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QUESTION #1 WHAT SCRIPTURE PROVES THAT THE ENTIRE BIBLE IS INSPIRED OF GOD?

ANSWER: (II Timothy 3:16, 17) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

QUESTION #2 TO WHOM IS THE SCRIPTURE ADDRESSED?

ANSWER: To the Jew, Gentile and the Church of God. (I Corinthians 10:32) "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God."

QUESTION #3 ARE ALL JEWS ISRAELITES?

ANSWER: Yes, but all Israelites are not Jews. "Jew" is from Judah and means Judahite, one who was begotten by Jacob, later named Israel.

(Genesis 29:35) And she conceived again and bare a son; and she said, Now will I praise Jehovah, therefore she called his name Judah and left bearing."

QUESTION #4 WHAT IS A DISPENSATION?

ANSWER: A dispensation is a period of time during which man is tested in respect of obedience to some specific revelation of the Will of God.

QUESTION #5 HOW MANY DISPENSATIONS ARE THERE?

ANSWER:

- (1) Innocence
- (2) Conscience
- (3) Human Government
- (4) Promise
- (5) Law
- (6) Grace
- (7) Kingdom

QUESTION #6 WHAT IS A COVENANT?

ANSWER: A covenant is an agreement between God and man, or God and a nation.

QUESTION #7 HOW MANY ARE THERE AND NAME EACH?

ANSWER: Eight. They are:

- (1) Edenic
- (2) Adamic
- (3) Noahic
- (4) Abrahamic
- (5) Mosaic
- (6) Palestinian
- (7) Davidic
- (8) New

QUESTION #8 WHICH DISPENSATION HAS TWO COVENANTS?

ANSWER: Promise, Abrahamic and Palestinian

QUESTION #9 WHAT IS AN ADVENT?

ANSWER: An advent is a bodily, corporeal appearance of Jesus Christ upon the earth.

QUESTION #10 HOW MANY ADVENTS ARE THERE?

ANSWER: Two. They are:

(1) (Luke 2:7) "And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn."

(2) (St. Matthew 24:30) "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven and then shall all the tribes of the earth shall mourn and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory"

QUESTION #11 HOW MANY APPEARING ARE THERE?

ANSWER: Three. They are

(1) (Hebrews 9:26) "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by sacrifice of himself."

(2) (Hebrews 9:24) "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

(3) (Hebrews 9:28) So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

QUESTION #12 HOW MANY RESURRECTIONS ARE THERE?

ANSWER: Two. The Resurrections of Life and The Resurrection of Damnation.

Resurrection of Life:

(1) Christ the First Fruits of them that slept. (I Corinthians 15:23) "But every man in his order - Christ the First Fruit."

(2) The Old and New Testament Saints at the rapture, the ingatherings. (I Thessalonians 4:13-17).

(3) The Tribulation Saints - At the Revelation - The Gleanings (I Corinthians 15:23)

Resurrection of Damnation:

(St. John 5:28, 29) "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

QUESTION #13 HOW MANY JUDGMENTS ARE THERE?

Answer: The scripture speaks of five judgments and they differ in four general respects: As to subject, place, time, and results.

- (1) As to Believers. Their sins have been judged.
Time: A.D. 30. Place: The Cross. Results: Death for Christ, Justification for the Believer. (I Peter 2:24) "Who His ownself bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."
- (2) The Judgment of Sin in the Believer.
Time: Anytime. Place: Anywhere. Results: Chastisement by the Lord if we judge not ourselves. (I Corinthians 11:31, 32) "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord that we should not be condemned with the world."
- (3) The Conduct, or Works of Believer are to be judged.
Time: When Christ comes. Place: In the air. Results: "Reward" or "loss" to the believer, but he himself shall be saved. (II Corinthians 5:9-10)
"Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad." (I Corinthians 3:15)
- (4) Judgment of the nations.
Time: The glorious appearing of Christ (Matthew 25:31, 32:13:40, 41). Place: The Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:1, 2, 12-14). Results: Some saved, some lost (Matthew 25:46).
- (5) The Judgment of the wicked dead.
Time: A determined day after the Millennium. Place: Before the Great White Throne. Results: Revelation 20:14, 15 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

QUESTION #14 WHAT IS SIN?

ANSWER: Sin is a transgression of the law. (I John 3:4) "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law.

(I John 5:17) "All unrighteousness is sin."

QUESTION #15 WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE IN THIS DISPENSATION?

ANSWER: To take out of the Gentiles a people for His name. (Acts. 15:14) "Simon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name."

QUESTION # 16 WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

ANSWER: The Gospel is good news of a saviour for lost humanity. It is also the power of God unto salvation.

(Rom. 1:16) "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek. It is the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(I Cor. 15:1-4) "Moreover, brethren, I declared unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

QUESTION #17 WHAT SCRIPTURE PROVES THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD?

ANSWER: Rom. 10:18 "But I say, have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

QUESTION #18 WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

ANSWER: The Church is the Body of Christ. (Eph. 1:22, 23) "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

QUESTION #19 DEFINE THE TRUE CHURCH.

ANSWER: The True Church is a persecuted, suffering, cross-bearing people thereunto appointed. (II Tim. 3:12) "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

QUESTION #20 WHAT IS THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

ANSWER: The Church is the companion of the Lord Jesus in His humiliation, manifesting His sufferings and filling up the afflictions which are behind. (Col. 1:24) "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church."

QUESTION #21 DEFINE THE CHURCH MILITANT.

ANSWER: The Church Militant, which began on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) ends at the rapture before the tribulation. It is the present church fighting her way through the ages.

QUESTION #22 WHAT IS THE TRIUMPHANT CHURCH?

ANSWER: The Church in the Rapture.

QUESTION #23 WHAT IS GRACE?

ANSWER: Grace is God's beseeching and bestowing.
It is the unmerited favour of God toward undeserving man.
(Eph. 2:8,9) "For by Grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

QUESTION #24 WHAT THREE ERRORS HAVE TROUBLED THE CHURCH TOUCHING THE RIGHT RELATIONS OF LAW AND GRACE?

ANSWER: (1) Antinomianism
(2) Ceremonialism
(3) Galatianism

QUESTION #25 DEFINE THE TERMS IN ANSWER 24.

ANSWER: (1) Antinomianism - denial of all rule over the lives of believers; the affirmation that because saved by God's free grace, wholly without merit, men are not required to live holy lives. (Titus 1:16).

(2) Ceremonialism - in its first form, the demand that believers should observe the Levitical ordinances. (Acts 15:1).

(3) Galatianism, or the mingling of law and grace - the teaching that justification is partly by grace, partly by law, or that grace is given to enable an otherwise helpless sinner to keep the law. (Gal. 3:2,3)

QUESTION # 26 DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE CALL OF ISRAEL AND THE CALL OF THE CHURCH

ANSWER: The call of Israel is earthly and temporal. The call of the Church is heavenly and spiritual.

Israel - (Gen. 12:1) "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee."

Church - (Heb. 3:1) "Wherefore, holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

QUESTION # 27 WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ERRONEOUS VIEWS HELD CONCERNING THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

ANSWER: That His coming was:

- (1) The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- (2) The conversion of a sinner.
- (3) The death of a Christian.
- (4) The destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, A.D. 70.
- (5) The diffusion of Christianity.

QUESTION #28 WHAT DOES THE TERM RAPTURE MEAN?

ANSWER: Rapture means to be caught up or away and it occurs when the Church is caught up to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air before the tribulation. (I Thess. 4:15-17)

QUESTION #29 WHAT DOES THE TERM REVELATION MEAN?

ANSWER: The Revelation, Greek apokalupsis, means appearing, shining forth, or manifestation. It occurs when the Lord Jesus Christ comes with His saints to end the tribulation, by the execution of righteous judgment upon the earth. (II Thess. 1:7-10)

QUESTION #30 DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE REVELATION.

ANSWER: At the Rapture, the Lord Jesus Christ comes to the mid-air to receive His saints. (I Thess. 4:15-17)

At the Revelation, He comes to the earth with His saints. (Jude 14)

QUESTION #31 WHAT IS THE POLE STAR OF THE CHURCH?

ANSWER: The blessed hope, the rapture of the Church.

(Titus 2:11-14) "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

QUESTION #32 WHAT THREE THINGS WILL HAPPEN MOMENTARILY AT THE RAPTURE?

ANSWER: (1) The righteous sleeping saints will rise. (I Thess. 4:16)
(2) The living saints will be changed. (I Cor. 15:15-54)
(3) Both caught up to meet the Lord in the air. (I Thess. 4:16,17)

QUESTION #33 WHAT IS THE GREATEST PROPHESED EVENT?

ANSWER: That the Lord Jesus Christ will come again.

QUESTION #34 WHEN MAY WE EXPECT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO COME?

ANSWER: Anytime. (Mark 13:35) "Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at evening or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning."

QUESTION #35 WHAT IS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD?

ANSWER: The Tribulation Period is a period of time between the Rapture and the Revelation. It will be a period of unequalled trial, sorrow, spiritual darkness and open wickedness. Its effects will be worldwide, and it will be a period of judgment for those who reject Christ. It is called a time of Jacob's troubles. (See Jer. 30:7). Matt. 24:21 "For then shall there be great tribulation, such as not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be.

QUESTION #36 WILL ALL THE TRIBULATION PERIOD BE A TIME OF TROUBLE?

ANSWER: No, this is proven by Revelation 11:10
“And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.”

QUESTION #37 WHEN WILL THEN ANTICHRIST APPEAR, AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE NAMES HE IS CALLED BY IN THE SCRIPTURES?

ANSWER: The Antichrist will appear, during the Tribulation period. He is called by the following names:

II Thess. 2:3 – “That man of sin, son of perdition.”

II Thess. 2:8 – “That wicked one.”

QUESTION #38 WHAT TWO WORDS MEAN A THOUSAND YEARS?

ANSWER: Millennium (Latin) Chiliad (Greek)

QUESTION #39 WHAT DO THEY STAND FOR?

ANSWER: Both terms stand for the doctrine of a future era of righteous government upon the earth, to last a thousand years.
(Isa. 2:2-4, 35:1-10, Rev. 20:6)

QUESTION #40 DEFINE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

ANSWER: The Kingdom of Heaven is the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ, the son of David.

QUESTION #41 DEFINE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

ANSWER: The Kingdom of God is universal, including all moral intelligence willingly subject to the Will of God, whether angels, the Church or saints of past or future dispensations.

QUESTION #42 WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

ANSWER: The Kingdom is the manifestation of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ which shall follow, when He shall sit in the throne of His glory, and when they who have suffered with Him during this time of the trial shall also be exalted to regal power and authority. (Matt. 19:28)

QUESTION #43 WHAT IS THE BELIEF OF THE PRE-MILLENIAL CHRISTIANS?

ANSWER: That Jesus Christ will come before the Millennium to judge the living nations, then He will set up His Kingdom in the earth to last for a thousand years.

QUESTION #44 WHAT IS THE BELIEF OF POSTMILLENNIALISTS?

ANSWER: Post-millennialists, for the most part, hold that the present preaching of the gospel will result in the conversion of the world and usher in a golden era of righteousness and a government of justice and peace to last a thousand years, after which the Lord will return for a “general judgment” and introduction of an eternal state.

QUESTION #45 WHO INSTITUTED POST-MILLENNIALISM?

ANSWER: An English divine, Daniel Whitby, in the year 1700.

QUESTION #46 WHAT WAS HIS HYPOTHESIS OR THEORY?

ANSWER: The church would prosper and extend until the world should be converted, and this triumph of the church would constitute the Millennium: and that the Lord Jesus Christ would not come until after the Millennium.

QUESTION #47 WHAT IS THE BELIEVER'S STANDARD OF LIFE OR CONDUCT?

ANSWER: A Holy Conduct. (II Peter 3:11)
"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

QUESTION #48 WHERE IS THE GREAT COMMISSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOUND IN THE BIBLE?

ANSWER: (1) Matt. 28:19,20) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and 10, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

(2) (Mark 16:15) "And he said, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

QUESTION #49 WHAT ARE THE EIGHT LEADING BOOKS OF THE BIBLE AND WHAT DOES EACH ONE REPRESENT?

ANSWER:

(1) Genesis	Patriarchal, legal
(2) Psalms	Poetical
(3) Isaiah	Prophetical
(4) Matthew	Practical
(5) John	Spiritual
(6) Acts	Historical
(7) Romans	Doctrinal
(8) Hebrews	Antitypical

PART TWO

APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

QUESTION #50 WHAT ARE THE THREE STEPS WHICH LEAD TO SALVATION?

ANSWER: (1) Repentance
(2) Water Baptism
(3) The baptism (infilling of the Holy Spirit) (Acts 2:38)
"Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

QUESTION #51 WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

ANSWER: Repentance is godly sorrow for sins committed. It is the confession and turning to God for forgiveness. (II Cor. 7:9, 10)
"Ye sorrowed to repentance... For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation."

QUESTION #52 DEFINE BAPTISM AND GIVE ITS MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE.

ANSWER: Our English term baptism comes from the Greek "Baptizo," which means to dip, plunge or immerse beneath a liquid. Baptism is identification with Christ in His burial. (Rom 6:4,5; Col. 2:11)

QUESTION #53 WHAT IS THE CORRECT NAME TO USE IN BAPTIZING CANDIDATES?

ANSWER: Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12)
"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Col. 3:17)

QUESTION #54 GIVE SEVEN REASONS WHY WE BAPTIZE INTO THE NAME LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- ANSWER:
- (1) It is apostolic in origin and practice (Acts 2:38, 4:12; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5, Col. 3:17)
 - (2) We are exhorted to believe and obey the teachings of the apostles. (John 17:20; Acts 2:38-43; Col. 2:4-10)
 - (3) The three commissions do not contradict each other. (Matt. 28:19; Luke 24:45-48; Mark 16:15, 16)
 - (4) To put on Christ we must be baptized into His death and burial. (Rom. 6:5,6; Acts 2:38) "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore, we are buried by baptism into death. For ... we have been planted together in the likeness of His death." (Rom. 6:3-5)
 - (5) We are saved by believing in His name (Prov. 18:10; Acts 4:12; I John 2:12)
 - (6) Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not proper names, but titles expressing the great three-fold manifestation of God to man. Father in creation, son in redemption and the Holy Spirit in regeneration in the Church. The command in Matt. 28:19 is to baptize in the name, singular, one name, that is Lord Jesus Christ.

(Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-4, 10, 11, 14; John 14:7-11, 16, 18, 20, 26)
 - (7) Jesus is all in all. (Matt. 1:21-23, John 1:1-4, 11, 14; Col. 2:9, 10; Col. 3:11, I Tim. 3:16; I John 5:20)

QUESTION #55 WHY IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NECESSARY?

ANSWER: (1) The baptism of the Holy Spirit places one in the Church. (I Cor. 12:13) "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

(2) The Holy Spirit is the power of God to comfort us, and help us to live (John 14:18) "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." (Acts 1:8) "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

(3) The Holy Spirit is our teacher (John 14:26). "The comforter which is the Holy Ghost ... shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

(4) The Holy Spirit will give us the power and ability to be raptured when Jesus comes. (Rom 1:4, 8:11) "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you."

QUESTION #56 HOW DOES ONE KNOW THAT HE HAS RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT?

ANSWER: When one receives the Holy Spirit, he speaks with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. This is the biblical sign that constitutes the initial evidence that one has been born of the Spirit. (Acts 2:4,33; 10:46;19:6)

QUESTION #57 IS JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD?

ANSWER: Yes. It is commonly believed by many that Jesus is the second person in a trinity that makes up the godhead, but this view is not supported by the scriptures. The Bible very clearly states that God is one in number, person and nature. (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 44:6; John 1:1-3, 9-12; 10:30; II Cor. 5:19; I Tim. 3:16; Jas. 2:19).