

Spurgeon's Catechism – Modified by TBC

This is an adaption of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) and the Spurgeon Catechism (SC) for Terrell Bible Church. The document will be updated as the elders work their way through more of the questions. Where the question or the answer comes from the Spurgeon Catechism rather than the WSC, it is noted accordingly by a "SC."

For each question and answer, there are verses above the line that are recommended for memorization; the verses below the line are additional scriptures that will be helpful in your study of what God's Word has to say about the doctrine discussed in each question.

1. Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God¹ and to enjoy him forever.²

1. **1Corinthians 10:31.** Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 2. **Psalms 73:25.** Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
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1. **Romans 11:36.** For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.
2. **Psalms 73:24-26.** With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever..

John 17:22, 24. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

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..

2. Q. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify him?

A. The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments¹ is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify God and enjoy him.²

- 1&2. **2 Timothy 3:16.** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
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1. **Ephesians 2:20.** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
2. **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! 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!

Isaiah 8:20. To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

Luke 16:29, 31. But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'

2 Timothy 3:15-17. and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

1 John 1:3. what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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3. Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. ¹

1. **Deuteronomy 10:12-13.** Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, (and to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?)

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1. **Micah 6:8.** He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

John 20:31. but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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.

2 Timothy 1:13. Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 12:13. The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

Luke 10:27. And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

4. Q. What is God?

A. God is Spirit, ¹ infinite, ² eternal, ³ and unchangeable ⁴ in his being, wisdom, ⁵ power, ⁶ holiness, ⁷ justice, ⁸ goodness, ⁹ and truth. ¹⁰

1. **John 4:24.** God is spirit, (and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth).
3. **Psalms 90:2.** Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
4. **Malachi 3:6.** For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
- 2, 5&6. **Psalms 147:5.** Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.
7. **Isaiah 6:3.** And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.
- 8, 9&10. **Psalms 100:5.** For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

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2. **Job 11:7.** Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?

1 Kings 8:27. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

3. **1 Timothy 1:17.** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

4. **Exodus 3:14.** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM' has sent me to you."

James 1:17. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Jeremiah 23:24. "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

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Isaiah 40:22. It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

5. **Romans 16:27.** to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

6. **Genesis 17:1.** Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.

Revelation 19:6. Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

7. **Isaiah 57:15.** For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

John 17:11. I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

Revelation 4:8. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

8. **Deuteronomy 32:4.** The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

9. **Romans 2:4.** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

10. **Exodus 34:6.** Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

Psalms 117:2. For His lovingkindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD!

5. Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, ¹ the living and true God.²

1 & 2. **Isaiah 44:6.** Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.

1. **Deuteronomy 6:4.** Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

2. **Jeremiah 10:10.** But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth quakes, And the nations cannot endure His indignation.

6. Q. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.¹

1. **Matthew 28:19.** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

1. **2 Corinthians 13:14.** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Matthew 3:16-17. After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

7. Q. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose according to the counsel of his own will, whereby for his own glory he has foreordained whatever comes to pass.¹

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1. **Ephesians 1:11-12.** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
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1. **Acts 4:27-28.** For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.
Psalm 33:11. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
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.
Romans 9:22-23. What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,
Romans 11:33. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!
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8. Q. How does God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation¹ and providence.²

1. **Revelation 4:11.** Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.
 2. **Ephesians 1:11.** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
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2. **Daniel 4:35.** All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'
Isaiah 40:26. Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.
Matthew 10:29. Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
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9. Q. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things¹ of nothing, by the Word of his power,² in six normal consecutive days,³ and all very good.⁴

- 1.&2. **Hebrews 11:3.** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
 - 3.&4. **Genesis 1:31.** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. (And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.)
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1. **Genesis 1:1.** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2. **Psalm 33:6.** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
3. **Exodus 20:11.** For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
4. **Revelation 4:11.** Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.

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10. Q. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, after his own image,¹ in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness² with dominion over the creatures.³

1. & 2. **Genesis 1:27.** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1. **Revelation 4:11.** Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.
 3. **Genesis 1:28.** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
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11. Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy,¹ wise,² and powerful³ preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.⁴

1. **Psalms 103:19.** The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

1. **Psalms 145:17.** The LORD is righteous in all His ways And kind in all His deeds.
 2. **Psalms 104:24.** O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.
Isaiah 28:29. This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who has made His counsel wonderful and His wisdom great.
 3. **Hebrews 1:3.** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
 4. **Matthew 10:29-30.** Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Acts 14:16-17. In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.
Romans 9:17-18. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.
Genesis 50:20. As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.
Job 38-41.
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12. Q. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience;¹ forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.²

1 & 2. **Genesis 2:17.** but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

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1. **Galatians 3:12.** However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM."
2. **Romans 5:12-14.** 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-- for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
Romans 10:5. For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.
Luke 10:25-28. And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE."
James 2:10. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

13. Q. Did our first parents continue in the state wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state wherein they were created, by sinning against God,¹ by eating the forbidden fruit.²

1. **Genesis 3:6.** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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1. **Ecclesiastes 7:29.** Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices.
 2. **Genesis 3:6-8, 13.** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
2 Corinthians 11:3. But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.
1 Timothy 2:14. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

14. Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of the law of God.¹

1. **1 John 3:4.** Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

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1. **James 4:17.** Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.
Romans 3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Leviticus 5:17. Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment
James 2:10. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

15. Q. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

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A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity,¹ all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.²

1 & 2. **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--

1. **Acts 17:26.** and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,
 2. **Genesis 2:17.** but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.
Romans 3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
1 Corinthians 15:21-22. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
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16. Q. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery.¹

1. **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--

1. **Galatians 3:10.** For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."
Romans 5:18. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.
Colossians 3:5-6. Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,
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17. Q. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that state whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that state whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin,¹ the want of original righteousness,² and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin,³ together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.⁴

1-4. **Ephesians 2:1-3.** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

1. **Romans 5:12, 19.** 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-- For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
1 Corinthians 15:22. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
2. **Romans 3:10.** as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

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3. **Romans 5:6.** For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Romans 8:7-8. because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
Genesis 6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
Romans 3:10-20. as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."
"THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING," "THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS"; "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN." "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."
Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.
Psalms 51:5. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.
Psalms 58:3. The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.
4. **James 1:14-15.** But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.
Matthew 15:19. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

18. Q. What is the misery of that state whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, ¹ are under his wrath and curse, ² and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever. ³

1. **Romans 6:23.** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1. **Genesis 3:8, 24.** They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.
 2. **Ephesians 2:3.** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
Galatians 3:10. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."
 3. **Romans 5:14.** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
Matthew 25:41. Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;
Revelation 20:15. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

19. Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the state of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, ¹ did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the state of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer. ²

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1-2. **Ephesians 1:4-7.** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

1. **Titus 3:4-7.** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
2 Thessalonians 2:13. But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
 2. **Titus 1:2.** in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
Galatians 3:21. Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.
Romans 3:20-22. because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
Romans 5:21. so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 8:28-30. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
Ephesians 2:8-10. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Colossians 1:12-13. giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
2 Thessalonians 2:13-14. But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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20. Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, ¹ who being the eternal Son of God, became man, ² and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever. ³

1. **1 Timothy 2:5.** For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
2-3. **Colossians 2:9.** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
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1. **John 1:1, 14.** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 14:6. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
Acts 4:12. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.
Titus 2:11-14. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and

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the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 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.

2. **John 10:30.** I and the Father are one.

Philippians 2:6. who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Galatians 4:4. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

1 Timothy 3:16. By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

21. Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body,¹ and a reasonable soul,² being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary, and born of her,³ yet without sin.⁴

1. **John 1:14.** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. **Hebrews 2:14.** Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

2. **Matthew 26:38.** Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

Hebrews 4:15. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ,

3. **Luke 1:31, 35, 41-42.** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Galatians 4:4. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

4. **Hebrews 4:15.** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 7:26. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

Colossians 2:9. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

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.

22. Q. What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ as our Redeemer executes the offices of a prophet,¹ of a priest,² and of a king,³ both in his state of humiliation and exaltation.⁴

1. **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.

1. **Acts 3:22.** Moses said, "THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

Luke 4:18, 21. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND

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RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

2. **Hebrews 5:5-6.** So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"; just as He says also in another passage, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

Hebrews 4:14-15. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

3. **Psalms 2:6.** But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
4. **Revelation 19:16.** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Isaiah 9:6-7. 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. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 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. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

23. Q. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us,¹ by his Word,² and Spirit,³ the will of God for our salvation.⁴

1. **Luke 4:18.** THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

1. **John 1:1, 4.** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
John 1:18. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.
2. **John 20:31.** but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
3. **John 14:26.** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
4. **John 15:15.** No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
2 Peter 1:21. for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
Luke 4:18-19, 21. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
John 17:8. for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.
1 John 5:20. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true

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God and eternal life.

24. Q. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice,¹ and to reconcile us to God,² and in making continual intercession for us.³

1. **Hebrews 2:17.** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

1. **Hebrews 9:14, 28.** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 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.

Romans 3:26. for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 8:3-4. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hebrews 9:11-12. But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

2. **Romans 5:10.** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 1:21-22. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

3. **Hebrews 7:25-26.** Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

25. Q. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself,¹ in ruling and defending us,² and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.³

1. **Isaiah 9:6-7.** 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. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

1. **Psalms 110:3.** Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.

Ephesians 1:20-22. which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is

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named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

Philippians 2:9-11. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. **Matthew 2:6.** AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.

1 Corinthians 15:25. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

Isaiah 33:22. For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us--

3. **1 Corinthians 15:25.** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.
Acts 12:17. But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brethren." Then he left and went to another place.
Acts 18:9-10. And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

26. Q. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

- A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition,¹ made under the law,² undergoing the miseries of this life,³ the wrath of God,⁴ and the cursed death of the cross;⁵ in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.⁶

1. **Philippians 2:6-8.** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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1. **Luke 2:7.** And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

2 Corinthians 8:9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

2. **Galatians 4:4.** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

Matthew 26:67-68. Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, "Prophesy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

3. **Isaiah 53:3.** He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4. **Matthew 27:46.** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Luke 22:41-44. And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

5. **Galatians 3:13.** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--

Philippians 2:8. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

6. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4.** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Matthew 12:40. for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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Matthew 11:29. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

27. Q. Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day,¹ in ascending up into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God the Father,² and in coming to judge the world at the last day.³

1. **Philippians 2:9-10.** For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

1. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4.** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Romans 8:34. who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

2. **Mark 16:19.** So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Acts 1:9. And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

John 17:5. Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Ephesians 1:19-20. and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

3. **Acts 1:11.** They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Acts 17:31. 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.

Revelation 11:15. Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

28. Q. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us¹ by his Holy Spirit.²

1. **Titus 3:5.** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

1. **John 1:12-13.** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

2. **John 3:5-6.** 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. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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Romans 8:23. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

29. Q. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us,¹ and by it uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.²

1. **Ephesians 2:8.** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

1. **Romans 3:22-25.** even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

2. **Ephesians 3:17.** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

John 15:5. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

1 Corinthians 6:17. But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1 Corinthians 1:9. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Peter 5:10. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

30. Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit¹ whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery,² enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ,³ and renewing our wills,⁴ he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the gospel.⁵

1. **2 Timothy 1:9.** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

1. **Ephesians 1:18-20.** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **Acts 16:14.** 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.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14. But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:21. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

2. **Acts 2:37.** 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?"

3. **Acts 26:18.** to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

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4. **Ezekiel 11:19.** And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,
Ezekiel 36:26-27. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.
5. **John 6:44-45.** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.
Deuteronomy 30:6. Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.
Ephesians 2:5. even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
Romans 8:29-30. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31. Q. What benefits do they who are effectually called, partake of in this life?

A. They who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification,¹ adoption,² sanctification, and the various benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from them.³

1. **1 Corinthians 6:11.** 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.

1. **Romans 8:30.** and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
2. **Ephesians 1:5.** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
3. **1 Corinthians 1:30.** But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,
Philippians 2:13. for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
1 John 3:1. See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
2 Corinthians 3:18. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
Psalms 16:11. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
Ephesians 4:22-24. 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, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
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.

32. Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins,¹ and accepts us as righteous in his sight,² only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us,³ and received by faith alone.⁴

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1. **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.
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1. **Romans 3:24.** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
 2. **2 Corinthians 5:19, 21.** namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
Romans 4:5. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,
Romans 3:22-25. even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
 3. **Romans 5:17-19.** For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
Romans 4:6-8. just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."
 4. **Romans 5:1.** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Acts 10:43. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.
Galatians 2:16. nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.
Philippians 3:9. and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,
Ephesians 2:13. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

33. Q. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace,¹ whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.²

1. **John 1:12.** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
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1. **1 John 3:1** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
 2. **Romans 8:17.** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.
Ephesians 1:5. He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

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Romans 8:28-29. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

Romans 8:15. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

34. Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's Spirit,¹ whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God,² and are enabled more and more to die to sin, and live to righteousness.³

1. **Philippians 2:13.** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1. **2 Thessalonians 2:13.** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2. **Ephesians 4:22, 23-24.** 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, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

3. **Romans 6:4, 6, 14.** 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. knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:11. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:4. so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:11. 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

2 Corinthians 3:18. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Romans 12:2. 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.

3 John 1:4. I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

35. Q. What are the benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification,¹ are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit,² increase of grace,³ perseverance in it to the end.⁴

1. **Romans 5:1.** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

1. **Romans 5:1-2, 5.** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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2. **Romans 14:17.** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
3. **Colossians 1:10-11, +12.** so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.
Ephesians 3:16-18. that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
2 Peter 3:18. but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
4. **Proverbs 4:18.** But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.
1 Peter 1:5. who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
1 John 5:13. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
Jeremiah 32:40. I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.
1 John 2:19, 27. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.
Revelation 14:12. Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.
John 10:27-29. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

36. Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at their death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness¹ and do immediately pass into glory,² and their bodies, being still united to Christ,³ do rest in their graves⁴ till the resurrection.⁵

1. **2 Corinthians 5:8.** we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
1. **Hebrews 12:23.** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
2. **Luke 23:43.** And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."
Luke 16:23. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
Philippians 1:23. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;
2 Corinthians 5:6-8. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight-- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
3. **1 Thessalonians 4:14.** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
4. **Isaiah 57:2.** He enters into peace; They rest in their beds, Each one who walked in his upright way.
5. **Romans 8:23.** And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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1 Thessalonians 4:14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

Job 19:26. Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

Philippians 1:21. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

37. Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory,¹ shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed both in soul and body in the full enjoying of God² to all eternity.³ - SC

1. **1 Corinthians 15:54.** But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

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1. **1 Corinthians 15:42-43.** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
 2. **1 John 3:2.** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
Psalm 16:11. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
1 Corinthians 2:9. but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."
 3. **1 Thessalonians 4:17.** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. [See preceding context.]
John 6:40. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.
Romans 6:5. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
Daniel 12:2. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

38. Q. What shall be done to the wicked at their death? - SC

A. The souls of the wicked shall at their death be cast into the torments of hell,¹ and their bodies lie in their graves till the resurrection, and judgment of the great day.² - SC

1. **2 Peter 2:9.** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

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1. **Luke 16:22-24.** Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'
 2. **Psalm 49:14.** As sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; And the upright shall rule over them in the morning, And their form shall be for Sheol to consume So that they have no habitation.

39. Q. What shall be done to the wicked at the Day of Judgment? - SC

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A. At the Day of Judgment the bodies of the wicked being raised out of their graves, shall be sentenced, together with their souls, to unspeakable torments with the devil and his angels forever.¹ – SC

1. **2 Thessalonians 1:9.** These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

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1. **Daniel 12:2.** Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

John 5:28-29. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

Revelation 20:15. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

40. Q. What did God reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God first revealed to man for his obedience, is the moral law,¹ which is summarized in the Ten Commandments.²

1. **Deuteronomy 10:4.** He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, the Ten Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

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1. **Matthew 19:17.** And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Micah 6:8. He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

2. **Romans 2:14-15.** For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

Romans 10:5. For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

Deuteronomy 30:11-16. For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it. See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

Mark 7:7-13. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men." He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. "For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH'; but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),' you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

41. Q. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

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A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.¹

1. **Matthew 22:37-40.** Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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1. **Mark 12:29-31.** Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

42. Q. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before Me."¹

1. **Exodus 20:3**

43. Q. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requires us to know¹ and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God,² and to worship and glorify him accordingly.³

1. **Isaiah 42:8.** I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

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1. **1 Chronicles 28:9.** As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

Isaiah 43:10-12. "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. "I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior besides Me. "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And I am God.

Isaiah 45:6. That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,

Jude 1:25. to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

2. **Deuteronomy 26:17.** You have today declared the LORD to be your God, and that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

3. **Matthew 4:10.** Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'

Psalms 95:6-7a. Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

1 John 5:20. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

44. Q. Which is the second commandment?

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A. The second commandment is, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."¹

1. **Exodus 20:4-5a**

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45. Q. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing,¹ and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.²

1. **Deuteronomy 12:32.** "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

1. **Deuteronomy 32:46.** he said to them, "Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.

Matthew 28:20. teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

2. **John 4:23-24.** But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Psalms 5:7. But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

Deuteronomy 11:18-21. You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.

Leviticus 19:4. Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods; I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 26:1. You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.

46. Q. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images,¹ or any other way not appointed in his Word.²

1. **Deuteronomy 12:32.** "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

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Deuteronomy 4:15-19. So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, so that you do not act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth. And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.
Acts 17:29. Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.
Romans 1:22-23. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
Leviticus 10:1-3. Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.' " So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.
Deuteronomy 12:30-32. beware that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?' You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.
Colossians 2:18. Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,
Matthew 15:8-9. 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

47. Q. Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."¹

1. **Exodus 20:7**

48. Q. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names,¹ titles, attributes,² ordinances,³ Word,⁴ and works.⁵

1. **Psalms 29:2.** Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

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1. **Matthew 6:9.** Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
 2. **Revelation 15:3-4.** And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."
 3. **Malachi 1:14.** "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

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Ecclesiastes 5:1. Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.

4. **Psalm 138:2.** I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.
5. **Psalm 107:21-22.** Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing.
Job 36:24. Remember that you should exalt His work, Of which men have sung.
Deuteronomy 28:58-59. If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God, then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

49. Q. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." ¹

1. **Exodus 20:8**

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1. **Exodus 20:8-11** "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

50. Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself. ¹

1. **Isaiah 58:13.** If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words,

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1. **Leviticus 19:30.** You shall keep My Sabbaths and revere My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 5:12. 'Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

Isaiah 56:2-7. How blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil." Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from His people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath And holds fast My covenant; Even those I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Isaiah 58:13-14 If because of the Sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word, Then you will take delight in the LORD, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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51. Q: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath;¹ and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the *Lord's Day*.² (Original Catechism had "Christian Sabbath.")

1. **Genesis 2:2.** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

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1. **Luke 23:56.** Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.
 2. **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.
1 Corinthians 16:1-2. Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 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.
John 20:19-26. So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."
Revelation 1:10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

52. Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified? *

A: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days,¹ and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship,² except so much as is taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.³

1. **Psalms 92:1-2.** A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath Day. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

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1. **Leviticus 23:3.** For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.
Exodus 16:25-29. Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none." It came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions? See, the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.
Jeremiah 17:21-22. Thus says the LORD, "Take heed for yourselves, and do not carry any load on the Sabbath day or bring anything in through the gates of Jerusalem. You shall not bring a load out of your houses on the Sabbath day nor do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers.
 2. **Luke 4:16.** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.
Isaiah 58:13-14. If because of the Sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And

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call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word, Then you will take delight in the LORD, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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.

3. **Matthew 12:11-12.** And He said to them, "What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? "How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Revelation 1:10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

*While the Sabbath Law of the Old Testament was different from the Lord's Day, New Testament believers can learn the principles of honoring the Lord's Day today from the principles of the Old Testament Law.

53. Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, " Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you." ¹

1. **Exodus 20:12**

54. Q. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties belonging to everyone in their various positions and relationships as superiors, ¹ inferiors, ² or equals. ³

1. **1 Peter 2:17.** Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

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1. **Ephesians 5:21-22.** and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1, 5. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

2. **Romans 13:1, 7.** ⁽¹⁾Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ⁽⁷⁾Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Ephesians 6:9. And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

3. **Romans 12:10.** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

55. Q. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity — as far as it shall serve for God's glory, and their own good — to all such as keep this commandment. ¹

1. **Ephesians 6:2-3.** HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
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1. **Psalms 1:1-6.** How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.
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56. Q. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."¹

1. **Exodus 20:13**
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57. Q. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life,¹ or the life of our neighbor unjustly,² or whatever tends to it.³

1. Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
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1. **Acts 16:28.** But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"
 2. **Genesis 9:6.** Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.
 3. **Matthew 5:22.** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.
1 John 3:15. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
Galatians 5:15. But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
Proverbs 24:11-12. Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back. If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?
Exodus 21:18-32. "If men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but remains in bed, if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his loss of time, and shall take care of him until he is completely healed. "If a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies at his hand, he shall be punished. "If, however, he survives a day or two, no vengeance shall be taken; for he is his property. "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. "But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. "If a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave, and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye. "And if he knocks out a tooth of his male or female slave, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth. "If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished. "If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death. "If a ransom is demanded of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is demanded of him. "Whether it gores a son or a daughter, it shall be done to him according to the same rule. "If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give his or her master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
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58. Q. Which is the seventh commandment?

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A. The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."¹

1. **Exodus 20:14**

59. Q. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts,¹ words,² and actions.³

1. **Matthew 5:28.** but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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2 Timothy 2:22. Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2. **Ephesians 5:4.** and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Colossians 4:6. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

3. **Ephesians 5:3.** But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;

1 Corinthians 6:15-20. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Mark 10:11-12. And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

Galatians 5:16. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

60. Q. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, "You shall not steal."¹

1. **Exodus 20:15**

61. Q. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatever does or may unjustly hinder our own,¹ or our neighbor's wealth, or outward estate.²

1. **Ephesians 4:28.** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

1. **1 Timothy 5:8.** But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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Proverbs 28:19. He who tills his land will have plenty of food, But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.

Proverbs 21:6. The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

2. **Ephesians 4:28.** He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Proverbs 20:17. Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

Proverbs 21:6. The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

62. Q. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."¹

1. **Exodus 20:16**

63. Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man,¹ and of our own,² and our neighbor's good name,³ especially in witness-bearing.⁴

1. **Zechariah 8:16.** These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

1. **Zechariah 8:16.** These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

2. **1 Peter 3:16** and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

Acts 25:10. But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

3. **3 John 1:12.** Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

4. **Proverbs 14:5.** A trustworthy witness will not lie, But a false witness utters lies.

Proverbs 14:25. A truthful witness saves lives, But he who utters lies is treacherous.

64. Q. what is forbidden in ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth,¹ or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.²

1. **Psalms 15:3.** He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

1. **Proverbs 19:5.** A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape.

Proverbs 6:16-19. There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

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Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

2. **1 Samuel 17:28**. Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."
Leviticus 19:16. You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD.
Luke 3:14. Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."
Psalms 15:3. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

65. Q. What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."¹

1. **Exodus 20:17**

66. Q. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate,¹ envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor,² and all inordinate emotions and affections to anything that is his.³

1. **Philippians 4:11**. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

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1. **1 Kings 21:4**. So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food.
Esther 5:13. Yet all of this does not satisfy me every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
1 Corinthians 10:10. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
Philippians 4:11. Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
 2. **Galatians 5:26**. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.
James 3:14, 16. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.
 3. **Romans 7:7**. What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."
Romans 13:9. For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
Deuteronomy 5:21. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Colossians 3:5. Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

67. Q. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God.¹ but does daily break them in thought,² word,³ and deed.⁴

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1. **Ecclesiastes 7:20.** For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.
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1. **1 Kings 8:46.** When they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;
Ecclesiastes 7:20. Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.
1 John 1:8. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
1 John 1:10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
Galatians 5:17. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
Romans 8:7-8. because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
2. **Genesis 6:5.** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
Genesis 8:21. The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.
Romans 3:9. What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;
Psalms 14:3. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.
3. **James 3:8.** But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.
4. **James 3:2.** For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

68. Q. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of various aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.¹

1. **Ezekiel 8:13.** And He said to me, "Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing."
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1. **Ezekiel 8:6.** And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel are committing here, so that I would be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."
Ezekiel 8:13. And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing."
Ezekiel 8:15. He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."
1 Samuel 2:25. "If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death.
1 John 5:15-16. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.
Psalms 78:17. Yet they still continued to sin against Him, To rebel against the Most High in the desert.
Psalms 78:32. In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works.
Psalms 78:56. Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God And did not keep His testimonies,
Psalms 19:13. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

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John 19:11. Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

James 3:1. Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

Luke 12:47-48. And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Hebrews 10:26-27. For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

69. Q. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come. ¹

1. **Romans 6:23.** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1. **Ephesians 5:6.** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Galatians 3:10. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

Lamentations 3:39. Why should any living mortal, or any man, Offer complaint in view of his sins?

Matthew 25:41. Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Psalms 11:6. Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9. dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Revelation 20:15. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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."

70. Q. How may we escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin? - SC

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, ¹ trusting alone to his blood and righteousness. This faith is attended by repentance for the past ² and leads to holiness in the future. - SC

1. **John 3:16-18.** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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Acts 13:38-39. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

2. **Acts 20:21.** solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:19-25. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 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.

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.

Acts 8:22-23. Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.

71. Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,¹ whereby we receive,² and rest upon him alone for salvation,³ as he is set forth in the gospel.⁴

1. **John 3:16-18.** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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1. **Hebrews 10:39.** But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

2. **John 1:12.** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

3. **Isaiah 26:3-4.** The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

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 of works, lest anyone should boast.

Philippians 3:9. and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

4. **John 6:40.** For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

Galatians 2:16. nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Isaiah 33:22. For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us

72. Q. What is repentance to life?

A. Repentance to life is a saving grace,¹ whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sins,² and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,³ does with grief and hatred of his sin turn from it to God,⁴ with full purpose to strive after new obedience.⁵

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1. **2 Corinthians 7:10.** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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1. **Acts 11:18.** When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."
 2. **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?" 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."
 3. **Joel 2:13.** And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil.
Romans 2:4. Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?
 4. **Jeremiah 31:18-19.** I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may be restored, For You are the LORD my God. 'For after I turned back, I repented; And after I was instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.'
 5. **2 Corinthians 7:10-11.** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
Psalms 119:59. I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

73. Q. What are the outward means whereby the Holy Spirit communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby the Holy Spirit communicates to us the benefits of Christ's redemption, are the Word, by which souls are begotten to spiritual life; Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Prayer, and Meditation, by all which believers are further edified in their most holy faith. ¹ - SC

1. **Acts 2:41-42.** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (42) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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1. **Acts 2:41-42, 46-47.** So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.
James 1:18. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.
Matthew 28:19-20. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

74. Q. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convicting and converting sinners,¹ and of building them up in holiness and comfort,² through faith to salvation.³

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1. **Romans 10:14-15.** 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 unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"
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1 Peter 1:23-25. having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, (24) because "ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, (25) BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

2. **Psalm 19:7.** The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm 119:130. The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

Hebrews 4:12. For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

3. **1 Thessalonians 1:6.** You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Romans 1:16. 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.

4. **Romans 16:25.** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

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.

James 1:18. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

75. Q. How is the Word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence,¹ preparation,² and prayer,³ receive it with faith,⁴ and love,⁵ lay it up into our hearts,⁶ and practice it in our lives.⁷

1. **James 1:25.** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
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1. **Proverbs 8:34.** Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts.

2. **Luke 8:18.** So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.

1 Peter 2:1-2. Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

3. **Psalm 119:18.** Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

4. **Hebrews 4:2.** For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

5. **2 Thessalonians 2:10.** and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

6. **Psalm 119:11** Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

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7. **Luke 8:15.** But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

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.

76. Q. How do Baptism and the Lord's Supper become spiritually helpful? – SC

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper become spiritually helpful, not from any virtue in them, or in him who does administer them,¹ but only by the blessing of Christ,² and the working of the Spirit in those who by faith receive them.³ – SC

1. **1 Corinthians 3:7.** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

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1. **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,
2. **1 Corinthians 3:6.** I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.
3. **1 Corinthians 12:13.** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
Acts 8:13, 23. 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. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.
1 Corinthians 6:11. 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.

77. Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, instituted by Jesus Christ,¹ to be to the person baptized, a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death, and burial, and resurrection,² of his being ingrafted into him,³ of remission of sins,⁴ and of his giving up himself to God through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.⁵ – SC

1. **Romans 6:4-5.** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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1. **Matthew 28:19.** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
2. **Romans 6:3.** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
Colossians 2:12. having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
3. **Galatians 3:27.** For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
4. **Mark 1:4.** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Acts 22:16. 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'
5. **Romans 6:4-5.** 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. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
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78. Q. To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is to be administered to all those who actually profess repentance towards God,¹ and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and to none other. – *SC*

1. **Acts 10:47-48.** "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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1. **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."

Matthew 3:6. and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Mark 16:16. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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.

Acts 8:36-37. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 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."

79. Q. Are the infants of believing parents to be baptized? – *SC*

A. The infants of such as are professing believers are not to be baptized, because there is neither command nor example in the Holy Scriptures for their baptism.¹ – *SC*

1. **Proverbs 30:6.** Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

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1. **Exodus 23:13.** Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard from your mouth.

80. Q. How is baptism rightly administered? – *SC*

A. Baptism is rightly administered by immersion, or dipping the whole body of the person in water,¹ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution, and the practice of the apostles,² and not by sprinkling or pouring of water, or dipping some part of the body, after the tradition of men.³ – *SC*

1. **Acts 8:38-39.** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

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1. **Matthew 3:16.** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,

John 3:23. John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized

2. **Matthew 28:19-20.** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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3. **John 4:1-2.** Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), **Acts 8:38-39.** 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. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

81. Q. What is the duty of such as are rightly baptized? – *SC*

A. It is the duty of such as are rightly baptized, to give up themselves to some particular and orderly Church of Jesus Christ,¹ that they may walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.² – *SC*

1. **Acts 2:47.** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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1. **Acts 9:26.** When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.
1 Peter 2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
 2. **Luke 1:6.** They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

82. Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the New Testament, instituted by Jesus Christ; wherein, by giving and receiving bread and the cup, according to his appointment, his death is shown forth,¹ and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporeal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.²

1. **1 Corinthians 11:23-26.** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

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1. **Matthew 26:26-27.** While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;
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; 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
 2. **1 Corinthians 10:16.** Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?
Ephesians 3:17. so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

83. Q. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

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A. It is required of them who would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body,¹ of their faith to feed upon him,² of their repentance,³ love,⁴ and new obedience,⁵ lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.⁶

1. **1 Corinthians 11:28-29.** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
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1. **1 Corinthians 11:28-29.** But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.
 2. **2 Corinthians 13:5.** Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?
 3. **1 Corinthians 11:31.** But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.
 4. **1 Corinthians 11:18-20.** For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you. Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,
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84. Q. What is meant by the words, "until he come," which are used by the apostle Paul in reference to the Lord's Supper? – SC

A. They plainly teach us that our Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time; which is the joy and hope of all believers.¹ – SC

1. **Acts 1:11.** who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
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1. **1 Thessalonians 4:16.** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
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85. Q. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,¹ for things agreeable to his will,² in the name of Christ,³ with confession of our sins,⁴ and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.⁵

1. **Philippians 4:6.** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
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1. **Psalm 62:8.** Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.
Psalm 10:17. O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
2. **1 John 5:14.** This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
Matthew 26:39. And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."
John 6:38. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
3. **John 16:23.** In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.

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4. **Daniel 9:4.** I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,
5. **Philippians 4:6.** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

86. Q. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer;¹ but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.²

1. **Matthew 6:9-13.** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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1. **1 John 5:14.** This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
 2. **Matthew 6:9-13.** Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'
compared with Luke 11:2-4. And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

87. Q. What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us;¹ and that we should pray with and for others.²

1. **1 John 5:14-15.** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

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1. **Isaiah 64:9.** Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.
Luke 11:13. If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?
Romans 8:15. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
 2. **Ephesians 6:18.** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
Acts 12:5. So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.
Zechariah 8:21. The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go."

88. Q. What do we pray for in the first petition?

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A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known,¹ and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.²

1. **Psalms 145:21.** My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.
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1. **Psalm 67:1-3.** God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
2 Thessalonians 3:1. Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;
Psalm 145.
 2. **Isaiah 64:1-2.** Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, That the mountains might quake at Your presence-- As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil-- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
Romans 11:36. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.
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89. Q. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;¹ and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.³

1. **Revelation 22:20.** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
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1. **Psalm 68:1.** Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, And let those who hate Him flee before Him.
 2. **2 Thessalonians 3:1.** Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;
Psalm 51:18. By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
Psalm 67:1-3. God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
Romans 10:1. Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.
 3. **Revelation 22:20.** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
2 Peter 3:11-13. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 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! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
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90. Q. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven", we pray that God, would soon establish the righteousness and peace of heaven on earth through the return and reign of Christ.¹

1. **Isaiah 9:7.** Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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1. **Psalm 119:34-36.** Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all my heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies And not to dishonest gain.
Acts 21:14. And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!"
Matthew 26:39. And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."
2 Samuel 15:25. The king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then He will bring me back again and show me both it and His habitation."
Job 1:21. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."
2. **Psalm 103:20-22.** Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!

91. Q. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life,¹ and enjoy his blessing with them.²

1. **Proverbs 30:8.** Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches-- Feed me with the food allotted to me;

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1. **Proverbs 30:8.** Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion,
 2. **1 Timothy 4:4-5.** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.
Proverbs 10:22. It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.
Matthew 6:19-21. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

92. Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins;¹ which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.²

1. **Matthew 6:14-15.** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

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1. **Psalm 51:1.** Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.
Romans 3:24-25. being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
 2. **Luke 11:4.** And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.

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Matthew 18:35. My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.

Matthew 6:14-15. For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

93. Q. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin,¹ or support and deliver us when we are tempted.²

1. **1 Corinthians 10:13.** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

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1. **Matthew 26:41.** Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Psalm 19:13. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

2. **1 Corinthians 10:13.** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Psalm 51:10, 12. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

94. Q. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,¹ and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him;² and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.³

1. **1 Chronicles 29:11.** Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.

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1. **Daniel 9:18-19.** O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.

2. **1 Chronicles 29:11-13.** Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

Ephesians 3:20-21. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

3. **Revelation 22:20-21.** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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1 Corinthians 14:16. Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?