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## Loris First Baptist Church

### **RESOURCES FOR THE INITIAL DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT**

*Based on these 25 survey questions, the Loris FBC Evangelism & Discipleship Committee recommends using the resources provided for each question as part of your “Individual Discipleship Plan” (IDP) to help you grow in your knowledge of Biblical Doctrine (Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:9-10; 1Timothy 4:16; 2Timothy 4:3) as well as Spiritual Maturity (Ephesians 4:11-13; 2Peter 1:5-10).*

*If you are not sure about the correct “Biblical” truth of any of these 25 questions:*

- 1) Look up the Bible verses provided as the basis to know the truth for each question;*
- 2) Review some or all of the other resources recommended by the Evangelism & Discipleship Committee to help reinforce your understanding of the truth for each question; and*
- 3) Discuss with your mentor any of these questions that you may still need more help with to understand the “Biblical” truth of those questions.*

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#### **1. The Bible is the word of God, perfect as it was originally written.**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

13 “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 5:17-18 (NIV)

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Mark 13:31 (NIV)

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Romans 3:1-2 (NIV)

1 What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?

2 Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

20 “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.

21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-13 (NIV)

9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--

10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

Revelation 22:18-19 (NIV)

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article I: "The Scriptures"

*The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.*

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

##### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Forensic Faith**, by J. Warner Wallace.
2. **Cold Case for Christianity**, by J. Warner Wallace
3. **Why We Trust The Bible**, by Stephen J. Nichols

##### **BOOKS**

1. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict, (1999)**; by Josh McDowell; (Chapter 11; pages 333-349)
2. **A Ready Defense (1990)**; by Josh McDowell; (Section 1: pages 23-109)

##### **CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES & PASTOR'S SERMONS**

1. **52 Bible Doctrines**; Discipleship Study by Dr. Louis Venable
  - a. Doctrine#1: "What Is The Bible?"
  - b. Doctrine #2: "The Bible: Inspired of God"

## **2. The God of the Bible and the God of the other world religions are the same God.**

Isaiah 42:17 (NIV)

17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

Isaiah 43:10-12 (NIV)

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

12 I have revealed and saved and proclaimed-- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.

Isaiah 44:6-8 (NIV)

6 "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come-- yes, let him foretell what will come.

8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Isaiah 45:5-6 (NIV)

5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,

6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

#### **Pamphlet**

**Christianity, Cults & Religions Pamphlet (1996);** by Rose Publishing

#### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Jesus Among Other Gods;** by Ravi Zacharias
2. **What is A World View;** by Bobby Conway
3. **The Secret Battles of Ideas about God;** by Jeff Myers
4. **The Uniqueness of Christ;** by Ravi Zacharias

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### 3. The only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 (NIV)

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:10-12 (NIV)

10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

11 He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone".

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

#### **Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article IV: "Salvation"**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 14:6; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

##### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Our Salvation**, by Mike Faberez.
2. **The Gospel Story**, by Spread Truth
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**BOOKS**

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#### **4. All people are born sinners and cannot please God by just doing good works.**

Psalms 51:5 (NIV) “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”

Isaiah 64:6a (NIV) “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...”

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

10 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;

11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.

12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:19-20 (NIV)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

Romans 3:21-24 (NIV)

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:12 (NIV) “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...”

Galatians 2:15-16 (NIV)

15 “We who are Jews by birth and not ‘Gentile sinners’

16 know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.”

Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...”

#### Southern Baptist Faith and Message Article III: “Man”

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan, man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5;51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

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## **5. God is three persons in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

### Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article II. "God"

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

#### B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

#### C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

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**BOOKS**

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**CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES & PASTOR'S SERMONS**

1. **52 Bible Doctrines**; Discipleship Study by Dr. Louis Venable
  - a. Doctrine#5: "God, The Trinity"
  - b. Doctrine#7: "God the Son, His Deity"
  - c. Doctrine#14: "The Holy Spirit, His Personality"
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**6. In order to be a good example and witness to others, I believe it is best for Christian's to choose to abstain from drugs, alcohol, or mind altering substances.**

Proverbs 20:1 (NIV) "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise."

Proverbs 21:17 (NIV) "He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich."

Proverbs 23:20-21 (NIV)

20 Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat,  
21 for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

Proverbs 23:29-33 (NIV)

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?  
30 Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.  
31 Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly!  
32 In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.  
33 Your eyes will see strange sights and your mind imagine confusing things.

Proverbs 31:4-7 (NIV)

4 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel-- not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer,  
5 lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.  
6 Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish;  
7 let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

Revelation 1:4-6 (NKJV)

4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,  
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,  
6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 14:13-21 (NIV)

13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.  
14 As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean.  
15 If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.  
16 Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil.  
17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,  
18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.  
19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.  
20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.  
21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (NIV)

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.  
32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God--  
33 even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV) "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

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## 7. A good person of a religion other than Christianity may go to heaven.

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV) "As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Isaiah 42:16-17 (NIV)

16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

Isaiah 43:10-12 (NIV)

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

12 I have revealed and saved and proclaimed-- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.

Isaiah 44:6-9 (NIV)

6 "This is what the LORD says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come-- yes, let him foretell what will come.

8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.

John 14:6 (NIV) "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:35-36 (NIV)

35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV) "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)

27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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## **8. Hell is a literal place where people go who reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.**

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'  
22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Matthew 10:28 (NIV) "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Matthew 23:33 (NIV) "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?"

Luke 16:22-24 (NIV)

22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.  
23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.  
24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

Revelation 20:11-15 (NIV)

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.  
12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.  
13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.  
14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.  
15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2 Peter 2:4 (NIV) "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment..."

Hebrews 10:26-27 (NIV)

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,  
27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

#### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

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#### **BOOKS**

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#### **CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES & PASTOR'S SERMONS**

1. **52 Bible Doctrines;** Discipleship Study by Dr. Louis Venable
  - a. Doctrine#51: "Great White Throne Judgement"
  - b. Doctrine #53: "Hell, Hades, and Sheol"
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## **9. God is the creator of the world and alone sets the standard of what is right and what is wrong.**

Genesis 1:1 (NIV) “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 18:25 (NIV) “Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 6:7-8 (NIV)

7 So the LORD said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them.”

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Exodus 20:3-6 (NIV)

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 32:4-6 (NIV)

4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

5 They have acted corruptly toward him; to their shame they are no longer his children, but a warped and crooked generation.

6 Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

Psalms 9:7-8 (NIV)

7 The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

8 He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.

Psalms 82:8 (NIV) “Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.”

Isaiah 45:18-24 (NIV)

18 For this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

19 I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

20 "Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save.

21 Declare what is to be, present it-- let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

22 "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

24 They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.

Romans 2:13-16 (NIV)

13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law,

15 since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)

16 This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV) "Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God."

James 4:12 (NIV) "There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?"

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## **10. Jesus Christ was fully man and fully God from His virgin birth until His death on the cross.**

PROOF 1: Both Jesus' virgin birth and His "deity" are proclaimed in the verse:

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him IMMANUEL." (NOTE: The name "Immanuel" means "God with us"!)

PROOF 2: The fact that Jesus was born to be a "human" son, while at the same time remain "deity" as a member of the God-head, is confirmed in the verse:

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us A CHILD IS BORN, to us A SON IS GIVEN, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, MIGHTY GOD, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

PROOF 3: On the human side, Jesus had a beginning and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. On the divine side, He had no beginning because He was from all eternity:

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born (i.e. "beginning of His humanity"), unto us a Son is given (i.e. the Son already existed in His divinity before He was born!)."

Galatians 4:4 "But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son (i.e. the divine being), born of a woman (i.e. becoming a human being), born under law..."

PROOF 4: He was "eternally preexistent" (always existing, even before the visible universe began):

John 1:1-3, 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT HAS BEEN MADE... The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, THE GLORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 8:56-59a "'Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; HE SAW IT AND WAS GLAD.' 'You are not yet fifty years old,' the Jews said to Him, 'and You have seen Abraham!' 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus answered, 'BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS BORN, I AM!' At this, they picked up stones to stone Him, but Jesus hid Himself..."

1Peter 1:20 "He (i.e. Jesus) was FOREKNOWN BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD, but was revealed in these last times for your sake."

PROOF 5: He was entirely SINLESS in His human life and no normally born man is sinless (Romans 5:12):

2Corinthians 5:21 "God made Him (i.e. Jesus) WHO HAD NO SIN to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

Hebrews 4:14-15 "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—YET WAS WITHOUT SIN."

Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article II. "God"

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

## B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

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#### **CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES & PASTOR'S SERMONS**

1. **52 Bible Doctrines; Discipleship Study** by Dr. Louis Venable
  - a. Doctrine#7: "God the Son, His Deity"
  - b. Doctrine #8: "God the Son, His Incarnation"
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**11. I believe that abortion for any reason other than saving the physical life of the mother is morally wrong for it is killing an innocent child.**

Exodus 20:13 “You shall not MURDER.”

**SCIENCE CONFIRMS HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION:**

The science of embryology establishes that from the earliest stages of development, the unborn are distinct, living and whole human beings. They are distinct. (Meaning they are not part of another human being.) They are living. (Dead things don't grow!) And they are whole. (Sure, they have yet to grow and mature, but the kind of thing they are is not in question.) Human parents produce human offspring.

Leading embryology textbooks affirm this. For example, in *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud write: “A zygote is the beginning of a new human being. Human development begins at fertilization, the process during which a male gamete or sperm ... unites with a female gamete or oocyte ... to form a single cell called a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.”

T.W. Sadler's *Langman's Embryology* states that the development of a human begins with fertilization, in which the male sperm and the female oocyte “unite to give rise to a new organism, the zygote.”

Embryologists Ronan O'Rahilly and Fabiola Müller write, “Although life is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is thereby formed.”

Psalm 139:13-16 “For You created MY inmost being; you knit ME together IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED BODY...”

Exodus 21:22-23 “If men who are fighting hit A PREGNANT WOMAN and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take LIFE FOR LIFE...”

Proverbs 31:8-9 “SPEAK UP for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY.”

Proverbs 24:10-12 “RESCUE THOSE BEING LED AWAY TO DEATH; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about this’, does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards YOUR LIFE know it? Will he not repay each person ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE?”

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## 12. Participating in a Church is a necessary part of living an obedient Christian life.

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Corinthians 12:12-28 (NIV)

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NIV)

26 What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIV)

10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 1:24 (NIV)

24 Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

1 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

James 5:14 (NIV)

14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

#### Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article VI: The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

##### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Secret Church, #9 – The Body of Christ**, by David Platt.
2. **Ephesians, The Church: Rooted in Love, Walking in Faith** by Kay Arthur
3. **The Essential Bible Truth Treasury, #9- The Church**, by Richard Bewes

##### **BOOKS**

1. **Purpose Driven Life**; by Rick Warren; (pages 117-167)
- 2.

##### **CHURCH BIBLE STUDIES & PASTOR'S SERMONS**

1. **52 Bible Doctrines**; Discipleship Study by Dr. Louis Venable
  - a. Doctrine #35: "The Church: Her Members"
  - b. Doctrine #36: "The Church: Her Purpose and Commission"
  - c. Doctrine #37: "The Church: Her Service and Stewardship"
  - d. Doctrine #38: "The Church: Her Worship in Prayer and Thanksgiving"
  - e. Doctrine #39: "The Church: Her Organization and Ordinances"
  - e. Doctrine #40: "The Church: The Body and Bride of Christ and Her Reward"



### 13. I know and understand the Gospel.

Galatians 1:11-12 (NIV)

- 11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up.
- 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV)

- 1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
- 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
- 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

- 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.
- 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Romans 3:19-24 (NIV)

- 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
- 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.
- 21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
- 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,
- 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand..."

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

- 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)

- 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
- 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."
- 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
- 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Galatians 2:15-16 (NIV)

- 15 "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners'
- 16 know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 1:8-9 (NIV)

- 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!
- 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

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## **14. If Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, no one could go to heaven.**

Acts 2:32-38 (NIV)

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 1:1-4 (NIV)

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God--

2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures

3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David,

4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:10 (NIV)

9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NIV)

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

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## 15. I can explain the importance of baptism by immersion.

Matthew 3:13-16 (NIV)

- 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.
- 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"
- 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.
- 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water..."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

- 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 2:36-38 (NIV)

- 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:34-39 (NIV)

- 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"
- 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.
- 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"
- 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
- 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 16:29-33 (NIV)

- 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.
- 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."
- 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.
- 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Romans 6:1-5 (NIV)

- 1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
- 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
- 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
- 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Southern Baptist Faith & Message Article VII: "Baptism and the Lord's Supper"

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

*Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.*

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

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## **16. I believe that it is biblically wrong for a man to have sex with a man and for a woman to have sex with a woman.**

Leviticus 18:22 “You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.”

Leviticus 20:13 “If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood-guiltiness is upon them.”

Matthew 5:17-19 “DO NOT THINK that I have come to ABOLISH THE LAW or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to FULFILL them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, NOT the least stroke of a pen, will by any means DISAPPEAR FROM THE LAW until everything has been accomplished.”

Romans 1:22-27 (NIV)

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Galatians 5:19-21 “The acts of the SINFUL NATURE are obvious: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, impurity, and debauchery...I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will NOT INHERIT the kingdom of God.”

Ephesians 5:3 “But among you there must NOT BE EVEN A HINT of sexual immorality, or of any kind go impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s HOLY PEOPLE.”

1Corinthians 6:9-10 “Do you not know that the WICKED will NOT INHERIT the kingdom of God? DO NOT BE DECEIVED: Neither the SEXUALLY IMMORAL nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor HOMOSEXUAL OFFENDERS...will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you WERE. But you were WASHED, you were SANCTIFIED, you were JUSTIFIED in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

Revelation 21:8 “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the VILE, the murderers, the SEXUALLY IMMORAL, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters, and all liars—their place will BE IN THE LAKE OF BURNING SULFUR. This is the second death.”

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**\*17. I know the various ways that God answers my prayers when I pray.**

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Luke 18:1 (NIV)

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

John 15:7 (NIV)

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Romans 12:12 (NIV)

12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

16 Be joyful always;

17 pray continually;

18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:8 (NIV)

8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

James 1:5-8 (NIV)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

James 5:13-16 (NIV)

13 Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Prayer and the Silence of God;** by Mart De Haan.
2. **When God?;** by Andy Stanley
3. **Prayer with Jesus;** by James Banks

**BOOKS**

1. **The Essentials of Prayer;** by E.M. Bounds
2. **The Necessity of Prayer;** by E.M. Bounds
3. **Power Through Prayer;** by E.M. Bounds

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## **18. I am absolutely certain that I will go to heaven when I die.**

Galatians 1:11-12 (NIV)

- 11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up.
- 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV)

- 1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
- 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
- 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

- 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.
- 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

- 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (NIV)

- 1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
- 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
- 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.
- 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- 5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

- 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,
- 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Philippians 1:21-24 (NIV)

- 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!
- 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
- 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

John 14:1-3 (NIV)

- 1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

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## 19. I understand what it means for a Christian to be filled with the Spirit.

John 14:21 (NIV)

21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

John 14:23 (NIV)

23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

Romans 6:11-14 (NIV)

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 8:9 (NIV)

9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 5:17-18 (NIV)

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV)

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

Galatians 5:22-24 (NIV)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

### OTHER RESOURCES:

#### RIGHTNOW MEDIA

1. **The Secret Church #5 – Exploring the Holy Spirit;** by David Platt

2. **The Holy Who?;** by Brady Boyd

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3. **What Will Jesus Do?;** by Pete Briscoe

4. **The Essential Bible Truth Treasury;** by Richard Bewes

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## 20. I believe that Jesus Christ will physically return to earth one day.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 “The days are coming”, declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.”

Isaiah 9:6-7 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

Zechariah 12:10-11 (NIV)

10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

11 On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah 14:1-4 (NIV)

1 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Matt 19:28-30 “Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.’”

Matthew 24:27-30 (NIV)

27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

13 while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Advent;** by Matt Chandler
2. **Until Christ Returns;** by Michael Youssef
3. **The Last Days According to Jesus;** by R.C. Sproul
4. **The Essential Bible Truth Treasury;** by Richard Bewes

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## **21. I believe that the Bible teaches a marriage should only be ended in cases of sexual infidelity and abuse.**

Matthew 5:31-32 (NIV)

31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'

32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 (NIV)

3 Some Pharisees came to him to test Jesus. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'

5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

7 "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

8 Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.

9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Mark 10:2-12 (NIV)

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

3 "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

5 "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied.

6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'

7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,

8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

11 He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.

12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NIV)

10 To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband.

11 But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:12-16 (NIV)

12 To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her.

13 And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him.

14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

15 But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace.

16 How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Divorce;** by Henry Cloud
2. **Happily Ever After;** by James Merritt
3. **The Secret Church #11 – The Family, Marriage, Sex, and the Gospel;** by David Platt
4. **Marriage Built to Last;** by Chip Ingram

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## **22. I know my spiritual gifts that were given to me by God after I was saved.**

Romans 12:4-8 (NIV)

- 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
- 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
- 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.
- 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;
- 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NIV)

- 1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.
- 3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
- 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
- 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
- 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,
- 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,
- 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.
- 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 14:12 (NIV)

- 12 So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

Ephesians 4:8-13 (NIV)

- 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."
- 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?)
- 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)
- 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
- 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
- 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

- 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
- 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

#### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Who? Me? Gifted?;** by Michael Youssef
2. **The Holy Who;** by Brady Boyd
3. **The Secret Church #5 – Exploring the Holy Spirit;** by David Platt
4. **Basic Series: Who Is God? (3) The Holy Spirit;** by Francis Chan

#### **BOOKS**

1. **Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts (Life Principles Study Series);** by Charles Stanley

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**23. When I read something in the Bible that I do not understand, I know what are the appropriate resources to use (and how to use them) so that I can get the truth out of what I am reading.**

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (NIV)

12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **How To Read The Bible;** by Tim Mackie.
2. **Secret Church #3: How To Study The Bible;** by David Platt
3. **Rooted In The Word – A Tool For Studying The Bible;** by Creative Ministries
4. **How To Read The Bible;** by Michael DeFazio

**BOOKS**

1. **How To Study The Bible For Yourself;** by Dr. Tim LaHaye
2. **Understanding and Applying the Bible;** by J. Robertson McQuilkin
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**24. I believe God determines if a person is to be male or female and a person should remain the same gender to which they were born.**

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Deuteronomy 22:5 (NIV)

5 A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Grace/Truth;** by Preston Sprinkle.
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## **25. I believe faithful Christians will not have trials and tribulations while on earth.**

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

23 Then Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

John 16:33 (NIV)

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Philippians 1:29-30 (NIV)

29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,

30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-4 (NIV)

2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,

3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them.

4 In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-7 (NIV)

3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you

7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

#### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

1. **Suffering and the Sovereignty of God;** by R.C. Sproul, Jr.
2. **Secret Church #12: The Cross and Suffering;** by David Platt
3. **What Jesus Said About Suffering;** by Mart De Haan
4. **If God is God, Then Why Do Bad Things Happen?;** by O.S. Guinness
5. **Is There Meaning in Evil and Suffering;** by Ravi Zacharias

**BOOKS**

1. **How to Let God Solve Your Problems;** by Charles Stanley
2. **Safe in the Shepherd's Arms;** by Max Lucado
3. **Looking Up When Life is Looking Down;** by Beth Moore

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