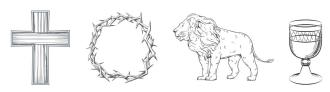
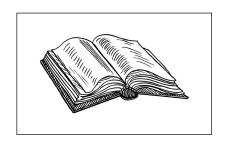


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52 Questions & Answers



PART 1

God, Creation & Fall, Law

WHAT IS OUR ONLY HOPE IN LIFE?

That we belong to God, and we are not our own.

Psalm 33:20



WHO IS GOD?

God is the loving Creator and sustainer of everything. He is eternal and unchanging in His goodness, wisdom, and power.

Psalm 146:6

HOW AND WHY WERE WE CREATED?

God created us. He made us in His own image, male and female, to glorify Him.

Genesis 1:27

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?

There is only one true and living God who exists eternally in three persons in a loving relationship.

Isaiah 44:6

WHO ARE THE THREE PERSONS OF THE ONE TRUE GOD?

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14

WHY DID GOD CREATE HUMANS?

God created humans to worship Him by bearing His image in the world.

Genesis 1:28





WHAT ELSE DID GOD CREATE?

In the beginning, God created all things out of nothing by His spoken word. All of His creation was very good.

Psalm 33:6, 9; Genesis 1





HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

We glorify God by loving Him and by obeying His commands and laws.

Deuteronomy 11:1





DID THE FIRST HUMANS WORSHIP AND OBEY GOD LIKE THEY WERE CREATED TO?

No. They sinned against God and disobeyed His laws and commands.

Romans 1:21





WHAT DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW REQUIRE?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12; Leviticus 19:18



WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE IN THE FIRST FIVE COMMANDMENTS?

That we would know and trust God as the only true and living God. That we would avoid all idolatry and not worship God improperly. That we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also His Word and works. That we honor the Sabbath and spend time in public and private worshiping God. That we rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. That we would love and honor our father and mother, submitting to their godly discipline.

Psalm 33:20





WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE IN THE LAST FIVE COMMANDMENTS?

That we do not hurt, hate, or act hostile to our neighbor, but are patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. That we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. That we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit. We should not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. We should be content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given to them or us.

Psalm 33:20



CAN ANYONE KEEP THE LAW OF GOD PERFECTLY?

Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly. We all consistently break it in thought, word, and deed.

Romans 3:10-12

DID GOD CREATE US UNABLE TO KEEP HIS LAW?

No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature, and unable to keep God's law.

Romans 5:12

SINCE NO ONE CAN KEEP THE LAW, WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and urges us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

Romans 3:20

WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world He created by not being or doing what He requires in His law.

1 John 3:4

HOW ARE WE AFFECTED BY SIN?

Sin brought death and separation from God.

Romans 5:12

WHAT IS THE LASTING CONSEQUENCE OF SIN?

Our sin has separated us from God and brings us under corruption, guilt, and God's holy wrath.

Romans 1:18



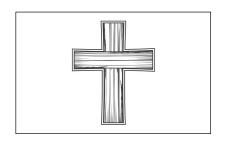


WHAT DID GOD PROMISE AFTER SIN ENTERED THE WORLD?

God promised that a Savior would redeem His creation from the power of sin and death.

John 1:29





PART 2

Christ, Redemption, Grace

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WHO IS THE SAVIOR?

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us from the penalty of sin and death.

Matthew 1:21





WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is God's eternal Son, the promised Savior. Through Jesus, we know who God is.

1 John 5:20

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WHY IS JESUS ABLE TO SHOW US WHAT GOD IS LIKE?

Because He is the second person of God, the Son, and He only did what God the Father told Him to do.

Colossians 2:9



WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR CHRIST, THE REDEEMER, TO DIE?

Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

Colossians 1:21-22



DOES CHRIST'S DEATH MEAN ALL OUR SINS CAN BE FORGIVEN?

Yes. Because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sins, God will remember them no more.

2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:17

HOW DO WE GET OUR SINS FORGIVEN AND OUR LIFE REDEEMED?

Everyone who confesses with their mouth that they believe in Jesus Christ and follows Him as their Lord can be completely forgiven of their sins and enjoy eternal life.

Romans 10:9

HOW DOES JESUS CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE?

Jesus is our mediator between us and God, our Father. He keeps us connected to the love of the Father. As we live on this earth, He is our hope for all things.

Hebrews 9:15

WHAT IS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST?

It is trusting in Jesus alone for what He has done for our redemption and salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:2

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

It is turning our hearts and minds away from sin and toward the God who can forgive us and make us new.

Acts 3:19

WHAT DO JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION MEAN?

Justification is the gracious act of God where He declares believers not guilty, but in right standing with Him because of Jesus.

Galatians 2:16

Sanctification is the lifelong process where God works with us to make us more like Jesus in our thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

Ephesians 4:22-24







WHAT ARE THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS?

First, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Second, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mark 12:28-31



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SHOULD THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST SEEK THEIR SALVATION THROUGH THEIR OWN WORKS OR THROUGH ANYONE ELSE?

No. Everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.

Galatians 2:16





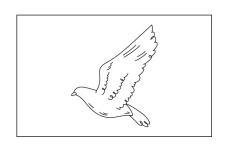
WHAT IS THE RESULT OF TRUE FAITH?

True faith will result in transformed living as the Holy Spirit works in us to make us like Jesus.

James 2:14-17







PART 3

Holy Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

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HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

I can know God by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus, the resurrected Son of God.

John 10:27; 1 John 5:20



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of God, equal in power and glory with the Father and the Son.

Acts 1:8; John 15:26



WHY DID THE FATHER AND THE SON SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit was sent into the world to fulfill God's promise, to give life to His people and dwell with them forever, and empower them to do the works of those promises.

Romans 8:9-11



HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US?

As our Teacher, the Holy Spirit reveals God's truth to us in the Bible. As our Helper, the Holy Spirit makes up the difference in our weakness. As our Comforter, the Holy Spirit supports us when we are suffering.

Romans 8:9, 26, 27 1 Corinthians 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:17

HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHY DO WE NEED HIS PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES?

We receive the Holy Spirit by God's grace and faith in Christ. His presence empowers us to experience life to the full and live God's way.

Acts 2:38; Acts 1:8

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is talking with God and enjoying fellowship with Him. By faith, when we pray, we come to the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 145:18; Matthew 6:5-6

WITH WHAT ATTITUDE SHOULD WE PRAY?

We should have an attitude of love, perseverance, and gratefulness when we pray.

Philippians 4:6

WHAT IS THE LORD'S PRAYER?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13







WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?

The Word of God is the Bible. God inspired people to write the books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is the trustworthy and authoritative rule for what we believe and do.

2 Timothy 3:16-17





HOW IS THE WORD OF GOD TO BE READ AND HEARD?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practice in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16-17





WHAT ARE THE SACRAMENTS?

The sacraments are water baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are signs of God's covenant (friendship promise) of grace that's unbreakable so that I am healed and free.

Galatians 3:26-28; Romans 6:4; Luke 22:19-20





WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

Baptism is the washing of water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Through baptism, believers signify their union with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection, showing that I am dead to sin and alive in Christ.

Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4



WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The Lord's Supper, called communion, is the bread and the cup. When we partake of the Lord's Supper together, as Jesus commanded, we remember His death on the cross and look forward to His coming again.

Mark 14:22-24



WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The Church is the family of believers who is gathering together, united in Christ, in all times and all places, and expressed in many different ways.

Ephesians 2:19-21



HOW IS THE CHURCH UNITED?

The Church is united by the Holy Spirit into one body under one head, Jesus Christ, having peace with God and one another.

Ephesians 4:4-6

WHERE IS CHRIST NOW?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after His death and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Ephesians 1:20-21

WHAT DOES CHRIST'S RESURRECTION MEAN FOR US?

Christ triumphed over sin and death so that all who trust in Him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

OF WHAT ADVANTAGE TO US IS CHRIST'S ASCENSION?

Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of His Father and also sends us His Spirit.

John 16:7; Romans 8:23

WHAT HOPE DOES EVERLASTING LIFE HOLD FOR US?

That we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be forever freed from all sin in a renewed, restored creation.

Revelation 21:1-4

WHY AM I ALIVE?

To love and bring glory to God. And to serve His world by reflecting His goodness in my thoughts, attitude, and actions.

Ephesians 2:10; Romans 11:36

