

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. What are two ways (sources) people can know some things about God? **1.) Nature (the Creation) and 2.) the Conscience**
2. We call this knowledge about God that is gained from these two sources natural knowledge. What does nature tell us about God?
That he is wise, powerful, divine and good.
3. What does our conscience tell us about God?
That he gets upset about sin (= holy & just)
4. What can neither our conscience nor anything in nature tell us?
We don't know that he would forgive us for our sins
5. Why then do we need the Bible?
That they would know his plan for salvation and who he is.
6. How can all of the words of the Bible be God's Word if human writers wrote them?
They were guided by the Holy Spirit (Verbal Inspiration)

What is the term for the process by which God breathed-into the writers of the Bible everything he wanted to say?
Verbal Inspiration
7. What are the two main divisions (not doctrines or teachings) of the Bible?
Old Testament and New Testament
8. Describe the contents of the Old & New Testament.
Pointed ahead to the coming Savior; 39 Books, written by Moses & the Prophets over period of 1,000 yrs. (Continues next page)

Describe the contents of the New Testament.

Begins with the Savior's life; 27 Books, written by the Apostles & Evangelists over period of 100 years

Who is the central figure in both parts of this Book?

The Savior, Jesus Christ

Who is the one Author of the entire Bible? **God the Holy Spirit**

9. What are the two main messages of the Bible?

The Law and the Gospel

What two things does the Law teach us?

Tells us what God wants us TO DO and NOT DO--Shows Our Sin (S.O.S.) Shows (us) Our Sin

What does the gospel teach us?

Tells us God sent Jesus to take away our sins and everyone who believes in him will have eternal life (S.O.S.) Shows (us) Our Savior

10. So what is the main reason God gave us the Bible?

To lead all people to look to Jesus as their Savior from sin.

11. What is a "creed"?

A statement of belief

12. What are the three main creeds

Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian

13. Why do we call the first person of the Trinity the "Father"?

He is the Father of Jesus and our Father by faith in Jesus.

14. The Bible says God created all things from **Nothing** in **six** days. He made humans without sin (holy), that is, in the **Image of God** .

15. What are four ways God wants me to thank Him for making you and taking care of you?

Thank and praise, serve and obey him

16. Sin entered the world when _____ tempted Adam and Eve and they disobeyed God.

Satan

17. Because of sin we're born sinful. The term for this is: **Original** sin. We also commit sins every day. The things we do every day that God tells not to do, or the things we leave undone are **Actual sins**.

18. How well does God expect us to keep His commandments?

Perfectly

19. With what does God threaten to punish all people who break His commandments?

Anger / trouble in this life and eternal punishment when we die.

20. God said sin must be punished but that a Savior would take the punishment for us. Why do we call Jesus' suffering and death innocent? He is our **Substitute**

21. Why do we call the work of Jesus "redemption"?

He was buying us back for God

22. For what purpose did Christ redeem me?

Answer: "So that I might be **His own** and use my **redeemed** life to serve Him in His kingdom.

23. Because of our sinful nature, our service to God is imperfect. When will we serve God perfectly?

When we are free of sin in heaven

24. Jesus died to take all your sins away. You believe in Jesus. How can you be sure that we will be with Christ in heaven one day?

I have been set free from sin and death; I believe Jesus' promise that heaven is my home.

25. How does the forgiveness of sins and eternal life that Jesus purchased on the cross with His holy precious blood become your own?

It is a gift to me by faith

26. But there's a problem. What is our natural condition?

I am spiritually dead.

27. What is impossible for you to do because of your natural spiritual condition?

Come to believe in God

28. How only can you be brought to faith in Jesus?

By the work of the Holy Spirit in me.

29. Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is the third Person of the Triune God

30. Give three reasons and examples of why we call the Holy Spirit true God...

Because the Bible calls Him God (Divine Names)

Give examples here: Eternal Spirit, Spirit of God, Holy Spirit

Because He has characteristics or qualities that only God has. (Divine Attributes)

Give examples here: Eternal, knows all things, everywhere

Because He does things only God can do (Divine Works -- See examples next page)

Examples: Creation, gives me life and rebirth into God's kingdom

31. What work does the Holy Spirit accomplish?

Our coming to faith, our sanctification

32. What means did the Holy Spirit use to bring you to faith?

Means of Grace (Word & Sacraments)

33. Why are you able to do good works?

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34. What is it that makes a work good before God?

Something done according to God's Word out of love for Jesus

35. What three enemies try to weaken your ability to do good works?

The devil, the unbelieving world and our sinful nature

36. Why do we call God's church, the "Holy Christian Church" and "communion" of saints?"

Holy & saints – Our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus

Christian – Our hope is in Christ alone

Communion – the Holy Spirit gathers us together into one body of believers

37. Why is God the only one who truly knows the members of His Church?

Only He can see the faith that makes them members

38. Look up the word "church" in your glossary. The glossary supplies two distinct meanings for the word "church." Write down the second meaning here:

A group of believers who gather to hear the gospel.

39. How do you know what church you should join?

Test their teachings to see if they're from God

40. What does God want us to do when we test and find people who hold to His pure Word?

We join in communion, worship together, pray together, do mission work together, educate children together.

41. What do we mean by the word "grace?"

God's undeserved love

42. What do we mean by the phrase "means of grace?"

Ways God offers us the blessings of Jesus' cross & empty tomb

43. Jesus Christ **obtained** forgiveness, life and salvation for the whole world when he died on the cross and rose again. But not all people are going to heaven because not all believe. By what three means (ways) is forgiveness, life and salvation **delivered** to people by the Holy Spirit?

God's Word, Baptism & Holy Communion

44. Define a "sacrament."

→ **Instituted by Christ** → **Connected with God's Word**

→ **Uses Earthly Elements** → **Gives Forgiveness, Life & Salvation**

45. Why is baptism not just washing with simple water only?

It's a washing w/water connected to the power of God's Word

46. When did Jesus institute (start) the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

When he gave the Great Commission to baptize all nations

47. What happens when we are baptized in the name of the Triune God?

God makes us members of his blessed family

48. Why do we baptize little babies?

**Jesus commanded to baptize "all nations" (includes infants)
Born sinful by nature and must be born again
By the power of the Holy Spirit they too can believe**

49. Why is the phrase "born again" such an appropriate term for baptism?

We were dead in sin and God gives us in baptism a rebirth into faith with a new self

50. Name three blessings of baptism

**Gives forgiveness of sins
Delivers from death and the power of the devil
Gives the gift of eternal life**

51. Why is our baptism such a great comfort and its blessings so precious?

Assures me I am a forgiven child of God and heir of eternal life in heaven

52. What gives baptism its great power?

God's Word

53. What desire does baptism work within us?

The desire to throw off the sinful nature daily and to do good for God

54. Even after Baptism what inside of us tries to lead us to desire and do what is sinful?

Our sinful nature (Old Adam)

55. How do we put off our old Adam (sinful nature) every day?

By being sorry for our sins and trusting that God forgives us.

56. Offer your best answer: What are the two ways we grow in faith after we are baptized?

By reading and listening to God's **Word** and by receiving the **Lord's Supper** (Also called Holy **Communion**).

57. When did Christ institute the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

The night He was betrayed

58. What two things does Jesus tell us are really present in, with and under the bread and wine?

His true **Body** and His true **Blood**.

59. What special term do we use to describe the fact that Jesus' true body and blood are present in Holy Communion?

Real Presence

60. What does Jesus do through his Word in the Holy Communion?

- 1.) **Gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins** 2.) **Strengthens our faith to believe that the blessings of His cross are ours**

61. Who receives the body and blood of Christ at Holy Communion?

Anyone who eats it

62. To whom does God want us to give Holy Communion?

Only those who are united with us in faith, understand what it is, and can examine themselves properly.

How do we prepare ourselves for Holy Communion?

- 1. Am I sorry for my sins?**
- 2. Do I trust in Jesus as my Savior?**
- 3. Do I believe that his true Body and Blood are present to assure me of forgiveness?**
- 4. Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more Christian life?**

63. What is the FIRST THING God wants us to admit when we CONFESS our sins? **That...**

**I am sinful by nature, and sin by my thoughts, words & actions
I deserve to be separated from God and deserve eternal death**

64. What is the SECOND PART of CONFESSION?

Hearing and believing we are forgiven.

65. What special power and right does God give to all believers?

To forgive or not forgive sins (*This power is called the "Power of the Keys." It's literally the power to open or close heaven's doors based on what God's Word says*)

66. What is meant by the binding key and how is it used?

Refusing to announce forgiveness to the impenitent (those who either don't wish to or are unaware they need to repent)

Why does God want us to use it? **To try to lead sinners to repent by announcing God's terrible judgment**

67. What is meant by the loosing key?

To announce forgiveness to penitent sinners to assure them of God's forgiveness

68. How does God forgive sins?

Like a Judge in a courtroom who tells a criminal in a courtroom there's no longer any charge against him so he's not guilty!

69. Define the word "righteous?"

Sinless, morally perfect

70. Define the word "justified?"

To declare not guilty.

71. On what basis does God declare all sinners to be justified (holy in his sight?)

Because of what Jesus did when he lived a perfect life and died on the cross and our Substitute to pay the price of our sin and guilt.

72. How many people did God declare righteous because Jesus served as their Substitute and paid for their sins in full?

All people of all time.

73. What happens to those who do not believe, have not heard or who reject this message about sins forgiven?
They will be condemned.
74. What happens when a person dies?
His body decays but his soul goes immediately to hell or heaven
75. What will happen in the resurrection on the Last Day?
God will raise up all the dead—everyone’s body and soul will be reunited for all eternity
76. What will happen to believers in whom the Holy Spirit worked faith in Christ?
Taken by Christ to be with him in heaven.
77. What will happen to unbelievers?
Separated from God to suffer forever in hell.
78. What will life be like with God in heaven?
Believers enjoy REST from **labors, trouble and sorrows of life.**
I'll enjoy a **reunion with fellow believers** together **with God** in **perfect never-ending joy!**
79. Whose prayers does God listen to and accept?
Only true believers in Jesus
80. In what four ways does God answer prayer?
“Yes,” “No,” “Wait,” and “I have a better idea you haven't even thought of yet!”
81. What does it mean to speak the word “Amen” at the end of our prayers?
“I’m serious about this.”
“God, I know you can make this happen.”