**QUESTIONS THAT DEMAND AN ANSWER**

1. ***HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS THE RIGHT CHURCH?***
2. **The Right Doctrine**
3. The motto of the Lord’s church is *to speak when the Bible speaks, and be silent when the Bible is silent*!
4. Note the following scriptures:
5. *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8, 9).*
6. *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).*
7. *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Pet. 1:21).*
8. **The Right Name**
9. Some people say that a name is not important. Yet we know that philosophy is not true. When Zacharias was struck with dumbness for nine months because he questioned the angel Gabriel concerning the birth of John, we see the providence of God in naming the forerunner of Christ (Luke 1:13-64).
10. *“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you” (Rom. 16:16).*
11. **The Right Leadership**
12. Christ is the Head
13. *“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the* ***head*** *over all things to the church” (Eph. 1:22).*
14. *“For the husband is the* ***head*** *of the wife, even as Christ is the* ***head*** *of the church: and he is the saviour of the body” (Eph. 5:23).*
15. Local Elders
16. Four titles for elders: (1) **Pastor** (Eph. 4:11), (2) **Bishop** (1 Tim. 3:1), (3) **Elder** (Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23), (4) **Presbytery** (1 Tim. 4:14).
17. Qualifications for Elders: (1 Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9)
18. Blameless
19. The husband of one wife
20. Vigilant (dedicated)
21. Sober (Thinks clearly)
22. Good behavior
23. Given to hospitality
24. Must be able to teach
25. Does not drink alcohol
26. Not violent (a striker)
27. Not greedy for money
28. Patient
29. Not a brawler (one who restrains from fighting).
30. Not covetous (He cannot be someone who loves money).
31. Rules well his house
32. His children must be obedient
33. Not a novice (a young convert)
34. A good report in the community
35. Deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13)
36. Deacons work under an eldership. They are simply workers in the church that take on duties assigned by the elders.
37. Qualifications:
38. First, A Deacon must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:8)
39. The word means to be “dignified.”
40. Second, A Deacon must not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:8)
41. This is defined as a person who always speaks the truth!
42. Third, A Deacon must not be given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:8).
43. How would using alcohol hinder the work of a Deacon?

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1. Fourth, a Deacon Must not be greedy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 3:8).
2. This is another way of describing a man who loves MONEY!
3. Fifth, a Deacon must hold the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:9)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:7, what is the mystery according to this verse? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sixth, A Deacon must be first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:10)
6. A man demonstrates his fitness for office in the church by his conduct. Deacons and bishops are more recognized than appointed.
7. Seventh, A Deacon must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:10)
8. Nothing can be brought against them which is damaging!
9. Eighth, A Deacon must be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:12).
10. Ninth, A Deacon must rule their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 3:12)
11. Keep in mind that their wives must also be grave, no slanderers, sober, and faithful in all things!
12. **The Right Worship**
13. Five Acts on Sunday
14. Lord’s Supper
15. *“And upon the\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of the week, when the disciples came together to \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7).*
16. Contribution
17. *“Upon the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the week let every one of you \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as God hath \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:2).*
18. Preaching
19. *“Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7b).*
20. Prayers
21. *“And they continued stedfastly in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 2:42).*
22. Singing
23. *“Speaking to yourselves in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ songs, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).*
24. *“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the spirit, and I will \_\_\_\_\_\_ with the understanding also” (1 Cor. 14:15).*
25. *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with grace in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord” (Col. 3:16).*
26. *“Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ praise unto thee” (Heb. 2:12).*
27. Why can’t we use instruments?
28. **They Were Used in the Old Testament!**

1)) “*And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries, and with* ***harp****s, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets” (2 Chron. 29:25).*

2)) “*Praise the Lord with* ***harp****: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings” (Psa. 33:2).*

3)) Don’t forget they also had the stoning of disobedient children (Deut. 21:18-21), and multiple wives (1 Kings 11:3).

 b) **They Are Used In Heaven!**

1)) *“And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of any waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers* ***harping******with******their******harps****” (Rev. 14:2).*

*2))* This verse is a similitude. It is speaking About the **voice** that John heard. It sounded like a “*great thunder*” and “*harpers harping with their harps*.”

*a)) If there is instruments in heaven, what happens if you break a string? Do you go to the local instrument store and buy one?*

*b)) Heaven is a spiritual place. There are no guitars, piano’s, or other instruments.*

c) **Specific Vs. Generic**

1)) Noah was told to build the ark out of gopher wood (Gen. **6:14**). What if he would have chosen to build out of oak? Would it have floated? Why not? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2)) Nadab and Abihu were instructed on how to build a fire before the Lord, but they decided to do it their way (Lev. 10:1). What did God do to them according to Leviticus 10:2? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3)) If God tells us to sing in assembly worship, and we add the instrument, would we not be violating a specific command? Yes or No!

4)) One historian writes, *“Unaccompanied vocal music continued to be the norm in Christian worship for centuries. Then, in about the 10th or 12th century, Western Christians began to use the organ in the liturgy.”*

5)) We do not read of one congregation of early Christians using the instruments of music. If God wanted us to use them, don’t you think we would have just one passage speaking of such a command?

1. ***WHAT DO THE MUSLIMS TEACH AND WHY DO THEY HATE CHRISTIANS SO MUCH?***

Let’s read over the five pillars of Islam. Think about what they teach, and how they teach it.

1. **Five Pillars of Islam**
2. **The confession of faith** (Shaháda), i.e. the recitation of the 'Kalima' (= word). "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger (apostle) of Allah".
3. **Prayer** (Salat) [in arab. the 't' at the end is not pronounced]. This is the duty of every Muslim (able to do so). The prescribed ritual prayers five times daily, at prescribed times, with the prescribed posture, have to be observed. During these five prayers a fixed prayer-text must be recited seventeen times altogether (twice in the morning; four times at noon; four times in the afternoon; three times in the evening and four times at night). This is called by many Persian and Indian Muslims 'namaz'.
4. **The giving of alms** (Zakat) [again the 't' is not pronounced] is a religious duty and should amount to not less than 2.5% of the income above ones needs.
5. **Keeping the Fast during the month of Ramadaan** (Sawm) is a duty for all, except the sick, travellers, pregnant women, nursing mothers and children. The fast is to last from the rising of the sun until sunset.
6. **Pilgrimage to Mecca** (Hajj) is required once in a lifetime during the month of Zu'l-Hijjah, if the means allow this. There is also a minor pilgrimage (Umra), which is performed at other times. We ought to realize that very considerable cost is involved in a pilgrimage, quite apart from the travel fare.
7. **Jihaad (The Holy War)**
	1. Today in the West this concept is often interpreted as 'the spreading of your faith'. Yet Christians know that we are the major obstacle in accomplishing that task!
	2. We do not accept Muhammad as a prophet, in fact just the contrary, “HE IS AN ANTICHRIST*!” “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is* ***antichrist****, that denieth the Father and the Son” (1 Jn. 2:22).*
	3. In your own opinion, why do you think the concept of Jihaad is so dangerous in America today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	4. Why do you think that the religion of Islam is the fastest growing religion in the United States today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Let The Quaran Speak**
	* 1. **2:191-193** **Fight and kill unbelievers until “religion is Allah’s,” i.e. Islamic law rules all societies**

“And slay them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; persecution is more grievous than slaying. But fight them not by the Holy Mosque until they should fight you there; then, if they fight you, slay them — such is the recompense of unbelievers, but if they give over, surely Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate. Fight them, till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s; then if they give over, there shall be no enmity save for evildoers.”

* + - 1. What do you think the Koran is saying about killing Christians? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
		1. **3:28** **Don’t take unbelievers as friends and allies, unless it is for “fear of them,” i.e. deceptively for protection of oneself or of Islam**

“Let not the believers take the unbelievers for friends, rather than the believers — for whoso does that belongs not to Allah in anything — unless you have a fear of them. Allah warns you that You beware of Him, and unto Allah is the homecoming.”

* + - 1. According to the Koran can a Muslim truly be friends with a Christian? Yes or No!
	1. **4:34 Beat disobedient women**

“Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that Allah has preferred in bounty one of them over another, and for that they have expended of their property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for Allah’s guarding. And those you fear may be rebellious admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them. If they then obey you, look not for any way against them; Allah is All-high, All-great.”

* + - 1. How do you feel about a religion that speaks of beating women? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
1. **Paradise**
	* 1. In Islam, the concept of 72 virgins (houri) refers to an aspect of Jannah ([Paradise](https://wikiislam.net/wiki/Heaven)). This concept is grounded in Qur'anic text which describes a sensual Paradise where believing men are rewarded by being wedto beautiful women. Conversely, [women](https://wikiislam.net/wiki/Islam_and_Women) will be provided with only one man, and they "will be satisfied with him".
			1. Do you believe that Muslims are prejudiced against women? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Christ**
3. Muslims believe Jesus was born of a virgin and that he was a great prophet—yet he was only a man. They believe he was sent by God to help people obey God. Islam claims Jesus spoke as a baby, healed the sick, and raised the dead. The Quran refers to Jesus as the breath of God, the spirit of God, the life of God and the word of God. Muslims do not think Jesus died on the cross. They believe that right before he was to be killed, God took him up to heaven and someone else (probably Judas) replaced him on the cross. They trust that Jesus will return to the Earth again to usher in the final judgment from God and confirm that Islam is the true and final religion for all mankind. (Yes, Muslims believe in the second coming of Christ!).
4. Why is believing in Jesus and His resurrection so important? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:12).
5. **Do Muslims Hate Christians? Below are four recorded incidences of terrorism against Christians in various places in the world. Read them, and then you can comment on your feelings.**
6. **Iraq**:  “Militants” reported the Associated Press, “targeted Christians in three separate Christmas Day bombings in Baghdad, [killing at least 37 people](http://cnsnews.com/news/article/christmas-day-bombings-iraqs-capital-kill-37), officials said Wednesday.  In one attack, a car bomb went off near a church in the capital’s southern Dora neighborhood, killing at least 26 people and wounding 38, a police officer said. Earlier, two bombs ripped through a nearby outdoor market simultaneously in the Christian section of Athorien, killing 11 people and wounding 21.”
7. **Iran**:  Five Muslim converts to Christianity were arrested from a house-church during a Christmas celebration. Plain clothes Iranian security authorities raided a house where, according to Mohabat News, “a group of Christians had gathered to celebrate Christmas on Tuesday, December 24.” Before arresting the five apostates, authorities “insulted and searched those in attendance, and seized all Christian books, CDs, and laptops they found. They also took the Satellite TV receiver.”  The original report received by Mohabat stated: “These Christians had gathered to [worship and celebrate [the] birth of Jesus](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7963:iranian-christian-converts-arrested-as-they-celebrated-christmas&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279).”
8. NAIROBI, Kenya (Morning Star News) – The 17-year-old daughter of a Muslim man in Uganda was able to attend one church service this month before he killed her for leaving Islam, sources said.
9. Abdul Hakim Ibanda of Kamuli town in eastern Uganda beat Nanvunani Shamimu and her 19-year-old sister, Nawudo Hasifa, with a blunt instrument after learning that they had attended the church service on April 6, Hasifa told Morning Star News.
10. Comment on the four incidences above. Why is there so much violence coming out of this religion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Muslims Hate Christians Because:
	* + 1. **We are considered Infidels!**
				1. The first pillar of Islam is totally rejected by Christians. Our God is not Allah! We worship Jehovah. We believe in the Godhead consisting of three persons (Father, Son, and Spirit). They see this as blasphemy.
				2. We also refuse to accept Muhammad as a prophet! *“But there were* ***false*** *prophets also among the people, even as there shall be* ***false*** *teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction” (2 Pet. 2:1).*
12. ***IS CHRIST RETURNING SOON?***

**We Are Living In The Last Days**

1. *But in the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it (Micah 4:1).*

This is talking about the church being established in AD 33.

1. *And it shall come to pass in the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams (Acts 2:17)*
2. This is quoted on the day of Pentecost (the day the church was established) from Joel 2:28.
3. *Hath in these \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds (Heb. 1:2).*
4. Since the Lord established His Kingdom in Acts 2, we have been living in the last days.
5. Why is it so important to be reminded that we are living in the last days? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**No Signs Are Given Concerning His Second Coming**

1. ***“****But of that \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only” (Matt. 24:36).*
2. *“Watch therefore: for ye know not what \_\_\_\_\_ your Lord doth come” (Matt. 24:42).*
3. *“But of that day and that hour* ***knoweth******no******man****,* ***no****,* ***no****t the angels which are in heaven, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_, but the Father” (Mark 13:32).*
4. How could there be any signs given if Jesus Himself did not know when He was coming again?

**Be Prepared**

1. **“***For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2).*
2. *“In a moment, in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1 Cor. 15:52).*
3. *“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the* ***day approaching****” (Heb. 10:23-25).*
4. *What does one need to do to get prepared for the second coming of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Satan’s Release**

1. Though there are no signs when Jesus will come again, there is a warning about the release of Satan before the end of the world.
2. *“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and bound him a thousand years… And when the thousand years are expired, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall be loosed out of his prison”(Rev. 20:2, 7).*

*At the end of the book of Revelation, Rome had been destroyed. Satan, through Rome, had persecuted and killed thousands of Christians. Before the end of time, Satan will once again be released to persecute the church. We don’t know when, nor how long; we are simply told that the persecution of Christians will be re-ignited.*

1. ***WHAT DO WE KNOW OF HELL?***
2. **Tartarus & Gehenna**
3. **Tartarus**
4. The Apostle Peter used the word Tartarus in reference to “the angels that sinned” that God delivered to Sheol/Hades to await judgment (II Pet. 2:4). This word, which is translated “hell” in the KJV, was used in Greek mythology to refer to the place of punishment for the most wicked.
5. *Luke 16: “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment” (Lk. 16:22-28)*
6. *Take the story recorded in Luke 16 of the Rich man and Lazarus. Draw a picture below of what is described. Begin with a circle, and then draw a gulf between the two halves of the circle. Label one as Paradise and another as Tartarus. The place you are drawing is Hades. After completed, you now have an idea where your spirit will go after death.*

*DRAW PICTURE BELOW*

1. ***Tartarus*** is a temporary abode where the wicked are cast into after they die. They are imprisoned in fire until the second coming of Christ, and then they will be cast into Gehenneh.
2. **Gehenna**
3. Gehenna, which is always translated hell and used in reference to the Lake of Fire. It is found in Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15,33; and James 3:6.
4. The name Gehenna comes from a deep narrow ravine south of Jerusalem where some Hebrew parents actually sacrificed their children to the Ammonite god, Molech, during the time of the kings (II Kin. 16;3; II Chron. 28:1-3; cf. Lev. 18:21; I Kin. 11:5,7,33). This pagan deity is also referred to as Malcham, Milcom, and Moloch in the Bible. This valley later served as the city dump and, because there was continual burning of refuse there, it became a graphic symbol of the place of punishment for the wicked. It was named the “Valley of Hinnom,” which translated into Greek becomes Gehenna. The passages where the word is found in the New Testament plainly show that it was a commonly used expression for Hell by that time. The word is found twelve times in the Scriptures, being used eleven times by the Lord Jesus and once by James. When we consider the context, it is clear the Lord used this word in reference to the place of everlasting punishment for the wicked dead and not to the city dump.
5. **Pain**
6. *But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***and*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of teeth (Matt. 8:12).*
7. *“Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand* ***and*** *foot,* ***and*** *take him away,* ***and*** *cast him into outer darkness, there shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***and*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of teeth” (Matt. 22:13).*
8. *How much pain is there when a person has to gnash their teeth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
9. **Darkness**
10. *“And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****” (Matt. 25:30).***
11. *“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be reserved unto judgment” (2 Pet. 2:4).*
12. *What is it like to be in total darkness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Have you ever been in total darkness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
13. **Fire**
14. ***“****And shall cast them into the furnace of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 13:50).*
15. ***“****Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41).*
16. *“And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that never shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Mark 9:43).*
17. *What is so terrible about fire? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
18. **Eternal**
19. *“And as it is* ***appointed*** *unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).*
20. *“Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ judgment” (Heb. 6:2).*
21. *How would describe eternity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
22. ***IS HOMOSEXULAITY A SIN?***
23. **Can** **One Be Born A Homosexual?**
24. *“And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man” (Gen. 2:20-22).*
25. *How does Genesis two condemn homosexuality? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
26. To say that God creates the Homosexual is ludicrous. It would be no different than saying that God creates the pedophile, the rapist, the murderer!
27. **It *Is A Vile Affection***
28. *“For this cause God gave them up unto \_\_\_\_\_\_ affections: for even their women did change the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet” (Rom. 1:26, 27).*
29. *“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them” (Gen. 19:4, 5).*
30. *“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Lev. 18:22).*
31. *Why do you think that so many people are accepting this type of behavior today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
32. **It Was A Death Sentence In The Old Testament**
33. ***“****If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; their blood shall be upon them” (Lev. 20:13).*
34. **A Detriment To Society**
35. **Procreation**: *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be* ***fruitful****, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (Gen. 1:28).*
36. **Parenting: *“****Children, obey your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord” (Col. 3:20).*
37. **Parents consist of a mom and a dad (woman & man).**
38. Wife/mother: *“I will therefore that the younger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully” (1 Tim. 5:14).*
39. Husband/father: *“And, ye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).*
40. *From a biblical standpoint, men and women have different roles in the house. A man may put on a dress, wig, and high heels and call himself a wife or mother; but in reality he is just a sick man!*
41. *What would be missing in the lives of children being raised by homosexuals? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
42. **A Detriment To The Soul**
43. *“For the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Rom. 1:18).*
44. *What do you think wrath means? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
45. *“And whosoever was not found written in the book* ***of*** *life was cast into the* ***lake******of******fire****” (Rev. 20:15).*
46. **A Dark Future**
47. On June 26, 2016, Pope Francis states that the Christian community should apologize to Homosexuals!
48. Do you think Christians should apologize to homosexuals? Yes or No!
49. Elton John. Ellen DeGeneres, Neil Patrick Harris, Rosie O’Donnell, and Barry Manilow are just a few of the Hollywood celebrities that claim they are homosexual.
50. What evils do you see coming from Hollywood? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
51. Television and Movies are saturated with homosexuals pretending to be abused by society. Heartwarming stories of supposedly fine individuals that have been emotionally scarred by their peers because of their homosexuality.
52. It is difficult enough for young people to adjust to hormonal changes. Now psychologists want to examine the tendencies of young children having homosexual desires!
53. Why do you think that some children show homosexual tendencies? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
54. **How Should The Church Treat Homosexuals?**
55. **With Love*:***  *“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suffereth long, and is kind; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ envieth not; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up” (1 Cor. 13:4).*
56. **With Kindness:** *“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****,*** *humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering” (Col. 3:12).*
57. **With Rebuke*: “****These things speak, and exhort, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with all authority. Let no man despise thee” (Tit. 2:15).*
58. **With Effort To Restore*: “****Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, \_\_\_\_\_\_ such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1).*
59. **With Withdrawal If They Will Not Change: *“****Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us” (2 Thess. 3:6).*
60. ***DO ANIMALS GO TO HEAVEN?***
61. **God’s Creation**
62. The Bible teaches us that God created animals. They aren’t the product of happenstance or fortuitous natural processes any more than humans are. Genesis 1:24-25 says God created the animals, from the beasts of the earth to the creeping insects. Scripture even tells us that the breath of life resides within them (Gen. 7:15). By virtue of our creation in the image of God, we humans are uniquely special in comparison to all of creation, but that does not mean the rest of creation has no value to God or that he doesn’t enjoy it.
63. “*And God made the beast of the earth after his \_\_\_\_\_, and cattle after their \_\_\_\_\_, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his \_\_\_\_\_\_: and God saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:25).*
64. **God’s Breath**
65. *“And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life… All in whose nostrils was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life, of all that was in the dry land, died” (Gen. 7:15, 22).*
66. They have life (soul), but they do not have a spirit!
67. *“Into thine hand I commit my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth” (Psa. 31:5).*
68. ***“And*** *the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;* ***and*** *I pray God your whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***and*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_****and*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:23).*
69. Man is the creature that has been made in God’s image. He has an eternal spirit, but animals do not!
70. **Learning From Animals**
71. They Can Be Tamed
72. *“For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and hath been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of mankind” (Jas. 3:7).*
73. They Can Serve As Examples
74. “*Go to the* ***ant****, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise” (Prov. 6:6).*
75. *What is Solomon trying to convey about the ant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
76. *“Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than* ***eagles****, they were stronger than* ***lion****s” (1 Sam. 1:23).*
77. *What was David trying to say about King Saul and his son Jonathan in 1 Sam. 1:23? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
78. *“Thou shalt not muzzle the* ***ox*** *when he treadeth out the corn” (Deut. 25:4).*
79. *What is a muzzle? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
80. *“Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled* ***ox*** *and hatred therewith” (Prov. 15:17).*
81. *What is Solomon trying to convey about a spouse that is stubborn? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
82. *“A whip for the* ***horse****, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back” (Prov. 26:3).*
83. *How would you define a foolish man? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
84. *“He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a* ***dog*** *by the ears” (Prov. 26:17).*
85. *What happens when you take a dog by the ears? What is that compared to in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
86. **Dominated By Man**
87. *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Gen. 1:26).*
88. **Animals did not fear man until after the flood**: “*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all thing” (Gen. 9:1-3).*
89. *According to the passage above, when did animals start fearing man? Before the flood or after? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
90. **The Treatment of Animals**
91. *“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills” (Psa. 50:10).*
92. *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?” (Matt. 6:24-26).*
93. God says that the animal kingdom belongs to Him, and He takes care of their needs. Should we not respect God’s creation? Yes or No! How do people mistreat animals today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
94. ***WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY HAVE DIED, WENT TO HEAVEN, AND THEN CAME BACK TO TELL ABOUT IT?***
95. Media Circus
96. “*Heaven Is For Real*,’ “*Ninety Minutes In Heaven*,” and various other films have captures the hearts of many Americans.
97. It becomes more appealing when children are the one’s supposedly experiencing the event.
98. The difficulty is in the fact that though there are some similarities, there are also many differences.
99. Paul & John
100. *“It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter” (2 Cor. 12:1-4).*
101. *What would Paul have seen in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
102. Paul, an apostle of Christ, has an experience of seeing heaven. The event was so different than anything he had ever experienced that he could not find words to describe it.
103. **John**
104. ***“****I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet” (Rev. 1:10).*
105. From this experience, John is taken up to heaven and asked to write down what he sees and hears.
106. John’s description of heaven is given throughout the book of Revelation, especially in chapter twenty-one.
107. What we note from both experiences is that (1) it was not a near death experience, (2) what they viewed was difficult to put into human terms.
108. Describe something that you have seen in your life that was very unique. See if the person next to you can figure out the object by your description. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
109. Difficulties With These Near Death Experiences
110. For the spirit to leave the body is the definition of death. *“For as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ without the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (Jas. 2:26).*
111. When examining both Paul and John, they were both in a trancelike state. Neither one stated anything about seeing a bright light. And the main reasoning for their experience was to receive instructions and prophecy.
112. What do you think the bright light could be that people describe when they have a near death experience? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
113. Further, heaven and Hades are two different places. Heaven is a place being prepared for the righteous (Jn. 14:1-6). This means that there are no human spirits in Heaven.
114. What about John’s vision? When John sees the great multitude, it is merely a vision of the future inhabitants of heaven. The souls of the departed are under the altar of God (Rev. 6:9, 10). In other words they were in HADES!
115. Hades is the place of departed spirits. All of the dead go to Hades (Lk. 16:19-31). On one side of Hades is Paradise, and on the other side is Torment.
116. So then, why didn’t any of these people speak of the great gulf, the separation of the righteous from the wicked, and father Abraham who greets all those who enter Hades? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
117. Think about the young damsel of Matthew 9, and Lazarus in John 11, both of these individuals were raised from the dead. Both of them went to Hades, and returned. However, there is not one bit of scripture, secular writing, or anything that shares what they experienced. God had to erase this memory. Thus it becomes obvious that what they experienced, God did not want them to share!
118. ***SHOULD I ALWAYS LISTEN TO MY PARENTS, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE WRONG?***
119. **Your Responsibility To Your Parents**
120. **Obey**
121. *“Children, \_\_\_\_\_\_ your parents in the Lord: for this is right. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Eph. 6:1-3).*
122. *“Children, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord” (Eph. 3:20).*
123. *How does it feel when you disobey your parents? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
124. **Respect**
125. “*My son, hear the instruction of thy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,* ***and*** *forsake not the law of thy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Prov. 1:8).*
126. *“The eye that mocketh at his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,* ***and*** *despiseth to obey his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out,* ***and*** *the young eagles shall eat it” (Prov. 30:17).*
127. **Look After Them When They Are Old**
* *“But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: for that is good and acceptable before God”(1 Tim. 5:4).*
* *What are ways you can take care of your parents when they are old? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
1. **What about Disobedient Parents?**
2. **Always Be Pure**
3. Peter’s advice to Christian women married to unbelievers can be applied to believing children under the rule of unbelieving parents.
4. *“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear” (1 Pet. 3:1, 2).*
5. *According to this passage, how can an unbeliever be led to the Lord without speaking a word? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
6. Peter is talking about *“pure conduct!”*
7. **Pray**
8. *“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Rom. 12:12).*
9. *“Confess your faults one to another, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a righteous man* ***availeth******much****” (Jas. 5:16).*
10. *Why is prayer so important to Christians? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
11. **Never Compromise Truth!**
12. Jesus as a child separated himself from his parents. He was found teaching in the temple. After being confronted, the Bible reads*, “And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart” (Jn. 2:49-51).*
13. *Did Jesus submit to his earthly parents rule? Yes or No*
14. *“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matt. 10:34-37).*
15. *What does the above passage teach us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
16. *Acts 5:29,* “*Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than men.”*
17. **WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT BAPTISM?**
18. **What Is Baptism?**

 **Immersion**

1. ***Matthew 3:16, “****And Jesus, when he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, went up straightway \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.”*
2. ***Colossians 2:12, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”*
3. ***Romans 6:4, “****Therefore we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*

**Means To Put On Christ**

1. ***Galatians 3:27, “****For as many of you as have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

 **Necessary For Salvation**

1. ***Mark 16:16, “****He that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*
2. ***Acts 2:38, “****Then Peter said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”*
	* 1. **What Are The Requirements Before Baptism?**

**Hear the Gospel**

1. ***Romans 10:17, “****So then* ***faith******cometh******by*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.”*
2. ***John 1:37, “****And the two disciples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him speak, and they followed Jesus.”*

**Believe the Gospel**

1. ***John 1:12*, “***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his name.”*
2. ***John 3:36, “****He that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

**Repent of Your Sins**

1. Repent is a Roman military term that means “*about face*!”
2. ***Acts 3:19***, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”*

**Confessing Christ**

1. **Romans 10:9, *“****That if thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”*
	* 1. **What Is The Age of Baptism?**

**Not Children**

1. **Matthew 18:2, 3, *“A****nd Jesus called* ***a*** *\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto him,* ***a****nd set him in the midst of them,* ***A****nd said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted,* ***a****nd become* ***a****s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Able To Understand**

1. ***Asked by Philip of the Eunuch before conversion. Acts 8:30, “****And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thou what thou readest?*
	* 1. **Hindrances To Baptism**

**Youth**

1. **Some people think that becoming a Christian is something you do when you are older. Many young people see Christianity as a hindrance. They fail to realize that being a Christian makes you a better person.**
2. ***Ecclesiastes 12:1*, *“Remember*** *now thy Creator in the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in the.”*

 **Time**

1. **Why is it that we think we have some control of time? The Bible says that your life is like a vapor that disappears so quickly (James 4:14).**
2. ***Hebrews 9:27*, “***And as it is appointed unto men* ***once******to******die****, but after this the judgment.” What does this verse say to you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
3. ***You have an appointment date. It is on God’s calendar right now! You may live to be one hundred, or die young, so why take chances with your eternity?***
4. ***Think about being a Christian! Think about being baptized!***