

In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you: yet do it with gentleness and respect.

- 1 Peter 3:15 (English Standard Version)

#### **Category 1: The Character and Nature of God**

- 1. What does it mean that God is triune? Why is this important?
- 2. What does it mean that God is omniscient? Why is this important?
- 3. What does it mean that God is omnipresent? Why is this important?
- 4. What does it mean that God is eternal? Why is this important?
- 5. What is the meaning of the sovereignty of God? Why is this important?
- 6. Christians often argue for God's existence by suggesting the universe needs an initial cause. But what caused God?
- 7. What does the virgin birth of Jesus Christ mean? Why is this important?
- 8. What evidence is there for the existence of God in our physical universe?
- 9. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the Messiah? Why is this important?
- 10. Is there historical evidence for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus? Why is it important?
- 11. Why is it important that Jesus Christ be both fully God and fully man?
- 12. What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Why is this important?
- 13. What is the role of the Holy Spirit? Why is this important?
- 14. What does it mean that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?



#### **Category 2: Foundations of Christianity**

- 1. What does it mean that man is totally depraved? Why is this important?
- 2. What does it mean for man to repent from his sins? Why is this important?
- 3. Compare and contrast justification with sanctification.
- 4. What is redemption? Why is this important?
- 5. What does it mean to forgive? Why is this important?
- 6. In John 10:10, Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." What did
  He mean?
- 7. What is the grace of God? Why is this important?
- 8. What does the term "fall of man" mean and why is it important?
- 9. How can a Christian have assurance of salvation?
- 10. Respond to the question: "Jesus said He would return soon. So where is He?"
- 11. What is the importance of prayer?
- 12. What does it mean to walk by faith? Why is this important?
- 13. What does it mean to call Jesus Christ the "Lamb of God"? Why is this important?
- 14. What is the importance of the resurrection of Jesus?



### **Category 3: Scripture**

- 1. Why are the unity and sufficiency of Scripture important?
- 2. How can I trust what the Bible says over all the other religious writings?
- 3. What does the inspiration of Scripture mean? Why is this important?
- 4. How would you respond to someone claiming the Quran is the true word of God?
- 5. How does the Book of Mormon compare to the Bible?
- 6. What is the Gospel and why is it the core of the Chirstian faith?
- 7. Is the Bible historically reliable? Why is this important?
- 8. Does science contradict the Bible?
- 9. Can you take the Bible literally?
- 10. Why should you study the Bible?
- 11. Does the Bible condone slavery?
- 12. Respond to the statement: "The Bible is full of contradictions."
- 13. Respond to the statement: "The Bible is simply the work of a great conspiracy where people sought to create a religion of their own."
- 14. How did we get the biblical canon we have today, and how can we trust that it is truly the Word of God?



### Category 4: God and Man

- 1. Does God reveal Himself to man? And if so, how?
- 2. What does it mean to be holy? Why is this important?
- 3. Can God be both merciful and just to mankind?
- 4. Can morality exist without God?
- 5. What does secular theories of human origins get right and wrong about human nature>
- 6. How could a loving God send man to Hell?
- 7. Explain what is meant by the statement, "God hates the sin but loves the sinner."
- 8. What is man's purpose?
- 9. When does human life begin? Why is this important?
- 10. How is it possible for an individual to have a personal relationship with an almighty God?
- 11. Can a person do enough good in life to get into heaven?
- 12. If God is omnipotent and holy, how could He allow so much sin and suffering in the world?
- 13. Respond to the statement by St. Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
- 14. What is your response to someone who asks, "Is there judgment after death?"



### **Category 5: Christian Worldview Application**

- 1. What is your response to the critique that Christians are intolerant and unloving?
- 2. What will happen to the people who have never heard about Jesus and the Gospel?
- 3. Why was Jesus known for associating with sinners? To what extent should Christian follow his example?
- 4. Compare and contrast God's view of marriage with the world's view.
- 5. Respond to the statement by Debashish Mridha: "There is no absolute truth. There is only your truth."
- 6. Respond to Dwight L. Moody's quote: "Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man."
- 7. How would you respond to the belief that everyone will be saved eventually because of God's unconditional love?
- 8. Compare and contrast the modern environmental movement's view of caring for the earth with the Christian view.
- 9. From where does a person's identity come? Why is this important?
- 10. Respond to the statement: "Evolution disproves Christianity."
- 11. Is **all** human life valuable, and if so, why?
- 12. Respond to the Karl Marx quote: "Religion is the opium of the people."
- 13. How would you respond to the critique that "God the Father" is a sexist term that demeans women in general and mothers in particular?
- 14. Analyze the quote by Fyodor Dostoyeyevsky: "If there is no God, then all things are permissible."



### **Category 6: Christianity Compared**

- Compare and contrast the Muslim view of the nature of God with the Christian view of the nature of God.
- 2. Compare and contrast the Hindu view of the nature of man with the Christian view of the nature of man.
- 3. Respond to the statement by Buddha: "No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path."
- 4. Is karma a biblical concept?
- 5. How would you respond to the criticism that Christianity is narrow-minded and dangerous?
- 6. Are Jehovah's Witnesses Christians?
- 7. Are Mormons Christians?
- 8. How many ways are there to heaven?
- 9. Compare and contrast Scientology with Christianity.
- 10. Respond to the Bill Gates quote: "In terms of doing things I take a fairly scientific approach to why things happen and how they happen. I don't know if there's a god or not..."
- 11. Respond to the statement by Ernest Hemingway: "All thinking men are atheists."
- 12. Respond to the quote from Michael Shermer: "Play hard, work hard, love hard... The bottom line for me is to live life to the fullest in the here-and-now instead of a hoped-for hereafter."
- 13. What are the unique features of Christianity that set it apart from all other religions of the world?
- 14. Is the "Force" from *Star Wars* a reasonable allegory for Christianity? Why or why not?



#### **Category 7: God and Government**

- 1. Does God's moral law apply to the civil government? Is the civil government required to follow God's law?
- 2. Should Christians be involved in political matters?
- 3. The Declaration of Independence states that all mankind is "endowed" by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Is this biblically accurate?
- 4. Should Christians be concerned with "one-worldism" or any effort to unify the world politically or economically? Why or why not?
- 5. What are the 3 God-ordained governments? How can they be used to positively impact our society?
- 6. Is it ever justifiable to disobey/resist government authority? If so, when, and how?
- 7. Do the "ends" ever justify the "means"? Please explain.
- 8. Does Romans 13 support the "Divine Right of Kings" doctrine?
- 9. Does the Bible have anything to say about the economic systems of socialism, communism, and capitalism?
- 10. Biblically speaking, are charity and modern welfare the same thing? Is a distinction important?
- 11. What is the biblical role of government?