

The Bible

Question 1: What is truth?

Answer: The Bible is the ultimate source of all truth!

Verse: Psalm 119:160 – The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting. (NASB)

Question 2: Where did the Bible come from?

Answer: The Bible came from God and was written as He spoke through men inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Verse: 2 Pet. 1:20-21 – Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Question 3: What is the purpose of the Bible?

Answer: The Bible is God's instruction to us for how we should live.

Verse: 2 Tim. 3:16-17 – All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. (ESV)

Question 4: How long will the Bible last?

Answer: Unlike the things of this world, the Bible will last forever

Isaiah 40:8 – The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (ESV)

Question 5: What do we do with the truth contained in the Bible?

Answer: As followers of Christ we are called to obey and act upon truth

Verse: James 1:22,25 – But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves...But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (ESV)

GOD

Question 6: Who is God?

Answer: He is the eternal, all-knowing, unwavering Creator who is Lord of all!

Isaiah 40:28 – Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. (ESV)

Question 7: How much power does God possess?

Answer: God is omnipotent meaning he is all powerful

Jeremiah 32:17 - Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You, (NASB)

Question 8: Where is God?

Answer: God is omnipresent meaning He is everywhere at the same time.

Psalms 139:7-10 – Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (NIV)

Question 9: How much does God know?

Answer: God is omniscient meaning there is nothing outside of His knowledge and understanding

Psalms 147:5 – How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension! (NLT)

Question 10: Does God change?

Answer: God never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Mal. 3:6 – For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (ESV)

Question 11: What do we do with these truths about God?

Answer: We are to stand in awe of who He is and worship Him with an undivided heart

1 Chron. 16:25 – For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. (NIV)

MAN and SIN

Question 12: Who is Man?

Answer: Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image

Genesis 1:26-27 – The God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (NIV)

Question 13: What is Sin?

Answer: Sin is any unrighteousness toward a Holy God and His Word.

Verse: ROM. 3:10-12 – as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” (ESV)

Question 14: What is man’s greatest problem?

Answer: Our relationship with God has been broken by sin

Verse: Romans 3:23 – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (NASB)

Question 15: What is the result of our broken relationship with God?

Answer: Eternal separation from God

Verse: Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

Question 16: Can man make himself right with God on his own?

Answer: Man cannot do enough good works to earn right standing with God.

Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (NASB)

Question 17: What is man’s greatest purpose?

Answer: Man’s greatest purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever

Verses: 1 Cor. 10:31 – So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (ESV) Ps. 73:25-26 – Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (NASB)

JESUS

Question 18: Who is Jesus?

Answer: Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God

Verse: Matthew 3:17 – and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (ESV)

Question 19: How did Jesus come to Earth?

Answer: He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary

Verse: Isaiah 7:14 – Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (NIV)

Question 20: Why did Jesus come to earth?

Answer: God sent His only Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world

Verse: 1 John 4:14 – And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (NIV)

Question 21: Is Jesus Christ fully man or fully God?

Answer: He is both fully man AND fully God

Verse: Colossians 2:9 – For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in the human body (NLT)

Question 22: What did Jesus do while on the earth?

Answer: He lived in total obedience to His Father's plan for His life

Verse: John 6:38 – (Jesus said) “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (NASB)

Question 23: Why was it necessary for Jesus to die?

Answer: Jesus death on a cross was necessary to pay the penalty for our sin

Verse: 1 Pet. 2:24 – and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (NASB)

Question 24: Where is Jesus and what is He doing today?

Answer: He is seated at the right hand of God interceding on behalf of those who have trusted Him as their Savior

Verse: Romans 8:34 – Who then will condemn us? No one – for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. (NLT)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Question 25: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Answer: The third member of the Trinity, completely equal in power and position as the Father and the Son, who indwells every Christian.

Verse: John 14:16-17 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (ESV)

Question 26: What does the Holy Spirit do? (part 1)

Answer: He teaches Christians everything they will need for life.

Verse: John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all that I have said to you. (ESV)

Question 27: What does the Holy Spirit do? (part 2)

Answer: He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Verse: John 16:8 - And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment. (ESV)

Question 28: What does the Holy Spirit do? (part 3)

Answer: His presence in our life testifies that we are children of God.

Verse: Romans 8:16 - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (ESV)

Question 29: What does the Holy Spirit do? (part 4)

Answer: The Spirit gives us power and direction to live victoriously over sin and the flesh.

Verse: Galatians 5:16 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (ESV)

Question 30: What is the fruit of the Spirit?

Answer: The characteristics that should be seen in the life of a Christian who is walking by the Spirit.
Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (ESV)

Crucifixion/Resurrection

Question 31: What was accomplished by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ?

Answer: Jesus took on the full wrath of God to remove the sins of all who believe

Verse: Isaiah 53:4-6 - Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (NIV)

Question 32: Did Jesus remain in the grave?

Answer: NO! Praise God, Jesus rose from the grave on the third day!

Verse: 1 Cor. 15:3-4 – For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (NIV)

Salvation

Question 33: What is salvation?

Answer: The saving of man from the power and effects of sin.

Verse: Romans 5:9-10 – Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (NASB)

Question 34: What must a person do to be saved?

Answer/Verse: Romans 10:9 – That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (NIV)

Question 35: Can we earn our salvation?

Answer: No one can do enough good works to earn their salvation

Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (NASB)

Question 36: Can we lose our salvation?

Answer: No, our salvation is secured by the powerful and gracious hand of God

Verse: John 10:27-29 - My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. (NIV84)

Grace

Question 37: What is Grace?

Answer: Love and kindness shown to someone who is undeserving

Verse: Romans 5:8 – but God demonstrates His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)

Question 38: How does God's grace affect the life of a person who has trust Christ as their Savior?

Answer: We live by it, rest in it, and demonstrate it toward others

Verses: 1 Cor. 15:10 – But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (ESV)

2 Cor. 1:12 – We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you. (NLT)

Question 39: How do Christians partake of God's grace?

Answer: We partake of the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and by drawing near to Him.

Verse: Hebrews 4:16 – Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (ESV)

Question 40: Can we exhaust God's grace?

Answer: No, God's grace is inexhaustible

Verse: 2 Cor. 9:8 – And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (ESV)

Faith

Question 41: What is faith?

Answer: Trusting without question what God says about Himself and about what He will do

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (ESV)

Question 42: Is faith in Jesus Christ necessary?

Answer: Yes

Verses: Hebrews 11:6 – And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (ESV)

John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Question 43: How do we exercise our faith in Jesus?

Answer: We walk in the light as He is in the light

Verse: 1 John 1:6-7

SANCTIFICATION

Question 44: What is sanctification?

Answer: The process through which God shapes a Christian’s behavior to look like the holy child of God that they are in Christ

Verse: Hebrews 10:14 - For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (ESV)

Question 45: How are you sanctified?

Answer: A Christian’s surrender to the transformational work of the Holy Spirit

Verse: Romans 12:1-2 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)

Question 46: When will a Christian’s sanctification be complete?

Answer: At the end of their life or when Jesus Christ returns

Verse: Philippians 1:6 – And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

HOLINESS

Question 47: What does God expect of Christians in the area of holiness, and how can you fulfill God's requirement for holiness?

Answer: God's expectation for us is perfection, but this is impossible on our own. Only through faith in Jesus Christ can we be holy!

Verses: Matthew 5:48 – You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (ESV)
Colossians 1:21-22 – And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him... (ESV)

DISCIPLESHIP

Question 48: What is a disciple?

Answer: A world-visionary, world-impacting, radically committed, learner/follower of Jesus Christ who will reproduce that in others.

Verses: Matthew 16:24 (radically committed, learner/follower) 2 Tim 2:2 (reproduce) 1 Tim. 2:1 (world-visionary) Acts 1:8 (world-impacting)

Question 49: Why do we make disciples?

Answer: Jesus has all authority, and He commanded us to make disciples

Verse: Matthew 28:18-20 – And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (ESV)

CHURCH

Question 50: What is the church?

Answer: The church is composed of all Christians as the body and bride of Christ that is created by God for His glory.

Verse: Eph. 1:22-23 – And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (ESV)

Question 51: Why is it important to be a member of a local church?

Answer: The local church serves as a place of mutual encouragement, service, and growth for the glory of Christ to all nations.

Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25 – And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

IN THE END

Question 52: What will happen for all Christians in the end?

Answer: We will spend all of eternity in the presence of God rejoicing in the splendor of His holiness.

Verse: Revelation 21:3-4 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (ESV)