to be _____

“God our Savior... wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4, NLT

THE BAD NEWS

Even those who reject God’s love will be resurrected, but only for _____, and then eternal damnation

“Those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.” John 5:29, NLT

“Damnation is simply the natural result of rejecting God’s loving invitation.” Phil Tallon

THE GOOD NEWS

Through Jesus Christ, the Father offers us a chance to have _____ relationship and _____ life

He will do so...

_____ we allow His _____ to work in us!