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For many years, God's people have used a collection of questions and answers to help them teach new believers the truths that are most important to them. This book will offer these important truths to a new generation of people who follow Jesus.

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PART ONE GOD AND MAN

Q.1 Who made you?

A. God made me.

Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:7; Acts 17:26

Q.2 What else did God make?

A. God made all things.

Genesis 1:31; Psalm 33:6-9; Colossians 1:16-17

Q.3 Why did God make you and all things?

A. God made me and all things for His own glory*.

Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Q.4 How can you give glory* to God?

A. I give glory* to God when I love Him and trust Him. And when I do what He tells me to do.

Matthew 5:16; John 14:21; 1 John 5:3

Q.5 Why should you give glory* to God?

A. Because He made me and takes care of me.

Psalm 145:9; 1 Peter 5:7; Revelation 4:11

Q.6 How many gods are there?

A. There is only one God.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5; Jeremiah 10:10

Q.7 In how many persons does this one God exist?

A. God exists in three persons.

Matthew 3:16-17; John 5:23; John 10:30; John 15:26

Q.8 Who are they?

A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*.

Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2

Q.9 What is God?

A. God is spirit*. He does not have a body like men.
John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:17

Q.10 Did God have a beginning?

A. No, God has always been and God will always be.
Exodus 3:14; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28

Q.11 Does God change?

A. No, God is always the same.
Psalm 102:26-27; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8

Q.12 Where is God?

A. God is everywhere.
Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 17:27-28

Q.13 Can you see God?

A. No, I cannot see God, but He always sees me.
Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 5:21; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17

Q.14 Does God know all things?

A. Yes, God knows all things. I cannot hide anything from God.
1 Samuel 2:3; Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13

Q.15 Can God do all things?

A. Yes, God can do every holy* thing that He desires.
Isaiah 46:9-10; Daniel 4:34-35; Ephesians 1:11

Q.16 Where do I learn how to know, to trust, to love and to obey God?

A. God has shown me how to know, to trust, to love and to obey Him in His word, the Bible.

Psalm 119:104-105; John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:15

Q.17 What does the Bible teach you?

A. The Bible teaches me the truth about God and His plan to rescue the world through Jesus Christ. And it teaches me the truth about myself.
Psalm 119:159-160; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Q.18 Who wrote the Bible?

A. Men who were guided and taught by the Holy Spirit*.
2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 3:15-16

Q.19 Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.
Genesis 3:20; Genesis 5:1-2

Q.20 How did God make our first parents?

A. God made the body of Adam out of the dust from the ground. God made Eve from the body of Adam.
Genesis 2:7; Genesis 2:21-23; Genesis 3:19; Psalm 103:14

Q.21 How were Adam and Eve different from everything else that God had made?

A. God made Adam and Eve in His own image.
Genesis 1:26-27

Q.22 How can we see God's image in Adam and Eve?

A. God gave them rule over His creation. They could understand what is true. They could love what is right. They could enjoy what is beautiful. They could do what pleases God. They could talk with God and each other.
Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:7-9; Psalm 147:10-11; Philippians 4:8

Q.23 What did God give Adam and Eve other than bodies?

A. God gave them souls* that will never die.
Genesis 2:7; Deuteronomy 6:5; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Matthew 16:26

Q.24 Do you have a soul* as well as a body?

A. Yes, I have a soul* that will never die.

Zechariah 12:1; Acts 7:59; 2 Corinthians 5:8

Q.25 What were Adam and Eve like when God made them?

A. God made them holy* and happy. They lived with God in the garden He made for them.

Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 2:25; Psalm 8:4-8

Q.26 What did God require of Adam and Eve?

A. God required them to trust Him and obey Him completely.

Genesis 2:15-17; Psalm 8:4-8

PART TWO SIN AND LAW

Q.27 Did Adam and Eve obey God and remain holy* and happy?

A. No, they did not obey. They chose to sin against God.

Genesis 3:6-8

Q.28 What is sin*?

A. Sin is when we do not do what God tell us to do. And when we do what God forbids.

Romans 1:32; James 2:10-11; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4

Q.29 What does every sin* deserve?

A. Every sin* deserves the anger and punishment of God.

Deuteronomy 27:26; Romans 1:18; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 5:6

Q.30 What was the sin* of our first parents?

A. They ate the fruit that God told them not to eat.

Genesis 2:16-17; Genesis 3:6

Q.31 Who tempted them to sin*?

A. The Devil* tempted Eve and she gave the fruit to Adam.

Genesis 3:1-5; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9

Q.32 What happened to the world when our first parents sinned?

A. God spoke a curse upon the ground. And death came into the world, just as God had warned* them.

Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:16-17

Q.33 What happened to our first parents when they sinned?

A. God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden. They were no longer holy* and happy. Instead, they were sinful* - guilty, ashamed and afraid.
Genesis 3:8-13; 16-19; 23

Q.34 Because Adam sinned, what happened to everyone who lived after him?

A. Every person who was born after Adam and Eve was born sinful*.
Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Q.35 Did God leave the world under a curse? Did He leave people in their sin?

A. No, God chose to rescue them. God promised to send a Saviour*.
Matthew 1:21; John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:14

Q.36 What is a covenant*?

A. A covenant is a serious promise between two or more persons.

Q.37 What covenants did God make with the people of Israel*?

A. God promised to make Abraham's family into a great nation. He promised to bless all the nations through Abraham.

God gave Moses the law. He promised to be with Moses and to bless Israel if they obeyed Him and followed the laws He gave them.

God promised David that one of his sons would become a great king and rule forever.

God promised that one day He would make a new covenant. He promised to forgive people's sins and to change people's hearts.

Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15; Exodus 24:3-7; 2 Samuel 7:16;
Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Ten Commands

Q.38 What are the ten commands?

A. The ten commands are the words God gave Moses for the people of Israel*. God himself wrote the ten commands on two stone tablets.

Exodus 31:18; Deuteronomy 9:10

Q.39 What are those commands?

A. Do not put any other gods ahead of Me.

Do not make for yourself an idol* nor worship* it.

Do not use the name of the Lord* your God in a wrong way.

Remember to keep the Sabbath* day holy.

Give honour* to your father and mother.

Do not murder anyone.

Do not commit adultery*.

Do not steal.

Do not tell lies against your neighbour.

Do not desire anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Exodus 20:1-17

Q.40 What is the first command?

A. The first command is: Do not put any other gods ahead of me.

Exodus 20:3; Isaiah 45:5-6

Q.41 What does the first command teach?

A. The first command teaches us to worship* God only.

Psalms 44:20-21; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 22:8-9

Q.42 What is the second command?

A. The second command is: Do not make for yourself an idol* nor worship* it.

Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 5:8-10

Q.43 What does the second command teach?

A. The second command teaches me not to worship idols* or images.

Isaiah 44:10-11; Isaiah 46:5-9; Acts 17:29

Q.44 What is the third command?

A. The third command is: Do not use the name of the Lord* your God in a wrong way.

Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11

Q.45 What does the third command teach?

A. The third command teaches us that we should not use God's name in a way that does not honour* Him.

Isaiah 8:13; Psalm 138:2; Revelation 15:3-4

Q.46 What is the fourth command?

A. The fourth command is: Remember to keep the Sabbath* day holy.

Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Q.47 What does the fourth command teach?

A. The fourth command teaches us to honour* God in our rest, in our work and in our worship.

Exodus 16:23; Isaiah 58:13-14

Q.48 What is the fifth command?

A. The fifth command is: Give honour* to your father and your mother.

Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16

Q.49 What does the fifth command teach?

A. The fifth command teaches us to love and to obey our parents.

Proverbs 1:8; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20

Q.50 What is the sixth command?

A. The sixth command is: Do not murder anyone.

Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17

Q.51 What does the sixth command teach?

A. The sixth command teaches us not to hate other people or take away someone's life.

Genesis 9:6; Matthew 5:21-22; 1 John 3:15

Q.52 What is the seventh command?

A. The seventh command is: Do not commit adultery*.
Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18

Q.53 What does the seventh command teach?

A. The seventh command teaches us that we must not have sex with someone who is not our husband or wife.
Matthew 5:27-28; Ephesians 5:3-4

Q.54 What is the eighth command?

A. The eighth command is: Do not steal.
Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19

Q.55 What does the eighth command teach?

A. The eighth command teaches us that we must not take things that belong to other people.
Exodus 23:4; Proverbs 21:6-7; Ephesians 4:28

Q.56 What is the ninth command?

A. The ninth command is: Do not tell lies against your neighbour.
Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20

Q.57 What does the ninth command teach?

A. The ninth command teaches us to be honest and to tell the truth.
Psalm 15:1-3; Proverbs 12:17; 1 Corinthians 13:6

Q.58 What is the tenth command?

A. The tenth command is: Do not desire anything that belongs to your neighbour.
Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21

Q.59 What does the tenth command teach?

A. The tenth command teaches us to be content* with what we have.
Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6; Hebrews 13:5

Q.60 Did the Jewish people obey the laws that God gave to Moses?

A. No. They broke God's law and God punished them, as he had warned them.

Deuteronomy 9:12, Ezekiel 39:23

Q.61 Can any person keep God's commands in every way?

A. Adam disobeyed God. Since that time, no mere man has been able to keep God's commands in every way.

Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; James 2:10

Q.62 What do the ten commands show us?

A. The ten commands teach us that God is holy and good. They teach us how to show love for God and for our neighbor. They show us that we are sinful* and do not obey God. They show us that we need a Saviour*.

Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Timothy 1:8-9; Romans 3:20; 5:13; 7:7-11;
Galatians 3:19-24

PART THREE
CHRIST AND SALVATION*

Q.63 Who is the Saviour*?

A. The only Saviour* of sinners* is the Lord* Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:11; Acts 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 1:15

Q.64 Who is Jesus Christ?

A. Jesus Christ is the eternal* Son of God.

John 1:1,14,18; John 3:16,18; Galatians 4:4; Colossians 1:15-18;

Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 5:20

Q.65 Why did God send His Son into the world?

A. God sent His Son into the world because He loved us. He sent His Son because He is a God of mercy and grace*.

Psalm 103:8-11; John 3:16-17; Romans 5:7-8; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 4:9-10

Q.66 Was Jesus Christ both God and man?

A. Yes, Jesus was fully God and He was fully man.

John 1:1-3, 14; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 2:14-18

Q.67 What work did Jesus the Saviour* do?

A. He obeyed God in every way and He took the punishment for sinful* people.

Romans 8:3-4; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 9:14-15

Q.68 Why did Jesus die?

A. Jesus put away God's anger by dying in the place of sinful* people.

Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 3:13

Q.69 How could the eternal* Son of God suffer in the place of sinful* people?

A. Jesus, the Son of God, became a man.

John 1:14; Galatians 4:4,5; Colossians 2:9

Q.70 How did the Son of God become a man?

A. He was conceived* by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin* Mary.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-21

Q.71 What kind of life did Jesus Christ live on earth?

A. A simple, honourable* and humble life.

Matthew 8:20; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 2 Corinthians 10:1

Q.72 Did the Lord* Jesus Christ ever sin*?

A. No, He was holy and pure.

John 8:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:21-23

Q.73 What kind of death did Jesus Christ die?

A. Christ died on a cross*.

Luke 23:33; Galatians 3:13; Philippians 2:8

Q.74 Did Christ remain in the grave after He died?

A. No, Christ rose from death on the third day.

Matthew 28:5-7; Luke 24:5-8; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4

Q.75 Whom will God rescue from the result of their sin*?

A. God will rescue those who repent* of sin*. And who believe on the Lord* Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:14,15; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21

Q.76 What does it mean to repent*?

A. To repent* is to be sorry for my sin*. And to turn from my sin* because it offends God.

Luke 19:8-10; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Q.77 What does it mean to believe or to have faith* in Christ?

A. To have faith* in Christ is to believe in Jesus. We trust* only in Him to save* us.

John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12

Q.78 Can you repent* and believe in Christ by your own power?

A. No, I must have the help of the Holy Spirit*.

Jeremiah 13:23; John 3:5-6; John 6:44; 1 Corinthians 2:14

Q.79 Where do people hear the truth about Christ?

A. In the Gospel*, the good news that offers a Saviour* to all people.

Mark 1:1; Acts 15:7; Romans 1:16-17

Q.80 What now has Jesus our Saviour* become to us?

A. Jesus Christ has become our Prophet*, our Priest and our King.

Matthew 13:57; John 18:37; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 5:5-6; Revelation 1:5

Q.81 How is Jesus Christ a Prophet*?

A. Because He shows us who God is. And teaches us how to please Him.

Deuteronomy 18:18; John 1:18; John 4:25-26; Acts 3:22; 1 John 5:20

Q.82 Why do we need Christ as a Prophet*?

A. Because we cannot know God without Him.

Matthew 11:25-27; John 17:25-26; 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Q.83 How is Jesus Christ a Priest?

A. He died in our place and He speaks to God for us.

Psalms 110:4; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:24-25; 1 John 2:1-2

Q.84 Why do we need Christ as a Priest?

A. Because our sin has made us guilty and ashamed.

Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:10-12; Romans 3:23; James 2:10

Q.85 How is Jesus Christ a King?

A. He rules over us and He defends us.

Psalm 2:6-9; Ephesians 1:19-23; Revelation 15:3-4

Q.86 Why do we need Christ as a King?

A. Because we are weak and afraid.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11-13;

Hebrews 13:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:12

Q.87 What blessings* do we receive when we believe in Jesus Christ?

A. God forgives* us and He declares us to be righteous*.

God receives us into His family as His own dear children.

God makes us holy* in heart* and in behaviour.

God makes us perfect in body and soul* at the resurrection*.

Romans 5:18; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 1:5; Hebrews 10:10-14;

1 John 3:2

Q.88 Does God give me these blessings* because I have earned them by my good behaviour?

A. No, God gives me these blessings* because of His grace*. I do not deserve them and I cannot earn them.

Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7

Q.89 Will God ever remove His blessings* from those who truly repent* and believe?

A. No, Jesus will never leave those who trust* Him to save* them.

John 10:27-30; Romans 8:38-39; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:3-5

Q.90 What is the grace* of God?

A. The grace* of God is His love and goodness to us when we do not deserve it.

Exodus 34:6; Ephesians 1:7-8; 2 Corinthians 8:9

PART FOUR

THE SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

Q.91 What does God desire for all who trust in Jesus as Saviour?

A. He wants them to be holy in heart* and in behaviour. He wants them to be like Jesus.

Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:15; 2 Corinthians 7:1

Q.92 How does God make us holy* in heart* and in behavior?

A. God gives us a new heart*. And He gives us the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 36:26; Romans 8:1-14; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 1:13

Q.93 Who is the Holy Spirit*?

A. The Holy Spirit* is God. God the Father and God the Son sent the Holy Spirit*.

Matthew 28:19; John 14:26, John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Q.94 What now has the Holy Spirit become to us?

A. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, the Companion, and the Guide to all who trust in Jesus.

John 16:7-8,12-15; Romans 8:14-16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:14

Q.95 How may I know the Holy Spirit is making me holy*?

A. I will grow to be more like my Saviour, Jesus Christ. I will see the fruit of the Spirit in my heart* and in my behavior.

Colossians 1:9-12; Ephesians 3:16

Q.96 What is the fruit of the Spirit?

A. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

Q.97 Will you always prosper* if you follow Jesus?

A. No. I may sometimes have troubles. I may sometimes suffer or be hated just as Jesus was.

John 15:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:12; Romans 8:23-25; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13

Q.98 How does God help you in times of trouble?

A. He gives me the Spirit to comfort me. He gives me the church to care for me. He gives me His promise to work in all things for my good and for His glory.

Romans 5:3-5; Romans 8:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 1 Peter 5:10

Q.99 What is the universal Church*?

A. The universal Church* is made up of all of God's redeemed* people. The Church* is the family of God the Father. It is the body of Christ the Son. It is the place where the Holy* Spirit* lives.

1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 3:14-15; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:24; Hebrews 2:11

Q.100 What is the local church*?

A. The local church* is a group of people that trust in Jesus Christ and obey His teachings. They worship God together. They hear and learn the scriptures together. They care for each other and are cared for. They pray and work together to see God's kingdom* grow. They baptize believers and eat the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 8:36-39; Acts 14:23; Romans 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Titus 1:5

Q.101 Should you be a part of a local church?

A. Yes. The local church is the community that helps me grow and stay strong in my faith. It is where I learn to obey Jesus' new command.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Q.102 What is the new command that Jesus gave to the church?

A. Jesus said, "Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you."

John 13:34

Q.103 How may we show this love for one another?

A. We show this love when we are kind to each other, pray for each other, and forgive each other. We show this love when we honour* each other, help each other, and encourage each other. We show this love when we speak the truth to each other and put each other's needs before our own.

Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:9,13; 1 Thessalonians 4:18; James 5:16

Q.104 What is Baptism*?

A. In baptism* a church* leader puts a person under water for a moment. Then the person is brought up out of the water. They do this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*.

Matthew 3:6,16; Mark 1:5; Acts 8:12

Q.105 Who can be baptized*?

A. Baptism* is for everyone who repents* of their sins*. It is for all those who believe in Christ for salvation*.

Acts 2:38,39; Acts 8:36-37; Acts 16:30-33

Q.106 What does baptism* mean?

A. Baptism* is a sign of the believer's* unity with Christ when He died, was buried and was raised from the dead. It says that I am part of His church.

Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12

Q.107 How do Christians remind each other about Jesus' death for them?

A. We share in the Lord's supper together.

Mark 14:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Q.108 What is the Lord's* Supper?

A. At the Lord's* Supper we eat bread and drink the cup. We do this to remember the death of Jesus Christ.

Mark 14:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Q.109 What does the bread mean?

A. The broken bread speaks about the broken body of Christ. He died once because of our sins*.

Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:24

Q.110 What does the cup mean?

A. The cup speaks about the blood of Christ. He bled once for our salvation*.

Matthew 26:27-28; 1 Corinthians 11:25

Q.111 Who should eat the Lord's* Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is for everyone who repents* of their sins*. It is for all those who believe in Christ for salvation*.

1 Corinthians 10:16,17; 1 Corinthians 11:18-29

Q.112 Who gave baptism* and the Lord's* Supper to the church*?

A. The Lord *Jesus Christ.

Matthew 26:26-29; Matthew 28:18-20

Q.113 Why did Jesus Christ give baptism* and the Lord's* Supper to the church*?

A. Jesus Christ gave these to show that His people belong to Him. These acts remind us of what Jesus has done for us.

Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Q.114 What was Christ's last command on earth to His Church*?

A. "All authority in heaven* and on earth has been given to me. So go and make disciples* of all nations. Baptize* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. Teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

Matthew 28:18-20

Q.115 What is the Lord's* Day?

A. The Lord's* Day is the first day of the week. The early Christians gathered to worship* on that day.

Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10

Q.116 Why is it called the Lord's* Day?

A. Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.

Matthew 28:1-6; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1

Q.117 How may we best spend the Lord's* day?

A. We best spend the Lord's* Day when we gather with God's people to worship* Him and encourage* each other in our faith.

Psalms 27:4; Romans 12:9-13; Colossians 3:16

PART FIVE
PRAYER AND HOPE

Q.118 What is prayer?

A. Prayer is when we talk to God. We thank Him for His goodness. We confess our sin*. We ask for things that please Him.

Matthew 6:6; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14

Q.119 In whose name should we pray?

A. We should pray in the name of Jesus.

John 14:13-14; John 16:23

Q.120 When and where should we pray?

A. We can pray to God anywhere, anytime.

Matthew 6:6; Ephesians 6:18; Acts 21:5; Colossians 4:2

Q.121 What did Jesus give us in order to teach us to pray?

A. Jesus gave us the Lord's* Prayer.

Matthew 6:9-15; Luke 11:2-4

Q.122 What is the Lord's* Prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven*,
May we give honour* to your name.
May your Kingdom* come.
May what you want to happen be done,
On earth as it is in heaven*.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive* us our sins*,
Just as we also have forgiven*
Those who sin* against us.
Help us not to sin* when we are tempted.
Protect us from the evil* one.
Matthew 6:9-13

Q.123 How many requests are in the Lord's* Prayer?

A. There are six requests.

Q.124 What is the first request?

A. "May we give honour* to your name."
Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2

Q.125 What do we pray for in the first request?

A. We pray that all people will praise God's name.
Psalm 8:1-2; Psalm 72:18-19; Psalm 113:1-3

Q.126 What is the second request?

A. "May your Kingdom* come."
Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2

Q.127 What do we pray for in the second request?

A. We pray that all people in the world will hear and believe the good news. We pray that they will obey Jesus as Lord*.
John 17:20-21; Acts 8:12; Acts 28:30-31; Revelation 11:15

Q.128 What is the third request?

A. "May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is in heaven*."
Matthew 6:10

Q.129 What do we pray for in the third request?

A. We pray that people on earth will do as God desires in every way, just like the angels* do in heaven*.
Psalm 103:19-22; Psalm 143:10

Q.130 What is the fourth request?

A. "Give us today our daily bread."
Matthew 6:11; Luke 11:3

Q.131 What do we pray for in the fourth request?

A. We pray that God will give us all things that we need for our bodies.
Psalm 145:15-16; Proverbs 30:8-9; Matthew 6:31-33

Q.132 What is the fifth request?

A. "Forgive* us our sins*, just as we also have forgiven* those who sin* against us."
Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4

Q.133 What do we pray for in the fifth request?

A. We pray that God will forgive*our sins*. And we pray that God will help us to forgive* those who have hurt us.
Psalm 51:2-3; Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:32

Q.134 What is the sixth request?

A. Help us not to sin* when we are tempted. Protect us from the evil* one.
Matthew 6:13; Luke 11:4

Q.135 What do we pray for in the sixth request?

A. We pray that God will keep us from sin*. And protect us from evil*.
Psalm 119:11; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18

Q.136 What does prayer teach us?

A. Prayer teaches us that we must trust* God completely for His help.
Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; Hebrews 4:16

Q.137 Where is Christ now?

A. Christ is now in heaven*, at the right side of God the Father.
Mark 16:19; Acts 5:31; Romans 8:34

Q.138 Will Christ come to this earth again?

A. Yes, He will come to be the judge of all the people in the world at the last day. And He will save those who are waiting for him.
Matthew 25:31-32; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 9:28

Q.139 What happens to the righteous* at death?

A. The bodies of the righteous* return to the dust. Their souls* go to be with the Lord*.
Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:8

Q.140 What happens to wicked people at death?

A. The bodies of the wicked return to dust. Their souls* suffer punishment. God keeps them for the day He comes to judge.
Luke 16:23-24; John 5:28-29; 2 Peter 2:9

Q.141 Will the dead be raised to life again?

A. Yes, all the dead shall be raised when Christ comes again.
Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:14-15

Q.142 What will happen to the wicked people in the day Christ comes to judge?

A. God will punish them in hell* with a destruction that never ends. They will be cast out from God's presence for ever.

Matthew 25:41,46; Mark 9:47,48; Luke 12:5; Luke 16:23-26;
2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:12-15

Q.143 What will happen to the righteous* people?

A. The righteous* people will live happily with God. They will live forever in a new heaven* and a new earth.

Isaiah 66:22-23; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:2-4

Q.144 What will the new heaven* and the new earth be like?

A. In the new heaven and the new earth we will be with God. We will never sin. We will never die. There will be no more curse. There will be no more sadness and no more pain. We will never be guilty, afraid or ashamed. We will know the joy that comes from God.

Hebrews 12:22-23; Jude 24; Revelation 21:1-5; Revelation 22:1-4.

The following catechisms were useful in preparing this one:

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

The Heidelberg Catechism

A Small Catechism by Martin Luther

The Geneva Catechism by John Calvin

Catechism for Young People, published by Hayes Town Chapel Evangelical Church, Middlesex, England

Catechism for Young Children, published by Reformed Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Catechism for Young Children with Cartoons, published by Vic Lockman, Ramona, California

Spurgeon's Catechism, published by Word of Truth Publishing, Canton, Georgia

The Shorter Catechism: A Baptist Version, published by Simpson Publishing Company, Boonton, New Jersey

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WORD LIST

Word	Explanation
Adoption	Adoption is the legal act that brings a person into one's family. That person is now brought up as one's own child. Before, we were strangers to God and God's enemies. But now God has called us His own dear children.
Adultery	Adultery means to have sex with someone who is not your own wife or husband.
Angel	An angel is a servant from God to bring His messages. An angel is a spirit*. An angel says good things about God. An angel does what God wants. An angel does good for people who are in God's family. A bad angel is working for the Devil*.
Baptism/Baptize	A church* leader puts a person under water for a moment. Then the person is brought up out of the water. In this way we show that Christ has made us clean. We also show to everyone that we are part of the church*. When we are baptized it reminds us of Jesus who died. Men placed Him in a grave. But He rose from death.
Believer	A believer is a person who knows and trusts Christ.
Blessings	Blessings are the good things that God does for us. When we ask God to bless us, we ask Him to help us and do good in us.
Conceive	The moment of making a baby when a new life begins in a woman's body.
Content	To be content is to be happy with what we have. To know that what we have is enough.
Church	The church is a group of people that follow and believe all about Jesus Christ. They meet together. They baptize* believers*. They eat the Lord's Supper. They obey the teaching of Christ.

Cross	A cross is two pieces of wood fixed together. When Jesus lived, people fixed criminals to a cross in order to kill them. Jesus died on a cross.
Curse	A powerful word that can bring harm or punishment on someone or something.
Devil	Devil is another name for Satan*. Satan* is the worst of the bad angels* [see angel].
Disciple	A disciple is a person who follows another person and learns from him. A person who believes in Jesus. A person who follows what Jesus teaches.
Eternal	Things that have always been or will always continue to be are eternal. A thing that has no beginning or ending.
Faith	Faith means to believe in someone or something. To trust* and believe in God. To know that God is real, even when we cannot see Him.
Forgive	To forgive is to show love and not to remember bad things against someone. When God forgives us, He does not hold the wrong things we do against us.
Glory	God's glory is everything that makes God beautiful and great, like a great king.
Grace	Grace is a gift of God that we should not get because of the bad things we have done. Grace is what God gives because He is so kind to us. The forgiveness* and help that comes from God.
Heart	The heart is the most important part of a person. The part of a person that feels and thinks and decides things.
Heaven	Heaven is the place where God and Christ are. God lives and rules there. Heaven is the place where people who really know God and Jesus will go after they die. The place where people will always be happy and have no troubles. The new heaven and the new earth is the future home of the people who know God.

Hell	Hell is a place where God has separated wicked people from Himself. Hell is the place of punishment for wicked people after death.
Holy	To be holy is to be set apart for God. To be like God is. To be godly. When we are holy we are without sin. We are clean before God.
Holy Spirit	God's Spirit [see spirit] whom Jesus sent to help people. The Holy Spirit is another name for God. Also called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit that helps us. The Holy Spirit is a person, but is not human as we are. He is God, equal with God the Father and with God the Son [see also Trinity]. He does the work of God among the people in the world. Nobody sees the Holy Spirit but He lives with and in those that know Jesus.
Honour	To honour someone is to speak well of a person. To act well toward a person because you respect and value them.
Honourable	To act well. To live in a way that shows respect for God and for people. To be a person who does good and right things.
Idol	An idol is a thing made of wood, stone or metal to which people pray. They should worship* God. An idol is a picture of a person or a thing one loves instead of God. An idol is a false god. Something that somebody loves more than God.
Israel	The land where the Jewish people lived. The people of Israel is another name for the Jewish people. They are the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
Jew	A Jew is a person that is born from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and their children. A person that has the faith* of the Jews.
Kingdom	A kingdom is where a king rules. A land where a king rules. The kingdom of God is where God rules.
Law	Rules that a ruler makes to tell people how to live. The rules God gave Moses for the people of Israel.

Lord	Lord is the name for God in the Bible. It means that He is above all other things and ruler of all things. A name that we use for Jesus when we obey Him.
Prophet	A prophet was one who was able to tell to other people what God wanted. Prophets spoke for God a long time ago. Someone who told things that would happen in the future.
Prosper	To prosper is to enjoy good things. To prosper is to be in good health or be rich. We prosper when people speak well of us. When prosper when we enjoy the kindness of other people.
Redeem	To buy something back after it has been lost or taken. To pay a price to make something your own.
Repent	To repent is to turn from sin*. To do what God wants us to do. To decide not to do the bad things you did in the past.
Respect	Respect means to treat someone as if they are very valuable.
Resurrection	Resurrection means to be raised from death. To come alive again.
Righteous	To be righteous means to be right with God. The righteous are the people who are right with God. When God makes a person right with Him, He sees that person as clean. A righteous person is God's friend and not His enemy.
Sabbath	The Sabbath was the day when God rested from His work of creation. The Sabbath was a day when God told the Jews* not to work. It was a special day when they rested and worshipped God.
Save/Salvation	Salvation is when God rescues us from the results and power of sin*. To be saved or rescued from bad things.
Satan	Satan is another name for Devil*. Satan* is the worst of the bad angels* [see angel].
Saviour	Jesus Christ is the Saviour. Someone who brings us back to God and rescues us from being punished for the bad things we have done.

Sin/ Sinful	Sin is the wrong things that people do against God or against other people. When we do not follow the rules that God made, we sin. When we do not do what God wants us to do, we sin. All people are sinful because they do things against God or other people. All people are sinful because they were born with bad desires.
Soul	The soul is the part of a person that we cannot see that is in us during our life, and lives after we die. God gave a soul to Adam and Eve when He breathed life into them. The soul of a person is sometimes called the person's spirit* [see spirit].
Spirit	A spirit is a being that does not have a body and no one can see it. God is spirit. God made other spirit beings (angels*) that we cannot see, who can be good or bad. The soul* of a person is sometimes called the person's spirit [see soul].
Trinity	Trinity is the word we use to speak of the One God that is three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit*.
Trust	To trust is to follow something or somebody you think is true. To have faith* and act with faith* [see faith].
Virgin	A virgin is a person who has not had sex.
Worship	To worship is to show God that He is great and that we love Him very much. To worship is to give honour* [see honour] and thanks to God. What we should do when we are with God.