

A COMPLETE FAITH

Life's Most Important Question:

How are we saved from sin?

INTRODUCTION:

1. What is your religious affiliation right now? _____
2. Do you believe the Bible is the word of God? Yes No

Read Matthew 25:31- 46. ✓ Place a check mark by the correct statement below:

3. ___ These verses tell us of three places we may go after death: Heaven, Hell or Purgatory.
4. ___ These verses tell us that we will be reincarnated after we die.
5. ___ These verses tell us of only two options: Heaven or Hell.



6. Do you believe Jesus died to save you from your sins? Yes No
7. Do you believe you are saved and will go to Heaven when you die? Yes No
8. Are you saved from your sins and, if so, how were you saved? _____

9. Consider this . . .

Is it possible for us to believe we are saved when we really are not? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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SECTION I. GOD OR MY FEELINGS?

Who do you follow in order to do what is right? (Place a check mark by **all** statements that apply.)

1. ___ I do whatever my pastor/priest/minister tells me.
2. ___ I listen to my parents above all other.
3. ___ I follow my feelings and gut instincts and they tell me what is right.
4. ___ My feelings supercede what the Bible says.
5. ___ I follow what the Bible says.

Place a check mark by all the statements that most correctly describe you:

6. ___ I know I am saved and going to heaven, and there's nothing I can do to change it.
7. ___ I am willing to read the Bible and follow what it says in order to be saved.
8. ___ When it concerns my salvation, I have the ability to put aside what I want to be right and follow what the Bible says is right.
9. ___ I can be objective and base my beliefs on what the Bible says.

(Continue with check marks by all the statements that most correctly describe you)

10. Do you believe obedience to God's commands is necessary for salvation?
O Yes O No
11. Read John 8:24. Does the Bible say I must believe in Jesus to be saved?
O Yes O No
12. Is belief in Jesus the only requirement I must meet? O Yes O No
13. What does it mean to obey?

14. Does obedience mean I must actually *do something*? O Yes O No
15. Read James 2:14-26. Does having a complete faith require only belief or does it require belief *and* action?
16. If God commands me to do it but I don't feel like doing it, should I follow God or my feelings? _____.
17. What is the command given in Acts 17:30? _____
18. So, do I really *need* to repent? O Yes O No
19. What does it mean to repent? Matthew 21:28, 29: _____
20. Does God want me to repent? O Yes O No
21. I want to follow the Bible to the best of my ability. O True O False
22. So far, I understand that belief in Jesus and repentance are commanded in the Bible. O True O False
23. Is there anything else? O Yes O No

SECTION 2. CONFESSIO

Read Romans 10:8, 9 and Matthew 10:32.

1. Am I commanded to confess? O Yes O No
2. Does this mean I should confess only if I want to? O Yes O No
3. Do I really believe Jesus Christ is the son of God who came in the flesh? O Yes O No
4. So far, I understand that belief in Jesus, repentance of sin and confessing the name of Jesus are all commanded in the Bible. O True O False
5. Could there possibly be anything else the Bible tells me to do to be saved?
O Yes O No

SECTION 3. WHAT ABOUT BAPTISM?

1. Have you ever been baptized? O Yes O No
2. Why were you baptized? _____

3. Do you believe that one must be baptized in order to be saved? O Yes O No

Did you know . . .

4. Baptism is mentioned in at least 75 verses in the New Testament. Wouldn't you agree this frequency makes baptism an important issue for which we should devote considerable time studying?

Consider this . . .

The word, "baptize", literally means to "immerse", "dip" or "plunge".

5. My baptism was performed by the act of
(a) immersion (b) pouring (c) sprinkling

Read Ephesians 4:4-6. According to this passage:

6. How many bodies of Christ are there? _____
7. How many Holy Spirits are there? _____
8. How many things can we base our hope on? _____
9. How many Lords are there? _____
10. How many faiths are there? _____
11. How many Gods are there? _____
12. How many baptisms are there? _____

But notice Acts 19:1-5.

13. These men were baptized more than once. Why? _____

14. Is it possible that "one baptism" actually means there is only one correct baptism?
O Yes O No

15. If the first baptism received by the men in Acts 19 had been correct, why would they need to be baptized again? _____

16. If the men of Acts 19, who had already been baptized, had not been baptized according to the word of God, should we also take care to understand whether or not our baptism is correct? O Yes O No

FACT: These men had not been taught properly about baptism, and did not understand its true nature and importance.

17. Can an *incorrect teaching* and *understanding* produce the "one baptism" of Ephesians 4:4? O Yes O No
18. Can my faith be acceptable to God if it is not a complete faith? O Yes O No
19. Can I truly repent if I do not know that for which I am repenting? O Yes O No
20. Can I truly confess the name of Jesus without knowing what Jesus did and who Jesus is? O Yes O No
21. Is my faith acceptable if my belief in Jesus is incorrect? O Yes O No
22. According to Acts 19, are there correct and incorrect reasons for baptisms?
O Yes O No
23. Can my baptism be acceptable if I do not understand the reason behind it?
O Yes O No

SECTION 5.

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

Consider carefully . . .

1. Can I be baptized *correctly* for the *incorrect* reason? Yes No

2. Would you agree that in order to understand Biblical baptism and to be baptized properly we must first answer *how* and *why* we are baptized? Yes No

3. Where is the only place we can look to find the proper guide for baptism?

What does the Bible say about baptism?

Read Acts 2:37-38.

4. Why were the men of Jerusalem baptized according to Acts 2:38?



Place a check mark by the correct statement found in Acts 2:37, 38.

Acts 2:37, 38. *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you . . .*

5. *go home and do nothing, you are forgiven."*
6. *recite the Sinner's Prayer."*
7. *hail Mary."*
8. *be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

In the previous verses, upon realizing their lost condition, the men of Jerusalem asked, "*What shall we do?*"

9. Peter's reply: Do what? _____ In whose name? _____ For what reason?

10. Is any reason for baptism given? Yes No
11. Do you need forgiveness of your sins to be saved? Yes No
12. If the men of Jerusalem only needed faith, would Peter have commanded baptism? Yes No

Another consideration . . .

13. Must a sinner die to his old life and be resurrected into a new life as Christ was?
 Yes No

14. Read Romans 6:1-6. How is baptism like the resurrection of Jesus Christ? _____

- ✓ Place a check mark by the correct statement found in Romans 6:3:
“Or do you not know that all of us who . . .
15. ___ *have recited the Sinner’s Prayer have been baptized into his death?”*
16. ___ *merely have faith have been baptized into his death?”*
17. ___ *have accepted the Lord Jesus into our hearts as our personal Lord and Savior have been baptized into his death?”*
18. ___ *have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death?”*

Read 1 Peter 3:20,21.

19. What does Peter say is the one act that enables us to make an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ? _____

- ✓ Place a check mark by the statement found in 1 Peter 3:21.
20. ___ “Corresponding to that, faith only now saves you . . . “
21. ___ “Corresponding to that, reciting the Sinner’s Prayer now saves you . . .”
22. ___ “Corresponding to that, sprinkling now saves you . . .”
23. ___ “Corresponding to that, if you feel like you are saved, you are . . . “
24. ___ “Corresponding to that, baptism isn’t really necessary for salvation . . .”
25. ___ “Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you . . .”

SECTION 6. Please Consider Your Baptism

1. Were you baptized by being dipped fully into the water? O Yes O No

Read Mark 16:16.

2. When does Mark 16:16 say a person is saved?
___ Before baptism ___ After baptism
3. Can I change the order of requirements God has decided I must meet before salvation? O Yes O No
4. If I change the order of God’s requirements for salvation, can I really be sure I’m saved? O Yes O No
5. Should my beliefs about baptism and salvation coincide with the Bible’s teaching? O Yes O No
6. If I believe my salvation came before my baptism, do my beliefs coincide with the teachings of Jesus Christ in Mark 16:16? O Yes O No
7. *Consider this . . .*
If at the time of my baptism my beliefs did not coincide with the teachings of the Bible, what should I do now? _____
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Place a check by all of the statements that describe you:

- 8. ___ I am willing to say and do whatever it takes to get to heaven.
- 9. ___ I am willing to risk the state of my soul in eternity by following my feelings instead of following what the Bible says.
- 10. ___ I am willing to live the rest of my life wondering if I am truly saved.
- 11. ___ I am willing to live the rest of my life wondering if my previous baptism(s) was/were in accordance with God's will.
- 12. ___ I realize that I am a sinner.
- 13. ___ I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God.
- 14. ___ I am willing to turn away from and put behind me my sinful former life.
- 15. ___ I want my baptism to be in accordance with the will of God.
- 16. ___ I want to be baptized into Christ with the understanding that baptism is for the remission of sins as stated in Acts 2:38.

SECTION 7.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- 1. Do you believe Jesus Christ is the son of God? O Yes O No
- 2. Are you willing to turn away from you old life of sin? O Yes O No
- 3. If you were baptized for a reason other than for the forgiveness of sins, was your teaching on the subject complete? O Yes O No
- 4. Can I be baptized *correctly* for the *incorrect* reason? O Yes O No
- 5. Could I have been baptized *correctly* with an *incomplete understanding*? O Yes O No
- 6. If you have been baptized and now realize your first baptism was not the baptism of the Bible, can you give a reason why you should not be baptized again for the right reason? O Yes O No
- 7. Now that your understanding of baptism is complete, are you willing to stand before God knowing that your previous baptism is incomplete? O Yes O No
- 8. At the top of this page, you affirmed that you were willing to say and do whatever it takes to get to heaven. Does this include being baptized for the correct reason? O Yes O No

We believe you understand the teaching of the Bible as outlined here without any problem. We have pointed out throughout this curriculum that God demands obedience. Read what Jesus said in John 14:15, in Matthew 7:21-23.

You have learned what God expects of you if He is to forgive you of your sins and add you to His church. We are ready to help you obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you wish us to arrange for your baptism, please advise by answering below:

- I want to be baptized into Christ and added to His church O Yes O No
- I choose to remain in my present state. O Yes O No