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INTRODUCTION

These questions and answers are designed to impress upon our minds that Jesus has an answer for every question relative to our salvation and eternal destiny. He has given us those answers in such plain and understandable language that they need no interpretation or comment from men. Even though these answers contradict many of the popular religious teachings, and even if they are foreign to all you have ever been taught, it is my sincere prayer that you may study them with the full realization that it is God speaking to you through His Son. *“See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking”* (Hebrews12:25).

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Part One: **Authority**

1. **QUESTION:** Who has the complete and final **authority** in religion?

A. Isaiah 9:6

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace.”

B. Acts 3:19-20; 22-23

Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send **Jesus**, the Christ appointed for you.

22 “Moses said, ‘THE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED in everything He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul that **does not heed that prophet** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’”

C. Hebrews 1:1, 2

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 **in these last days has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

D. Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority** has been given to Me **in heaven and on earth**.”

E. Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “**This is My beloved Son**, with whom I am well-pleased; **listen to Him!**”

F. Ephesians 1:19b-23

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand** in the heavenly places, 21 **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He **put all things in subjection under His feet**, and gave Him as **head over all things to the church**, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2. **QUESTION:** If Christ has final authority—what about one’s **parents**?

Matthew 10:37, 38

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is **not worthy of Me**; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

3. **QUESTION:** If Christ has final authority — what about **what I think**?

A. **Proverbs 14:12**

“There is a way which **seems right** to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

B. **Jeremiah 10:23**

“I know, O LORD, that a man's way is **not in himself**, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.”

4. **QUESTION:** If Christ has final authority in all things— what about Bible teachers and **scholars**?

A. **1 Corinthians 1:20, 21**

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God **made foolish the wisdom of the world**?²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

B. **1 Corinthians 2:12, 13**

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may **know** the things freely given to us by God,¹³ which things we also speak, **not in words taught by human wisdom**, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with **spiritual words**.

C. **1 Corinthians 3:19**

For the wisdom of this world is **foolishness before God**. For it is written, “He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS.”

D. **Ephesians 4:14**

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.

Part Two: **The Word of God**

5. **QUESTION:** How does Jesus **speak** to us today?

A. **John 8:31, 32**

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you **abide in My word**, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and **you shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.”

B. **John 17:17**

“Sanctify them in the truth; **Thy word is truth**.”

C. **John 16:13**

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into **all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

D. John 12:47, 48

“And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; **the word I spoke** is what **will judge him** at the last day.”

6. QUESTION: If Christ speaks to us today through His word, does the **Old Testament** apply to us?

A. Colossians 2:14

...having canceled out the **certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross**.

B. Galatians 3:24, 25

Therefore the **Law** has become our tutor to **lead us to Christ**, so that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

C. 2 Corinthians 3:13

...and are not as Moses, who used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently **AT THE END OF WHAT WAS FADING AWAY**.

D. Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made **to die to the Law** through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

E. Romans 10:4

For **Christ is the end of the Law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.

F. Hebrews 8:8, 13

8 “BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL EFFECT A **NEW COVENANT**
WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH”

13 When He said, “A new covenant,” He has made the first **obsolete**. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

7. QUESTION: Is the **New Testament** the complete and final authority in religious matters? Do I need anything else?

A. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

All Scripture is **inspired** by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate [**perfect**; KJV], equipped for every good work.

B. 2 Peter 1:3

...seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

C. Acts 20:32

“And now I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, which is able to **build you up** and to give you the **inheritance** among all those who are sanctified.”

D. Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you **contend earnestly for the faith** which was **once for all** handed down to the saints.

E. James 1:21

Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the **word** implanted, which is able to **save your souls**.

F. James 1:25

But one who looks intently at the **perfect law, the law of liberty**, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

8. QUESTION: Can I understand the Bible?

A. Ephesians 3:3-5

...by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, **when you read you can understand** my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.

B. 1 Corinthians 2:11-13

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that **we may know** the things freely given to us by God, 13 which **things we also speak**, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

C. Colossians 1:25, 26

Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, 26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested [revealed] to His saints.

9. QUESTION: What if anyone adds to or subtracts from the New Testament or preaches something that cannot be found in it?

A. Galatians 1:8, 9

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed!** 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be **accursed!**

B. 1 Corinthians 4:6

Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn **not to exceed what is written** [ASV-not to go beyond that which is written], so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

C. 2 John 9, 10

Anyone who **goes too far** [transgresseth, KJV] and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, **does not have God**; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

D. 2 Timothy 4:2-4

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will **accumulate for themselves teachers** in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will **turn away their ears from the truth** and will turn aside to **myths**.

E. Revelation 22:18, 19

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone **adds** to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone **takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Part Three: **Salvation**

10. QUESTION: **Who is Jesus?**

A. John 1:1-3, 14

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was **with God**, and **the Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

14 And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the **only begotten** from the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. John 20:30, 31

Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing you may have life in His name.

C. Matthew 16:15, 16

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the **Christ, the Son of the living God**."

D. John 11:25, 26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

E. Acts 2:36

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both **Lord and Christ**—this Jesus whom you crucified."

11. QUESTION: **What did Jesus come to the earth to do?**

A. Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come to **seek and to save that which was lost**."

B. John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall **not perish**, but have **eternal life**. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be **saved** through Him.”

C. Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will **build MY CHURCH**; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.

D. 2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

E. 1 Timothy 1:15, 16

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners**, among whom I am foremost *of all*. 16 And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

12. **QUESTION:** Do I **need** to be **saved**?

A. John 8:24

I said therefore to you, that **you shall die in your sins**; for **unless you believe** that I am *He*, you shall die in your sins.”

B. Romans 3:22 - 24

...there is no distinction; 23 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

C. Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and **so death spread to all men**, because **all sinned**

D. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

E. Hebrews 9:27, 28

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to **die once** and after this comes **judgment**, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

13. **QUESTION:** Can I **earn** my salvation?

A. Romans 6:23

For the **wages of sin** is death, but the **free gift** of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. Ephesians 2:8, 9

For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; 9 **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

14. **QUESTION:** Is faith **necessary** to be saved?

A. Hebrews 11:6

And **without faith** it is **impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

B. Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes** Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

D. Romans 1:16, 17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to **everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**”

E. 1 Corinthians 1:21.

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to **save those who believe.**

15. **QUESTION:** Are we saved by faith **only** – without anything else?

A. James 2:17

Even so **faith**, if it has no works, **is dead**, being **by itself**.

B. James 2:19, 20

You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that **faith without works is useless?**

C. James 2:24

You see that a man is **justified by works** and **not by faith alone.**

D. Luke 6:46

“And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

16. **QUESTION:** Does my faith require **obedience** as part of my salvation?

A. John 3:36

“He who **believes** in the Son has eternal life; but he who **does not obey the Son** will not see life, but the **wrath of God** abides on him.”

B. Hebrews 5:9

And having been made perfect, He became to all **those who obey Him** the source of eternal **salvation.**

C. Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will** of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in

Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”

D. 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8

...the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus.

E. 1 John 2:3, 4

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we **keep His commandments**. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and **does not keep** His commandments, **is a liar**, and the truth is not in him.

F. James 1:22

But prove yourselves **doers of the word**, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Part Five: **Baptism**

17. **QUESTION:** Since salvation is a free gift, what does the Lord ask me to do to **receive** this gift?

A. John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

B. Romans 10:9, 10

...that if you **confess** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be **saved**; 10 for with the heart a person **believes**, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he **confesses**, resulting in **salvation**.

C. Acts 17:30, 31

“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that **all people everywhere should repent**, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

D. Acts 2:37, 38

Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, **what shall we do?**” 38 Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and each of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for **the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

E. Acts 22:16

“Now why do you delay? Get up and be **baptized**, and **wash away your sins**, calling on His name.”

F. 1 Peter 3:21

Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

18. **QUESTION:** Did Jesus command the apostles to teach faith, repentance, and baptism as part of the gospel?

A. Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

B. Luke 24:45-47

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that **repentance for forgiveness of sins** would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

C. Mark 16:15, 16

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 He who has **believed** and has been **baptized** shall be **saved**; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

19. **QUESTION:** Did the apostles teach that one had to do these things in order to be saved?

A. Acts 2:36-41

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, **what shall we do?**”

38 Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 “For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “**Be saved** from this perverse generation!”

41 So then, those who had received his word **were baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

B. Acts 10:47, 48

Then Peter answered, 47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?” 48 And he **ordered them to be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

20. **QUESTION:** After the church was established, is there a single case of someone being saved without being baptized?

A. Acts 2:41

So then, those who had received his word **were baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

B. Acts 8:12, 13

But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were being baptized**, men and women alike. 13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being **baptized**, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

C. Acts 8:36-38

As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being **baptized**?" 37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he **baptized** him.

D. Acts 10:48

And he **ordered** them to be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

E. Acts 16:14, 15

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household had been **baptized**, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

F. Acts 16:31-33

They said, "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. 33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and **immediately he was baptized**, he and all his household.

G. Acts 18:8

Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, **believed** in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they **heard** were **believing** and being **baptized**.

H. Acts 19:4, 5

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I. Acts 22:16

"Now why do you delay? Get up and be **baptized**, and wash away your sins, calling on His name."

21. QUESTION: What does baptism do?

A. John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot **enter into the kingdom** of God.

B. Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

C. Galatians 3:27

For all of you who were baptized **into Christ** have **clothed yourselves** with Christ.

D. Romans 6:3, 4

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized **into Christ** Jesus have been baptized **into His death**?⁴ Therefore we have been **buried with Him** through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in **newness of life**.

E. Acts 22:16

“Now why do you delay? Get up and be **baptized**, and **wash away your sins**, calling on His name.”

F. 1 Peter 3:21

Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

22. QUESTION: Were infants ever baptized in New Testament times?

A. Acts 2:41

So then, **those** who had **received his word** were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

B. Mark 16:15, 16

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16 He who has believed** and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

C. Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, **men and women alike**.

D. Acts 18:8

Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, **believed** in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they **heard** were **believing** and being baptized.

23. QUESTION: Was New Testament baptism immersion in water or sprinkling?

A. John 3:23

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was **much water there**; and people were coming and were being baptized.

B. Acts 8:36-39

As they went along the road they came to some **water**; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being **baptized**?”³⁷ And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went **down into the water**, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he **baptized** him.

C. Acts 10:47, 48

Then Peter answered,⁴⁷ “Surely no one can refuse the **water** for these to be **baptized** who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?”⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

D. Romans 6:4

Therefore we have been **buried** with Him through **baptism** into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Part Six: **The Church**

24. QUESTION: What is Christ's church?

A. Matthew 16:18

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

B. Acts 2:47b

And the Lord **added to the church** daily those who were **being saved**. [NKJV]

C. Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the **church** of God which **He purchased with His own blood**."

D. Revelation 5:9, 11

Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and **purchased for God with Your blood men** from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 You have **made them to be a kingdom** and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.

E. Ephesians 1:22, 23

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to **the church**, 23 **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

F. Ephesians 5:25-29

Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having **cleansed her by the washing of water** with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the **church**, 30 because **we are members of His body**.

G. 1 Timothy 3:15

...but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the **household of God, which is the church** of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

25. QUESTION: How many churches did Christ build?

A. Matthew 16:18

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

B. Colossians 1:18

He is also head of the body, the church

C. Ephesians 1:22, 23

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to **the church**, 23 **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

D. Ephesians 4:4

There is **one body** and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

E. Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, as CHRIST ALSO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

26. **QUESTION:** How does God feel about **religious division**? (Denominationalism?)

A. 1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

B. 1 Corinthians 3:3

for you are still fleshly. For since **there is jealousy and strife among you**, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

C. Galatians 5:19-21

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, (ASV—'factions, divisions, parties') and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

27. **QUESTION:** Is it true that **the church** is essential? Does one have to be a member of Christ's church to be saved?

A. Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the **church of God** which He **purchased with His own blood**.

B. Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also **loved the church**, and **gave himself up for it**.

C. Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the **Savior of the body**.

D. Acts 2:47b

And the Lord was **adding to their number day by day those who were being saved**.

28. **QUESTION:** What **name** should the Lord's church wear?

A. 1 Corinthians 1:2

To the **church of God** which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, **saints** by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

B. 1 Timothy 3:14, 15

I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the **household of God**, which is the **church of the living God**, the pillar and support of the truth.

C. Romans 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the **churches of Christ** greet you.

29. **QUESTION:** What **name** should the individual members wear?

A. Acts 11:26

and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first **called Christians** in Antioch.

B. 1 Peter 4:15, 16

Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if anyone suffers as a **Christian**, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in **this name**.

30. **QUESTION:** Is it wrong to wear the names of men like Martin Luther, John Wesley, and John the Baptist?

1 Corinthians 3:4-7

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men? 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

31. **QUESTION:** Is it wrong to seek to glorify God in the names Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterians, etc.?

1 Peter 4:15, 16

Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if anyone suffers as a **Christian**, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in **this name**.

32. **QUESTION:** Are the **preachers** to be called reverend? Doctor? Divine? Clergy?

A. Psalms 111:9

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: Holy and **Reverend** is His name. [KJV]

B. 2 Peter 3:15

...and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our **beloved brother Paul**, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you.”

C. Matthew 23:8-10

“But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and **you are all brothers**. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your **father**; for **One is your Father, He who is in heaven**. 10 Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ.”

33. QUESTION: What does the **worship** of the New Testament church consist of?

A. Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

B. Acts 20:7

On the **first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to **break bread**, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

C. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed **took bread**; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of Me**.” 25 In the same way He **took the cup** also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; **do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me**.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

34. QUESTION: How **often** did they meet for this worship service?

A. Acts 20:7

On the **first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to **break bread**, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

B. Corinthians 16:1, 2

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On **the first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

C. Hebrews 10:25

...**not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

35. QUESTION: What kind of **music** did they have – vocal or instrumental?

A. Ephesians 5:18,19

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing** and making melody with your heart to the Lord.

B. Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Part Seven: **Christian Living**

36. **QUESTION:** Once a person has been saved in Christ, can they fall away and be lost?

A. 2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.

B. 1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

C. 1 Corinthians 9:27

But I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

D. Hebrews 3:12, 13

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

E. Hebrews 6:4-6

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

F. Hebrews 10:26, 27, 29

For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

G. Galatians 5:4

You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

H. 2 Peter 2:21, 22

For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A dog returns to its own vomit," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

37. **QUESTION:** What kind of lives does God expect Christians to live?

A. Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

B. Romans 12:1, 2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

C. Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

D. Ephesians 4:20-24

But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, **in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind, 24 and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

E. Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 **instructing us** to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to **live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age**, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, **zealous for good deeds**.

F. Colossians 3:1-7

If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. 5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 6 For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

G. 2 Peter 3:10-12

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

H. Revelation 2:10

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be **faithful until death**, and I will give you the **crown of life**.

Here are the five things which you **must** do to become a Christian and go to heaven:

1. **BELIEVE** what God has said in the Bible about Jesus—that He is the Christ, the Son of God, that He died for your sins and was raised from the dead, and that He is alive in heaven today. Believe that He will save you and take you to heaven to be with Him if you choose to be His disciple and obey Him in all that you say and do. 1 John 5:10; Matt. 3:17; 1 Cor. 15:14; 1 Thess. 1:10; Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 7:25.
2. **REPENT**, that is 'to change your mind' about Jesus, and choose to let Him be the lord of your life. This repentance requires of us to stop of all our known sins and start living for His will in all that we say and do. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9.
3. **CONFESS** publicly that you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:35-37; Romans 10:9; 1 John 4:15.
4. **BE BAPTIZED** (immersed) in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may receive from Jesus the forgiveness of all your sins. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21.
5. **CONTINUE FAITHFULLY** by living a life of prayer and learning God's word, so that you can live like Jesus in all things, become part of local congregation which follows only the Lord's teachings, worshiping with them by observing the Lord's Supper (breaking bread) weekly, as you keep yourself free from sin. Act. 2:42; Heb. 10:25; 2 Tim. 2:15; Phil. 4:6; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:26; James 1:27; Rev. 2:10

New Testament Examples of Conversion

As found in the book of Acts

Gospel Preached	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41	Implied (2:37)	Repent (2:38)		Baptized (2:38)	Remission of Sins (2:38)
Samaria Acts 8:5-13	Believed (8:12, 13)			Baptized (8:12, 13)	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed (8:37)		Confessed (8:37)	Baptized (8:28)	Rejoiced! (8:39)
Saul Acts 9:10-19; 22:12-16				Baptized (9:18)	Wash away sins (22:16)
Cornelius Acts 10:34-48	Believed (10:43)			Baptized (10:48)	Remission of sins (10:43)
Lydia Acts 16:13-15	Responded (16:14)			Baptized (16:15)	
Jailor Acts 16:27-34	Believe (16:31)	Washed wounds (16:33)		Baptized (16:33)	Rejoiced Greatly (16:34)
Disciples Acts 19:1-7	Believe (19:4)			Baptized (19:5)	

Matthew 28:18-20

Mark 16:15-16