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THE BIBLE

(1) What is the Bible?

God's written revelation to man

Rom 15:4 – For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

(2) How did we get the Bible?

The Holy Spirit moved men to write it

2 Pet 1:21 – For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

(3) What is the purpose of the Bible?

To bring salvation and spiritual growth

2 Tim 3:15 – From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

(4) What are the qualities of the Bible?

It is eternal, true, powerful, and authoritative

Heb 4:12-13 – For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart, And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- (5) What does it mean that the Bible is “inspired”?
Every word is from God
2 Tim 3:16 – All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.
- (6) What does it mean that the Bible is inerrant and infallible?
The original writings were absolutely free from error
Psa 12:6 – The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.
- (7) To whom does the Bible point?
To Jesus Christ
John 5:39 – You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.
- (8) For whom was the Bible written?
Everyone
Psa 19:7 – The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
- (9) How can we know God’s word?
We are commanded to hear, read, and search it
Acts 2:42 – And they devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

GOD

(10) Who is God?

The Creator and Owner of all things

Gen 1:1 – In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

(11) Are there more gods than one?

There is only one living and true God

Deut 6:4 – Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

(12) How do we know God exists?

Through creation and conscience

Rom 1:19-20 – For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

(13) What is God's common grace?

His compassion on all people, even the unbelieving

Matt 5:44-45 – But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

- (14) How has God specially revealed Himself?
Through Jesus Christ and the Bible
Heb 1:1-2 – Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
- (15) What is God like?
He is a personal Spirit—eternal, perfect, and holy
1 Tim 1:17 – To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.
- (16) What does it mean that God is eternal?
He is everlasting, unaffected by time
2 Pet 3:8 – But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- (17) What does it mean that God is holy?
He is separate from all creation and perfectly pure
1 Jn 1:5 – This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- (18) What does it mean that God is self-existent?
He depends on nothing for his eternal existence
Exo 3:14 – God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.”

- (19) What does it mean that God is immutable?
He is dependable, unchanging in character
Psa 102:27 – But you are the same, and your years have no end.
- (20) What does it mean that God is omnipresent?
He is completely present in every place
Psa 139:7 – Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- (21) What does it mean that God is omnipotent?
He is all-powerful, able to do whatever He wants
Job 42:2 – I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- (22) What does it mean that God is omniscient?
He is all-knowing, unable to learn or be surprised
Psa 147:5 – Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, his understanding is beyond measure.
- (23) What does it mean that God is righteous?
He himself is the final standard of what is right
Deut 32:4 – The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.
- (24) What does it mean that God is good?
God is love, perfect in compassion and grace
1 Jn 4:7-8 – Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

- (25) What does it mean that God is wise?
He fulfills His plans in the best possible way
Rom 16:27 – To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.
- (26) What does it mean that God is glorious
He reveals His greatness and produces a response
Isa 6:3 – And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”
- (27) What does it mean that God is sovereign?
He works all things to fulfill His eternal plan
Eph 1:11 – In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.
- (28) What is God’s relationship to creation?
He is Creator, Preserver, Redeemer, and Ruler
Neh 9:6 – You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.
- (29) What is the Trinity?
God is one in essence but exists in three Persons
2 Cor 13:14 – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

JESUS CHRIST

(30) Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father

Heb 1:3 – He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

(31) Was Jesus created?

No, all things were created through Him

John 1:3 – All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(32) What is the incarnation?

God became a man

John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(33) What does it mean that God became a man?

He added humanity without subtracting deity

Php 2:5-7 – Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

(34) What is the nature of Jesus Christ?

He is a union of two natures, fully God and fully man

Col 2:9 – For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

(35) How did Jesus come to earth?

He was born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:35 – The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

(36) How did Jesus relate to the Father?

He depended on prayer and the Holy Spirit

Luke 4:18-19 – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

(37) How good a life did Jesus live?

He perfectly obeyed God's law

Heb 4:15 – For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

(38) Why was it necessary for Jesus to be without sin?

God's redemption required a sinless sacrifice

Heb 9:13-14 – For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

(39) Why did Jesus die on the cross?

To die as a substitute for sinners

1 Pet 2:24 – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

(40) What happened after Jesus died?

He was physically resurrected with a glorified body

1 Cor 15:3-5 – For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

(41) What happened after Jesus' resurrection?

He ascended to heaven and God exalted Him

Eph 1:20 – He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

(42) Where is Christ now?

In heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father

Col 3:1 – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

(43) What offices does Christ hold?

He is Prophet, Priest, and King

1 Tim 2:5 – For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

(44) How is Christ a Prophet?

He teaches the will of God

John 4:25 – The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

(45) How is Christ a Priest?

He offered a sacrifice and prays for His people

Heb 7:23-25 – The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

(46) How is Christ a King?

He rules His people and defends them

Rev 19:16 – On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

(47) Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is the personal Spirit of God and of Christ

1 Cor 2:11 – For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

(48) Is the Holy Spirit merely a force?

No, He has all the attributes of personhood

1 Cor 12:11 – All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

(49) What activities was the Holy Spirit involved in?

Creation, the incarnation, and the writing of Scripture

Gen 1:2 – The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

(50) What is the primary function of the Holy Spirit?

To exalt Christ and bear witness about Him

John 16:13-14 – When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(51) Who sent the Holy Spirit?

The Father and the Son

John 15:26 – But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

(52) When did the Spirit's work begin in the Church?

On the day of Pentecost

Acts 2:4 – And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

(53) What does it mean to be born of the Spirit?

To be washed and cleansed from sin

Titus 3:5 – He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

(54) What does the Spirit use to bring salvation?

The Bible, the word of God

1 Pet 1:23 – Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

(55) Who is indwelt by the Spirit?

Everyone who repents and believes in Jesus Christ

1 Cor 6:19-20 – Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

(56) What is the baptism of the Spirit?

To be united to Christ and the Church

1 Cor 12:13 – For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

- (57) What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a seal?
He is the guarantee of a final inheritance
Eph 1:13-14 – In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
- (58) What is the Holy Spirit's role in the life of a believer?
He produces spiritual growth and empowers ministry
1 Cor 12:11 – All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.
- (59) What is the illumination of the Spirit?
He ministers the truth of God to the heart
1 Cor 2:12 – Now we have received not the spirit of the word, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
- (60) What does it mean to walk by the Spirit?
To glorify God and obey the law of Christ
Gal 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.
- (61) What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
To be controlled by God's commands
Eph 5:18-21 – And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

MAN

(62) What does the Bible teach about man?

We are all God's special creation, made in His image

Gen 1:27 – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

(63) Why did God make man?

For His own glory and pleasure

Col 1:16 – For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him and for him.

(64) What is man made up of?

Man is a union of a physical body and an eternal soul

Gen 2:7 – Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

(65) In what condition did God make man?

God created man without sin, holy and happy

Gen 1:31 – And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

(66) What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

To have dignity and responsibility

Gen 1:26 – Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

(67) Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?

The devil lied to them

Gen 3:4-5 – But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

(68) What is sin?

Anything that is against God’s law or glory

1 Cor 10:31 – Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

(69) What happened to Creation when man sinned?

It was cursed

Gen 3:17-18 – And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

(70) How did Adam's sin affect us?

We are all born with a sinful nature

Rom 5:12, 19 – Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... By the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners.

(71) What happened to man when he sinned?

He was separated from God

Gen 3:8 – And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

(72) Why does sin ruin our relationship with God?

A holy God righteously hates and punishes sin

Isa 59:2 – Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

(73) What does every sin deserve?

The anger and judgment of God

Rom 1:18 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

(74) Are all people sinners?

Yes, no one reaches God's standard

Rom 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- (75) Did man lose the image of God when he sinned?
No, but he can no longer express it perfectly
Gen 9:6 – Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.
- (76) Can man be reconciled to God on his own?
No, he is unable and unwilling to turn to God
Rom 3:10-11 – As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God.
- (77) What is the state of an unbeliever?
He is enslaved to sin and blinded by Satan
2 Cor 4:4 – In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- (78) Can the effects of the Fall be undone?
Yes, only by Jesus Christ
Rom 8:19-21 – For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- (79) Can the image of God be restored?
Yes, only by Christ who is the image of God
2 Cor 3:18 – And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

SALVATION

(80) What is salvation?

By God's grace, we are forgiven of sin through Jesus

Eph 1:7 – In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

(81) What does God command in order to be saved?

God calls all men to repent and believe the gospel

Acts 20:21 – Testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(82) What is regeneration?

The new birth required for salvation

John 3:3 – Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

(83) Who can change a sinner's heart?

Only the Holy Spirit

John 3:5-6 – Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

(84) What does regeneration result in?

Repentance from sin and saving faith

2 Cor 5:17 – Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

(85) What is repentance?

The heartfelt abandonment of a life of sin

Acts 3:19 – Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

(86) What is saving faith?

To believe Jesus and trust Him completely

Rom 1:16-17 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

(87) Did Christians do something to earn God’s love?

No, God loved us first by His own choice

1 Jn 4:10, 19 – In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins... We love because he first loved us.

(88) How many ways are there to be saved?

Salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 – And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(89) What is election?

God's eternal plan to save sinners

Eph 1:3-5 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.

(90) Will all the elect be saved?

Yes, all whom God plans to save will be saved

John 6:37-39 – All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

(91) Can any person be saved?

Yes, all who come to Christ in faith will be saved

John 6:40 – For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

(92) How can a sinner turn to God?

God must work in his heart by the Spirit

John 6:44 – No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

(93) What is justification?

To be forgiven of sin and declared righteous by God

Rom 5:1 – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(94) What happens in justification?

Christ's righteousness is credited to a believer

2 Cor 5:21 – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

(95) How can a man be justified by God?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works

Rom 3:28 – For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

(96) What is positional sanctification?

God declares a sinner to be holy and set apart

1 Cor 1:2 – To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.

(97) What is progressive sanctification?

God makes a sinner holy in heart and conduct

1 Thes 5:23 – Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(98) What is man's role in progressive sanctification?

By the Spirit, he battles sin and obeys God's word

Php 2:12-13 – Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

(99) How are justification and sanctification related?

Both are the result of union with Christ

Eph 2:8-10 – For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

(100) What is adoption?

God brings a sinner into His own family

Gal 4:4-5 – But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

(101) How can someone be certain he has salvation?

The Spirit gives assures and enables holiness

1 Jn 5:11-13 – And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

(102) What is glorification?

Receiving a new eternal body, free from sin

Rom 8:16-17 – The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

(103) Who will be glorified?

Everyone who trusts in Christ for salvation

Rom 8:29-30 – For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

(104) Can a true Christian lose his salvation?

No, they are secure in Christ forever

John 10:27-30 – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

(105) What about those who fall away from Christ?

They were never truly saved

1 Jn 2:19 – They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

THE CHURCH

(106) What is the Church?

The spiritual Body of Christ, made up of all Christians

Gal 3:27-28 – For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(107) What is a local church?

An assembly of believers gathering to hear God's word

Heb 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 and you see the Day drawing near.

(108) What ordinances did Jesus give His church?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

1 Cor 11:23-24 – For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(109) What is baptism?

The immersion of a believer into water

Acts 8:12 – But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

(110) What does baptism represent?

Death to sin and new life in Christ

Rom 6:4 – We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

(111) What is the Lord’s Supper?

Partaking of the bread and cup to remember Christ

1 Cor 11:26 – For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

(112) What does the bread represent?

Christ’s body, broken for our sins

Mark 14:22 – And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

(113) What does the cup represent?

The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation

Mark 14:24-25 – And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

(114) Who should partake of the Lord’s Supper?

Believers who repent of sin and love one another

1 Cor 11:28-29 – Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

(115) What is the mission of the Church?

To make disciples by baptizing and teaching

Matthew 28:19-20 – 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."

(116) Who is the head of the Church?

Jesus Christ

Col 1:18 – And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

(117) What are the biblical offices in a local church?

Elders and deacons

1 Tim 3:1, 8 – The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ... Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

(118) Who may serve as a pastor in a local church?

Only a biblically qualified man

1 Timothy 3:2-3 – Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

LAST THINGS

(119) What happens to people when they die?

The body decays, and the soul leaves the body

Gen 3:19 – By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

(120) What happens to the soul of an unbeliever who dies?

He goes to a place of torment

Luke 16:23-24 – And in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.”

(121) Does God delight in the death of the wicked?

No, He desires that they repent

Eze 33:11 – Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

(122) What happens to the soul of a believer who dies?

He goes to be with the Lord

2 Cor 5:6-8 – So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

(123) What is the Rapture?

God will “snatch away” believers from the earth

1 Thes 4:16-17 – For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

(124) What is the glorified body like?

It will be like the resurrected body of Jesus

Php 3:20-21 – But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

(125) What is the Millennial Kingdom?

The reign of Christ upon the earth

Rev 20:4 – Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

(126) What do the saints do during the Millennial Kingdom?

They reign with Christ

Rev 20:6 – Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

(127) What is the Great Tribulation?

God will pour out His righteous wrath upon the earth

Matt 24:21 – For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

(128) How will this world come to an end?

Jesus will physically return, according to His promise

Acts 1:10-11 – And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

(129) When will Jesus return?

No one knows

Matthew 24:42, 44 – Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming... Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

(130) What will happen when Jesus returns?

He will come in power and glory to judge the world

Acts 17:30-31 – The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

(131) Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

Yes, both of the righteous and the wicked

John 5:28-29 – Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

(132) What will happen to the wicked on the Day of Judgment?

They will be cast into the eternal lake of fire

Rev 21:8 – But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

(133) Why is God waiting to bring about the end?

He is patiently calling people to repentance

2 Pet 3:9 – The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

(134) What will happen to believers after the Day of Judgment?

They will live forever in a new creation

2 Pet 3:13 – But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

(135) What will the new heavens and new earth be like?

It is an eternal place of righteousness, peace, and joy

Rev 21:1-4 – Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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.”

(136) Will the eternal Heaven have darkness?

No, God is its eternal light

Rev 22:5 – And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

(137) Will the eternal Heaven have nations?

Yes, all nations will live in peace and holiness

Rev 21:24 – By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.