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3. Why did God make you and all things?

For His own glory.

(Psalm 19:1; Jeremiah 9:23, 24; Revelation 4:11; 5:13)

4. How can you glorify God?

By loving Him and doing what He commands.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:8-10; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

5. Why should you glorify God?

Because He made me and takes care of me.

(Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11; Daniel 5:23)

6. Are there more gods than one?

No. There is only one God.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10; Mark 12:29; Acts 17:22-31)

7. In how many persons does this one God exist?

In three Persons.

(Matthew 3:16, 17; John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9,10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:20, 2 John 9; Revelation 1:4, 5)

8. Who are these three Persons?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21)

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 **15. Who wrote the Bible?**

Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.
(1 Peter 1:20,21; Acts 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:10, 11)

 **16. Who were our first parents?**

Adam and Eve.
(Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1, 2; Acts 17:26; 1 Timothy 2:13)

 **17. Of what were our first parents made?**

God made the body of Adam out of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam.
(Genesis 2:7; 21-23; 3:19; Psalm 103:14)

 **18. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?**

He gave them souls that could never die.
(1 Corinthians 15:45; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1)

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50. What is it to repent?

To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.

(Luke 19:8-10; Romans 6:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10)

51. What is it to believe in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for salvation.

(John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:11, 12)

52. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

No. I can do nothing good without God's Holy Spirit.

(John 3:5, 6; 6:44; Romans 8:2, 5, 8-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; Galatians 5:17, 18; Ephesians 2:4-6)

53. How can you receive the Holy Spirit?

We receive the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son when we trust and love Jesus Christ.

(John 14:15-31; Romans 8:9-11; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Corinthians 1:22)

54. How were godly persons saved before the coming of Christ?

By believing in the Savior to come.

(John 8:56; Galatians 3:8, 9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Hebrews 9:15; 11:13)

55. How did they show their faith?

By offering sacrifices on God's altar.

(Exodus 24:3-8; 1 Chronicles 29:20-25; Hebrews 9:19-23; 10:1; 11:28)

56. What did these sacrifices represent?

Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

(Exodus 12:46; John 19:36; Hebrews 9 and 10; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19)

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101. How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?

six

102. What is the first petition?

"Hallowed be thy name."

(Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2)

103. What do we pray for in the first petition?

That God's name may be honored by us and all mankind.

(Psalm 8:1; 72:17-19; 113:1-3; 145:21; Isaiah 8:13)

104. What is the second petition?

"Thy kingdom come."

(Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2)

105. What do we pray for in the second petition?

That the gospel may be preached in all the world and believed and obeyed by us and all men.

(Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:20, 21; Acts 8:12; 28:30, 31; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

106. What is the third petition?

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

(Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2)

107. What do we pray for in the third petition?

That men on earth may serve God as the elect angels do in Heaven.

(Psalm 67; 103:19-22; John 9:31; Revelation 4:11)

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28. What did Christ's humiliation consist of?

Christ's humiliation consisted of His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried and continuing under the power of death temporarily.

(Isaiah 53:2-3; Matthew 27:46; Luke 2:7; 22:44; Acts 2:24-27, 31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2-3)

29. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

(Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Ephesians 1:20-21)

30. How are God's elect made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

God's elect are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by God the Father's effectual application of it to them by His Holy Spirit.

(John 1:11-12; Romans 8:29; Titus 3:5-6)

31. How does the Father by the Spirit apply to His elect the redemption purchased by Christ?

The Father by the Spirit applies to His elect the redemption purchased by Christ, by *working faith in them, and uniting them to Christ in their effectual calling.*

(John 1:12-13; 3:5; 6:37, 39, 44; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 1:29)

32. What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God the Father's power and grace, whereby He, by His Word and Spirit, invites and draws His elect unto Jesus Christ; convincing them of their sin and misery, enlightening their minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing their wills, thereby persuading and enabling them to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to all in the gospel.

(Deuteronomy 30:6; Psalm 110:3; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Matthew 11:25-28; 16:16-17; John 1:12-13; 3:5; 6:44-45; 63; 16:8-11; acts 26:18; Romans 8:29-30; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:8-9; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23, 25)

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92. Will all who outwardly profess obedience to the gospel escape the wrath due for their sins?

Not all who outwardly profess obedience to the gospel, but only those who persevere in faith and holiness to the end shall be saved.

(Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:5)

93. Who then will persevere in faith and holiness unto the end and be saved?

All true believers, by reason of God's eternal decree and unchangeable love, Christ's intercession and the Spirit and Word of God abiding in them, are preserved by the power of God and supplied with every spiritual blessing in Christ, and therefore will most certainly persevere in faith and holiness unto the end and be saved.

(Jeremiah 31:3; John 10:28-29; 14:16; Romans 8:28-30; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9;

Ephesians 1:3; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:5)

94. What are the outward and ordinary means of grace whereby God preserves His elect and communicates to them the blessings of redemption in Christ?

The outward and ordinary means of grace whereby God preserves His elect and communicates to them the blessings of redemption in Christ are His ordinances, especially the Word, the sacraments and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

(Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, 46-47)

95. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners and of building up believers in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

(Nehemiah 8:8; Psalm 19:7-8; Acts 20:32; Romans 1:16; 10:13-17; 15:4; 1 Corinthians 1:21; 14:24-25; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 1 Timothy 4:13, 16; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

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23. What is The Apostle's Creed?

I believe in God the Father, almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and 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 will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in a holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

24. How are these articles divided?

Into three parts: 1) God the Father and our creation, 2) God the Son and our deliverance, 3) God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

25. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of Three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Because that is how God has revealed Himself in His Word: these three distinct *Persons are one, true, eternal God.*

(Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4, 6; Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:18, 19; Luke 4:18 [Isaiah 61:1]; John 14:28; 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 4:6; Titus 3:5, 6)

26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth?"

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created Heaven and Earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is Almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

(Genesis 1 and 2; Exodus 20:11; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 44:24; 14:15; Psalm 104; Matthew 6:30; 10:29; Ephesians 1:11; John 1:12, 13; Romans 8:15, 16; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:5; Psalm 55:22; Matthew 6:25, 26; Luke 12:22-31; Romans 8:28; Genesis 18:14; Romans 8:31-39; Matthew 7:9-11)

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77. What are the keys of the kingdom?

The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:22, 23)

78. How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to each and every believer that, as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all his sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

(Matthew 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23)

79. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

According to the command of Christ: If anyone, though called a Christian, professes unchristian teachings or lives an unchristian life, if after repeated brotherly counsel, he refuses to abandon his errors and wickedness, and, if after being reported to the church he fails to respond also to their admonition—such a one the church must exclude from the Christian fellowship. Such a person, when he promises and demonstrates genuine repentance, is received again as a member of His church.

(Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:3-5, 11-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:14, 15; Luke 15:20-24; 2 Corinthians 2:6-11)

80. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: Why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by His blood. But we do good because Christ by His Spirit is also renewing us to be like Himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all He has done for us, and so that He may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

(Romans 6:13; 12:1, 2; 1 Peter 2:5-10; Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; Matthew 7:17, 18; Galatians 5:22-24; 2 Peter 1:10, 11; Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 14:17-19; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:1, 2)