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Scripture is from the King James Version of the Bible.

This booklet is dedicated to the arrows the Lord has graciously given to Wendy and me – Kyra, David, Katie and Josie.

Psalms 127:3-4 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

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What is a catechism?

God's Word tells us:

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

If we are to teach all things that Jesus has commanded us, that means we must teach disciples the doctrines of Holy Scripture. The Bible uses the Greek Word *katecheo* which means to teach or instruct. From this word we get the word 'catechism'. Here are some examples of that word in the New Testament. I have underlined the word used to translate *katecheo*.

Luke 1:4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been <u>instructed</u>.

Acts 18:25 This man was <u>instructed</u> in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

1 Corinthians 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might <u>teach</u> others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Galatians 6:6 Let him that is <u>taught</u> in the word communicate unto him that <u>teacheth</u> in all good things.

A catechism is a tool to use in teaching the doctrines of Scripture. It is designed so the teacher can ask the question and the student can answer by memory. Each question and answer has Scripture references following it. As you go through the catechism you should read the question and the answer and then look up each passage of Scripture. As you read and study these you will see they are not opinion but they are the teaching of God's Word – the Bible.

There are also verses for memorizing with each section. The Bible says:

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

It is very important to memorize Scripture. You should start with a verse or two and then add. Start with short verses (especially with young children) and then move on to memorizing whole Psalms or chapters of the Bible. You should continue to memorize Scripture throughout your life. God instructed Joshua in the way of prosperity and success in serving God:

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

This book can be used for personal study or in family worship as you gather with your family to read the Bible, pray and worship together. This book would be helpful in a one on one discipleship relationship between a new believer and a more mature follower of Christ.

It is my prayer that God will use this tool to grow you and those you are responsible for training in Christ.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

A sk, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:4

Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Proverbs 30:5

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Matthew 6:12

Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods. 1 Chronicles 16:25

Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Proverbs 7:24

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Psalm 119:36

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Psalms 98:4

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*. Job 23:12

 \bigcirc LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Psalm 8:1

 \mathbb{P} ray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

Salvation *i*s of the LORD. Jonah 2:9

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. Psalm 94:17

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. Ephesians 5:2

X X $\rho_{10}\sigma_{10}\sigma_{10}$ (Christ) *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Romans 10:4 (The Greek word for Christ begins with the letter X.)

Y e are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14

 \mathbb{Z} For the \mathbb{Z} eal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. Psalm 69:9

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD THE FATHER:

- 1. How many Gods are there? There is only one God. Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 1 Corinthians 8:6
- What is the nature of God? God is love and He is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, good, truthful, forgiving, just, righteous, holy and pure. 1 John 4:8; Exodus 34:6-7; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:8
- 3. What does it mean that God is holy? It means that He is perfect in morality, purity and truth and that there is no one else like Him. *Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:1-4; 1 Peter 1:15*
- 4. What does it mean that God is immutable? It means He does not change. *Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8*
- 5. What does it mean that God is omnipotent? It means God is all powerful. Psalm 62:11; Jeremiah 32:17; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 19:26
- 6. What does it mean that God is omnipresent? It means God is everywhere at the same time. *Psalm 139:7-12; John 3:13*
- 7. What does it mean that God is omniscient? It means God knows all things. Psalm 139:1-6; Isaiah 46:9-10; Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20
- What does it mean that God is eternal? It means that God has no beginning and no end. *Genesis 21:33; Psalm* 90:2; Acts 17:24; Timothy 1:17

Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 9. What does it mean that God is immortal? It means that God is not liable or subject to death like men are. Deuteronomy 32:40; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:16
- 10. What does it mean that God is invisible? It means that God cannot be seen because He is a Spirit. John 1:18; 4:24; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Peter 1:7-9
- 11. What does it mean that God is merciful? It means He is compassionate and does not always give what men truly deserve. *Exodus 33:19; Isaiah 55:6-7; Ephesians 2:4; 1 Peter 1:3*
- 12. What does it mean that God is gracious? It means that God gives good gifts. Numbers 6:25-26; 2 Kings 13:23; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 3:24
- What does it mean that God is longsuffering? It means that God is patient with sinners. *Psalm 86:15; Romans* 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9
- 14. What does it mean that God is good? It means that God is morally perfect. Psalm 52:1; 119:68; Mark 10:18; 1 John 1:5
- 15. What does it mean that God is truthful? It means that God always tells the truth. *Numbers 23:19; Romans 3:4; John 14:6; 17:17*
- 16. What does it mean that God is forgiving? It means that God is willing to cancel debts owed against Him. *Psalm* 130:3-4; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9
- 17. What does it mean that God is just? It means that God requires the law be kept. *Exodus 34:7; Isaiah 45:21*

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

- What does it mean that God is righteous? It means that God always does what is right. 1 Samuel 12:7; Ezra 9:15; Psalm 11:7; 1 Corinthians 1:30
- 19. What does it mean that God is sovereign? God has the absolute right to do with his creation as He desires. Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Romans 9:19; Ephesians 1:11

THE BIBLE:

- 20. Can you see God? No, God is invisible. *Colossians 1:15;* 1 Timothy 1:17
- 21. How then can you know about God? God must reveal Himself to us. Job 11:7-8; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 1:18-20; 10:5-8
- 22. How has God revealed himself to mankind? God has revealed Himself through that which is created, throughout the history of the nation of Israel and through the Word of God. *Psalm 8; 19; Romans 1:18-*20; Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Romans 10:17; John 1:19; Hebrews 1:1-3
- 23. What is the Bible? A library of 66 books written by 40 different men inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the Word of God. 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21

Old Testament - 39 books

Law – Genesis, Exodus Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

History- Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Wisdom – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Major Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

Minor Prophets – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament -27 books

Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

History - Acts

Paul's Epistles – Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2
Timothy, Titus, Philemon

General Epistles – Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

Prophecy - Revelation

- 24. Name the books of the Bible. (answer opposite page.)
- 25. Is the Bible merely the work of men? No, the Bible is inspired by God or God-breathed. 2 Timothy 3:16
- 26. Are there any errors in the Bible? No, the Bible is inerrant (without error). *Psalm 12:6; Psalm 119:40; Proverbs 30:5; John 10:35*
- 27. Will the word of God ever fail? No, the Bible is infallible. *Matthew 24:35; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Isaiah* 40:8
- 28. Why can we trust the Bible? Because God has promised to preserve it for all generations. *Psalm 12:6-7; Psalm 100:5; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:17-18; 1 Peter 1:23-25*
- 29. What does hearing the Word of God produce in us? Hearing the Word of God produces faith in us. *Romans* 10:17
- 30. Can an unsaved person understand the Bible? No, the unsaved man cannot understand spiritual things. 1 Corinthians 2:14
- 31. What must God do so we can understand the Bible? The Holy Spirit must illuminate us to help us understand the Bible. *John 14:26; 16:12-15*

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Romans 4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Mark 11:22-24 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

FAITH and REPENTANCE:

- 32. What must we have if we are going to live a life pleasing to God? We must have faith. *Hebrews 11:6*
- 33. What is faith? Faith is being fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able to do even when we cannot see how. *Romans 4:21; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:1*
- 34. What is the object of our faith? God and his promises. *Mark 11:22*
- 35. Where does faith come from? Faith comes from hearing the Word of God. *Romans 10:17*
- 36. When we have faith or believe God's promises in Christ what does he give to us? He gives us His righteousness. Romans 4:3-5
- 37. What is repentance? Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a Godly sorrow over unbelief and sin. *Luke 3:8; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10*
- 38. Is repentance necessary for salvation? Yes, one must repent of the dead works of religion to save and trust in Jesus Christ alone. *Acts 20:21; Hebrews 6:1*
- 39. Is repentance important for a believer? Yes, believers must constantly repent of their sins and bear fruit worthy of repentance. *Isaiah 1:16-18; Luke 3:8; Acts* 26:20
- 40. When a believer sins, how do they get clean again? They must repent of what they have done and confess it to God. *Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 2:5*

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

CREATION:

- 41. What did God do in the beginning? In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16*
- 42. How did God create all things? He spoke and they were created. *Psalm 33:6*
- 43. How long did it take for God to create all things? God created heaven, earth, the sea and everything that lives in them in six days. *Exodus 20:11*
- 44. Why did God create man? God created man for His own pleasure. *Revelation 4:11*
- 45. In whose image did God create man? God made man in His own image. *Genesis 1:26-27; James 3:9*
- 46. How did God make man? God made Adam from the dust of the ground and He made Eve from the rib of Adam. *Genesis 2:7, 21-22*
- 47. What did God think of his creation when he was finished? God saw that everything He had made was very good. *Genesis* 1:31
- 48. What commandments did God give to Adam in the Garden of Eden? Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. *Genesis 1:28; 2:16-17*

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FALL OF MAN AND THE CURSE:

- 49. Who was in the garden that tempted Eve to disobey God? Satan in the form of a serpent. Genesis 3:1-5; Revelation 12:9
- 50. Who is Satan? He was a covering cherub who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven. He is the enemy of Christians. *Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19*
- 51. How did Satan tempt Eve? He lied by questioning God's goodness and contradicting God's Word. Genesis 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:14
- 52. How did Adam and Eve disobey God? They believed Satan and ate the fruit that God commanded them not to eat. *Genesis 3:6*
- 53. What happened when they disobeyed God? They died spiritually and realized they were naked before God so they hid from Him. *Genesis 2:17; 3:7-8; Romans 5:12*
- 54. How did they try to cover themselves before God? They sewed fig leaves together and made aprons. *Genesis 3:7*
- 55. What did God do to cover Adam and Eve? God killed a lamb and covered them with its skin. *Genesis 3:21*
- 56. What truth do we learn from this slain animal? We learn that man cannot cover his own sin and without the shedding of blood there is no remission. We also learn that God will provide a substitute. 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:22

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- 57. How did God curse Adam for his disobedience? The ground was cursed and in sorrow men must fight thorns and thistles to grow food. *Genesis 3:17-18; Romans* 8:20-22
- 58. How did God curse Eve for her disobedience? Her womb was cursed and in sorrow she would bring forth children. *Genesis 3:16*
- 59. How did God curse the Serpent? He would travel on his belly and eat dust. *Genesis 3:14*
- 60. What promise did God make to the Serpent? He promised that the seed of the woman would bruise his head. This is a promise that God would send the Christ. *Genesis 3:15; Hebrews 2:14-15*
- 61. Where did sin come from? Sin is inherited from our first parents who disobeyed God. Genesis 5:3; Romans 5:12
- 62. What does sin deserve? The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15
- 63. How many men are sinners? All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:10; 3:23*

Genesis 6:5-7 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Matthew 24:38-39 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

THE FLOOD OF NOAH'S DAYS:

- 64. As men multiplied on the face of the earth, what did the LORD see? He saw that the wickedness of man was great and every imagination of the thoughts of men's hearts was only evil continually. *Genesis 6:5; Romans* 3:10
- 65. What did God purpose to do on the earth? He purposed to destroy every creature He had made. *Genesis 6:7*
- 66. One man found grace in the eyes of the LORD, who was he? Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. *Genesis* 6:8
- 67. What did God tell Noah to do? God told Noah to make an ark of gopher wood. *Genesis 6:14*
- 68. What was the purpose of the ark? In the ark God spared Noah, his family and two of every creature on earth. *Genesis 6:18-19; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20;* 2 Peter 2:5
- 69. Did the flood cover the whole earth? Yes, the flood covered all the high hills and all flesh died. *Genesis* 7:19-23; Matthew 24:38-39
- 70. What covenant did God give to all the inhabitants of the earth after the flood? God promised He would never again destroy all life on earth with a flood. *Genesis 9:11*
- 71. What is the token of the covenant God made with Noah?
 God set his bow in the cloud a rainbow. *Genesis 9:12-17*

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

1 John 3:14-15 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Mark 10:7-9 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

THE CONFUSION OF SIN:

- 72. What is idolatry? When men are confused and worship false gods. *Genesis 31:19; Exodus 20:1-6; 32:1-35; Romans 1:18-25*
- 73. When men worship idols, what are they really worshipping? They are worshipping devils. Leviticus 17:7; 1 Corinthians 10:14, 19-20
- 74. What is blasphemy? When men are confused and speak of God in an unholy way. *Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12*
- 75. How should we speak? We should speak reverently of God and truthfully to men letting no corrupt communication come out of our mouths. *Ecclesiastes* 5:2; Matthew 5:33-37; Ephesians 4:29; James 5:12
- 76. When men are confused and think they do not need the church, what do we call that? Forsaking the assembly of the saints. *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- 77. What should be our attitude toward the church? We should love one another and consider ourselves members one of one another in the body of Christ. John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
- 78. When men are confused what happens to children? They do not honor their parents. Exodus 20:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- 79. How are children to treat their parents? They are to love and honor them in the Lord. Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Psalms 119:36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- 80. When men are confused what is their attitude toward life? They do not value human life but become murderers. Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26; 1 John 3:14-15
- 81. When does human life begin? It begins in a mother's womb. *Psalm 139:13-17; Jeremiah 1:5*
- 82. What is adultery? When men are confused and lie with another man's wife. *Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32*
- 83. What should be our attitude toward marriage? We should honor marriage as a life-long covenant between one man and one woman that is precious in God's sight because it is a picture of the relationship between Christ and his bride the church. *Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:2-12; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4*
- 84. What is stealing? When men do not value private property and they take things that do not belong to them. *Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28*
- 85. Instead of stealing, what does God want his children to be? God wants us to be generous and cheerful givers. Luke 6:30-38; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:7
- 86. If we do not have what we need, what does God instruct us to do? God says we must pray to him for what we need. Matthew 6:8-13; Luke 18:1-8; Philippians 4:6-7; James 4:2-3
- 87. What is lying? When men are confused they don't tell the truth. *Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:11; Revelation 21:8*

Luke 12:15And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

- 88. What does God want us to do in regards to the truth? God wants us to know the truth and speak the truth in love. John 14:6; 17:17; Ephesians 4:15, 25; 2 Corinthians 4:2
- 89. What is covetousness? When men are confused they want things that they cannot have. *Exodus 20:17; Psalm 119:36; Luke 12:15; Colossians 3:5*
- 90. How does God want us to live in regard to possessions? He wants us to be joyfully content with what we have. Luke 3:14; Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-11; Hebrews 13:5
- 91. When men are confused, how do they view themselves? Men think they are basically good enough for God to accept them. Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:9-14
- 92. When men are confused how do they see Jesus Christ? If they believe He existed, they see Him as simply a good man. *Matthew* 16:13-14
- 93. What does God's Word say of man? The Bible says there is none good, no not one. Man is a sinner in need of God's salvation and forgiveness. *Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10-18, 23*
- 94. What does God's Word say of Christ? Jesus is God in the flesh. John 1:1-3, 14; 1 Timothy 3:16

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

JESUS CHRIST:

- 95. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the living God. *Matthew 16:16; 26:63-64; Mark* 1:1; John 4:25-26; 1 John 5:20
- 96. Is Jesus God? Yes, Jesus Christ is God. Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1, 18; 8:58; 10:30-33; 20:28; Romans 9:5; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; Hebrews 1:3,8; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 1:8, 17-18; 21:6-7; 22:12-13
- 97. Did Jesus really become a man? Yes, Jesus was born of a virgin and is God in the flesh. *Isaiah 7:14; Matthew* 1:18-2:23; Luke 2:1-52; John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 4:2-3
- 98. Did Jesus ever sin? No there is no sin in Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5
- 99. Why did Jesus become a man? Jesus came to suffer and die as the sinless, substitutionary sacrifice for all men. Isaiah 53:5-6; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:9; 10:10, 12; 1 Peter 3:18
- 100. After the death of Jesus, what happened to Him? On the third day, He was resurrected from the dead. *Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-31*
- 101. Following the resurrection, Jesus stayed on earth for forty days then where did He go? He ascended to heaven and sat down on the right hand of God the Father. Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 102. What promise did Jesus make before he left earth for heaven? Jesus promised to come again and take His followers to be with Him. John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

THE CROSS:

- 103. How does God commend His love toward us? While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8; John 15:13; 1 John 4:9-10
- 104. Where did Jesus die for our sins? Jesus died in Jerusalem on a Roman cross. Matthew 27:29-61; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:1-42; Philippians 2:8
- 105. What did Jesus' death accomplish? Jesus' death is the propitiation for the sins of the world. 1 John 2:2; 4:10; 1 Peter 2:24
- 106. What does propitiation mean? It means that Christ paid for our sins by His sinless life and his death on the cross. *Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10*
- 107. Why did propitiation have to be made? Mankind has wronged God by sinning and we owe a debt that we cannot pay. *Colossians 2:14*
- 108. How can a holy and pure God justify guilty sinners? He is just and He justifies the ungodly by paying the sin debt that we owe through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 3:25-26*
- 109. Why must we preach the cross? The preaching of the cross is the power of God to save those who believe. *Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:17-24; 2:2*

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 Timothy 2:4-6 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

SALVATION:

- 110. Does God love the whole world? Yes, God loves His creation and especially man who is created in His image. *Genesis 1:26-27; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8*
- 111. Does God want all men to be saved? Yes, God does not want any to perish but all to repent and come to the knowledge of the truth. *1 Timothy 2:4-6; 2 Peter 3:9*
- 112. What has God done to show his love to the world and save all men? God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross and be the propitiation for the sins of the world. *Isaiah 53:5-6*, *Romans 5:8; 1 John 2:2*
- 113. Will all men be saved? No, only those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by believing and calling upon Him for salvation will be saved. John 1:12; 3:16; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 10:9-13
- 114. What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:30-31; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:22
- 115. Why do men need to be saved? They are lost without Christ and dead in trespasses and sins. *Romans 3:10;* 3:23; Ephesians 2:1, 12
- 116. How did sin enter the world? Adam disobeyed God's command and ate the forbidden fruit. Genesis 3; Romans 5:12

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

- 117. Is all mankind lost? Yes, death passed upon all men for that all have sinned. *Romans* 5:12
- 118. How will men know of their need for a Savior? They must hear the message of the creation, fall and the redemption they can have in Jesus Christ and be drawn to God by the Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1-3; John 6:44; 12:32; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5*
- 119. How will men hear the message of their Savior, Jesus Christ? All believers must obey the Great Commission and preach the gospel to every creature. *Matthew* 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- 120. What is the gospel? It is the good news that Jesus Christ died for sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and that he was raised again according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
- 121. What is the fate of those who do not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? They will suffer eternal death in the lake of fire. John 3:16; Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 20:11-15
- 122. What is the destiny of those who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation? They are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and will live eternally with Him. John 14:1-3; Romans 8:28-29; 1 John 3:1-3
- 123. Can a believer lose his salvation? No, true salvation is eternally secure in Jesus Christ. John 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- 124. Can a believer know that he is saved? Yes, assurance comes through believing and obeying God's Word, loving the brethren, abiding in Christ and the testimony of the Holy Spirit. John 5:24; John 8:31-32, 1 John 4:13, 1 John 5:13
- 125. How do we obey God's law? We obey God by loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves. *Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:30-31; Romans 13:8-10*
- 126. How can I love as God loves? God is love. If He lives in me, then His love will show in my life. *1 John 4:8; Galatians 5:22-23*

CHURCH:

- 127. What is a church? It is the body of believers who are sanctified in Christ Jesus and regularly gather together to worship, pray, and learn as Biblically called and qualified elders preach the Word of God. A church is the house of God; the pillar and ground of the truth. *1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Timothy 3:15*
- 128. Who is the head of the church? Jesus Christ is the head of the church. *Ephesians 1:22; 5:23; Colossians* 1:18
- 129. How does marriage typify the relationship between Christ and the church? As a loving husband leads his submissive wife, Christ the bridegroom is the head of His bride, the church. *Ephesians 5:22-33*

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Romans 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- 130. Is it important for believers to be a part of a church? Yes, Christ loves the church and has instructed us to not forsake assembling ourselves together. *Ephesians* 5:25; Hebrews 10:24-25
- 131. What is the mission of the church? To preach the gospel to every creature and to plant churches where disciples can be made. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 14:21-23
- 132. What are the two offices in a local church? Pastors and deacons are the two offices. *Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-13*
- 133. What words are used interchangeably for pastors in the Bible? Bishops, elders and pastors are the same office simply called different names. Acts 20:17, 28; Ephesians 4:11-12; Titus1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-4
- 134. What are the two ordinances Christ has given to the church? Baptism and the Lord's Supper. *Matthew* 26:26-28, 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- 135. What is baptism? Baptism is the first act of obedience for a believer in Jesus Christ. As a sign of their relationship with Christ, believers are totally immersed in water to signify their death to sin and their newness of life in Christ. Acts 2:41; Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 2:12

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Titus 3:5-6 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

- 136. Who is to be baptized? Only those who have trusted in Jesus Christ and are born again. *Acts 2:41; 8:36-38*
- 137. Should babies be baptized? No, babies cannot understand the truth of the gospel. *Acts* 8:36-38
- 138. Does baptism save? No, only faith in Jesus Christ saves. *Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7*
- 139. What is the Lord's Supper? It is when believers eat bread and drink the fruit of the vine to remember the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- 140. What does the bread represent? The body of Christ, broken for us. *Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:24*
- 141. What does the cup represent? The New Testament in the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for the remission of sins. *Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:25*
- 142. Who should take the Lord's Supper? Only those who have trusted in Christ and followed him in a believer's baptism by immersion. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-34
- 143. What should we do before taking the Lord's Supper? We should examine ourselves and confess our sins to God so that we do not take the supper in an unworthy manner. 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER:

- 144. What is prayer? Prayer is the privilege of every believer to boldly approach the throne of grace to worship and fellowship with God and to ask God for the things we need in the name of Jesus Christ. Matthew 6:9-13; 7:7-8; John 14:13-14; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 4:16
- 145. What must we have to have our prayers answered? We must have faith in God and right motives. *Mark 11:22-24; James 1:6-8; 4:2-3*
- 146. Can we know our prayers will be answered? Yes, if we pray according to the will of God. *1 John 5:14-15*
- 147. What did Jesus say would be evidence of faith when He returns? People praying without giving up. Luke 18:1-8
- 148. Who should we pray for? We are instructed to pray for all men. *1 Timothy 2:1*
- 149. What should we pray for all men? We should pray with thanksgiving to God that they lead quiet, peaceable lives in godliness and honesty and that they might be saved. *Romans 10:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

John 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- 150. Who is the Holy Spirit? He is the Spirit of God, the third person of the Trinity. *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 13:14*
- 151. What was the Holy Spirit's role in writing the Bible? He inspired men to write the Bible. Mark 12:36; 1 Peter 1:10-11; 2 Peter 1:21
- 152. What is the Holy Spirit's work in the world? He convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. John 16:7-11
- 153. What is the Holy Spirit's work in salvation? The Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells, baptizes, and seals a new believer in Christ. *Titus 3:5; John 14:17; 1 Corinthians* 6:19; 12:13; Acts 1:5; 11:15-16; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22
- 154. What is regeneration? Regeneration is when the Holy Spirit causes you to be born again. *John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5; 1 John 5:1*

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

- 155. What is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? When a person is born again the Holy Spirit comes to live in them. John 14:17; Romans 8:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 4:4
- 156. What is the baptism with the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit baptizes all believers into the body of Christ when they are saved. This happened in a dramatic way for the first time on the day of Pentecost. *Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27*
- 157. What is the sealing of the Holy Spirit? When God puts his Holy Spirit in a believer He marks that person showing that they belong to Jesus and their salvation is secure. *Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22*
- 158. What is the Holy Spirit's work in a believer's life? He fills believers, teaches and prays in a believer's life. He also gives gifts to believers. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23; John 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 John 2:27; Ephesians 6:18-19; Romans 8:26
- 159. What is the filling of the Holy Spirit? A person is filled with the Spirit when He has control of that person's life. *Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31*
- 160. Is the filling of the Holy Spirit a one-time event? No, believers are commanded to be filled constantly. *Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31 (Notice it is the same group who are said to be filled more than once.)*

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ephesians 2:19-20 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

- 161. What is the evidence a believer is filled with the Spirit? The Holy Spirit will produce fruit, worship and submission in that person's life. *Galatians 5:22-23; Epheisans 5:18-21*
- 162. How does the Holy Spirit teach believers? He teaches believers by helping us understand the Scriptures and gifting teachers to help us learn. John 14:26; 16:12-15; 1 John 2:27
- 163. How does the Holy Spirit pray in a believer's life? Since He is God He prays for us according to God's will and helps us know how we should pray. *Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20*
- 164. What are the gifts of the Spirit? The Holy Spirit gives believers the ability to serve God. Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 28-30; Ephesians 4:8-12; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- 165. Can a believer have all the gifts of the Spirit? No, the Holy Spirit gives gifts as He wills. *Romans 12:6;1 Corinthians 7:7; 12:11; Ephesians 4:7*
- 166. Are all the gifts operating today? No, since there are no apostles, the apostolic sign gifts have ceased. Ephesians 2:20; Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 13:8; 2 Corinthians 12:12
- 167. What was the purpose of the sign gifts? The sign gifts were a witness that the apostles were speaking the Word of God. Mark 16:20; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4

Ephesians 4:30-32 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

Luke 9:23-24 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

John 12:24-26 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

- 168. Why are the sign gifts not necessary today? We have the completed canon of the Word of God which is the perfect law of liberty. *James 1:22-25; 1 Corinthians 13:8*
- 169. What grieves the Holy Spirit? Bitterness, quarrelling and refusing to forgive all grieve God's Spirit. Ephesians 4:30-32; 1 Thessalonians 5:19

DISCIPLESHIP:

- 170. What is a disciple of Jesus? A disciple is a fully committed follower of Jesus who joyfully chooses a lifelong pursuit of learning God's Word and leading others to faith in Christ. *Matthew 10:24; Luke 6:40*
- 171. What is the requirement for discipleship? Jesus must be first. He must come before relationships, ambitions and possessions. *Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:25-33*
- 172. What does Jesus mean when He says a disciple must hate his family and his own life? He means we must put Jesus before all other relationships and love Him more. *Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26; John 12:24-26*
- 173. What does Jesus mean when He says a disciple must bear his cross and come after Jesus? He means we must die to our selfish ambition and yield completely to the will of Jesus. *Matthew 10:38; 16:24-26; Luke 9:23-25;* 14:27; 1 Corinthians 15:31; Galatians 2:20

Philippians 3:7-8 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- 174. What does Jesus mean when He says a disciple must forsake all he has? He means we must renounce materialism and put Jesus before all possessions. Luke 5:11; 14:33; Luke 18:22-23, 28-30; Philippians 3:7-8; 1 John 2:15-16
- 175. What does Jesus say of a believer who is not a disciple? He says they are like salt that has lost its savor. Matthew 5:13; Luke 14:34-35; John 15:6; Colossians 4:6
- 176. Are you a disciple of Jesus?

END TIMES:

- 171. What is the rapture? The rapture is the catching away of followers of Jesus when He comes for them. John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 172. When will the rapture take place? No man knows the day or hour, but Jesus could return at any time. *Mark* 13:32-33; Titus 2:11-13; James 5:7-9; 1 John 2:28
- 173. What will happen on earth after believers are taken to heaven? There will be a time of Great Tribulation for all people living on earth. *Matthew 24:21; Revelation 7:14*

Mark 13:32-33 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

Revelation 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

- 174. During the time of tribulation a man will exalt himself and call himself god, what does the Bible call him? The Bible calls him the Antichrist, the beast, the man of sin and the son of perdition. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 1 John 2:18; Revelation 13:1-18
- 175. What will end the reign of the Antichrist? Jesus will defeat the Antichrist at His second coming.
 2 Thessalonians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Revelation 19:11-21
- 176. What will be the fate of the Antichrist? He will be defeated by Jesus and cast into the lake of fire.2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:19-21
- 177. What will be the fate of unbelievers when Jesus returns? They will be resurrected and stand before a Great White throne to be judged. *Revelation 20:11-15*
- 178. How will unbelievers be judged? Their works will be judged by Jesus. Psalm 28:4; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Revelation 20:11-15
- 179. Will unbelievers go to heaven? No. Since they are not believers their names are not written in the Lamb's book of life and they will be cast into the lake of fire.
 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:15
- 180. Whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life? Only those who believe in Jesus Christ. Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- 181. What will happen in heaven during the Great Tribulation on earth? The Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place. *Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 19:1-9*
- 182. What is the Judgment Seat of Christ? It is a time when every believer in Jesus will answer for their life and be rewarded by Him. *Romans* 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 6:8
- 183. Will believers in Jesus be judged for their sins? No, their sins were judged on Calvary's cross. John 3:18; Romans 8:1
- 184. What does the Bible call the rewards Jesus will give to believers? The rewards are called crowns.1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 3:11
- 185. What is the crown of life? The crown of life is also called the martyr's crown. It is a reward for those who endure faithfully in suffering. James 1:12; Revelation 2:10
- 186. What is the crown of glory? Also called the shepherd's crown. It is a reward for those who serve as faithful elders in Christ's church. 1 Peter 5:2-4
- 187. What is the crown of rejoicing? The soul-winner's crown is a reward for those who lead others to faith in Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 2:19; Proverbs 11:30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:4-5 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

- 188. What is the crown of righteousness? It is the reward for those who live a holy life looking for the coming of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 3:2-3
- 189. What is the incorruptible crown? Also called the victor's crown. It is a reward for those who deny self and follow Jesus. *1 Corinthians 9:25-27*
- 190. Will all believers receive rewards at the judgment seat of Christ? No, disobedient believers can suffer the loss of rewards. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Revelation 3:11
- 191. Where will believers live when Jesus comes to get them? We will live in new heavens and a new earth. Isaiah 65:17-19; Isaiah 66:22; Revelation 21:1
- 192. What will God's new creation be like? We will live with Jesus and there will be no death, sorrow, pain or sin. *Isaiah 25:8; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:3-4*
- 193. How will God make the new heavens and a new earth? He will dissolve this creation by fire. *Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:7-12; Revelation 21:1*
- 194. What will we eat in the new creation? We will eat once again from the tree of life. *Genesis 2:9; 3:24; Revelation 22:1-3*
- 195. Who will give light in the new creation? God will be the light and there will be no need of the sun. *Isaiah* 60:19-20; Revelation 21:22-25; 22:5

1 Peter 2:6-7 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

GROWTH IN GRACE:

- 196. What is election? Election is the expression of God's will to create a community that serves and glorifies God. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel are the object of election; in the New Testament, the object of election is Jesus Christ and all who are united with Him. Leviticus 26:12; Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Romans 9:7-13; Romans 6:11-32
- 197. Does election mean God chooses who will be saved and who will be damned? No, election means God chooses how a person can be saved. All those who are in Christ are the elect. *Ephesians 1:1-14; 1 Peter 2:6-7*
- 198. What is justification? Justification is the act of God whereby those who put their faith in Christ are declared righteous in God's eyes, and are set free from guilt and punishment for sin. Zechariah 3:1-5; Romans 3:23-26; 4:5; 5:1; 8:33; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 8:12
- 199. When is a person justified? A believer is justified once for all at the moment they believe on Jesus Christ for salvation. *Acts 13:39; Romans 4:5; Galatians 2:16*
- 200. What is righteousness? Righteousness is doing the right thing according to the will of God. *Matthew 5:20; Romans 2:26*
- 201. Do we work righteousness by good deeds? No. Righteousness is received as a free gift from God when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. *Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-22*

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Philippians 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

- 202. What is sanctification? God sets believers apart for His purposes and the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to make us holy until Jesus comes for us. John 17:17; Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 203. What are the three aspects of Sanctification? Instantaneous, progressive, and ultimate sanctification.
- 204. What is instantaneous sanctification? A new believer has a new standing before God and is seen as set apart from sin to holiness for God's purposes. *1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11; Hebrews 10:10, 14; Jude 1:1*
- 205. What is progressive sanctification? The spiritual growth process whereby a believer grows in grace and holiness. John 17:17; 1 Peter 2:2; Romans 15:16; 2 Peter 3:18
- 206. What is ultimate sanctification? The final state of a believer in heaven where these is no more sin.1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 John 3:2
- 207. What is glorification? A believer is glorified when they get their new body and live with Jesus forever. *Romans* 8:17, 30; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; 1 John 3:2
- 208. What is another way of describing justification, sanctification and glorification? I am saved from the penalty of sin (justification), I am being saved from the power of sin (sanctification), and I will be saved from the presence of sin (glorification).