

Following Jesus

The Godhead - Understanding God in 3 distinct Persons

1. Do you believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit?

The Father is God: Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is God the Son: John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God**, and the Word was God. 1Jo 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the **Son of God** hath not life.

God the Holy Spirit: Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Acts 5:4 ... thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Baptized in the 3 fold Name of God : Mt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**:

Receiving Salvation

2. Do you accept the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of men, and believe that through faith in His shed blood men are saved from sin and its penalty?

Renouncing the world and its sinful ways, have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and do you believe that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven your sins and given you a new heart?

Accept you are a Sinner doomed to Die: Ro 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ Died for our Sins: 1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him **should not perish, but have everlasting life**.

Believe in Jesus: Ac 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Confess Jesus Christ: Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**.

Call in the Name of the Lord: Ro 10:13 **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**.

Saved by Faith not by Works: Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**

Claim your Forgiveness: 1Jo 1:9 If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jo 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because **your sins are forgiven** you for his name's sake. 1Jo 5:12 He that **hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

Saved From – Eternal Death Penalty – Condemnation – Power & Presence of Sin

Saved from Wrath=Judgment = Penalty: Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Saved from being Condemned: Ro 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Joh 3:17 **For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;** but that the world through him might be saved.

Saved from eternal Death: Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saved from this Earth/Death/Presence of sin: Isa 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Saved from Sin: Mt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: **for he shall save his people from their sins.**

Do You Want to Be Saved and Go to heaven?

Christ our Understanding High Priest

4. Do you accept by faith the righteousness of Christ, recognizing Him as your Intercessor in the heavenly sanctuary, and do you claim His promise to strengthen you by His indwelling Spirit, so that you may receive power to do His will?

Christ our sympathetic High Priest: Heb 4:15 For we have not an **high priest** which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Christ the only Way to God: Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We are made Righteous (right) because of His Sacrifice: 2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

God Empowers us to do His Will: Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his good pleasure*.

He Saves to the uttermost: Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

The Bible God's Inspired Word

5. Do you believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, and that it constitutes the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian?

All of the Bible is inspired and good for Teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction:

2Ti 3:16 **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (Teaching), for reproof, (show where you are wrong), for correction (How to get right), for instruction in righteousness (How to stay Right):

The Holy Spirit Moved Holy men to write:

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the **will of man: but holy men of God** spake as they were moved by the **Holy Ghost**.

The Bible Testifies of Jesus: Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Bible Makes Wise to Salvation: 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee **wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus**.

Signs of the End of the World

6. Is the soon coming of Jesus the blessed hope in your heart, and are you determined to be personally ready to meet the Lord, and to do all in your power to witness to His loving salvation, and by life and word to help others to be ready for His glorious appearing?

Jesus predicted the signs of the end of the world:

Wars, Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilences: Mt 24:7. For **nation shall rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines**, and **pestilences**, and **earthquakes**, in divers places.

Persecution: Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

False Prophets: Mat. 24:11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Cold Hearted: Mat. 24:11. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of **many shall wax cold**.

Social Signs: 2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the **last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come**.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (morally weak), fierce (Harsh - inhuman), despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (hypocrisy)

Gospel Proclaimed World Wide: Mt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Second Coming of Jesus Christ – How He will Come.

Blessed Hope: Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious **appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

Righteous dead raised: 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Righteous Living Changed : 1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and **we shall be changed.**

Both Righteous living and Righteous resurrected ascend to Heaven:

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 **Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Wicked destroyed: 2 Thess. 2:8. then shall that wicked be revealed **who the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and the brightness of his coming.** Jer 25:33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Earth destroyed: Re 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places.** Re 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, **so mighty an earthquake**, and so great.

Re 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Concerning Death

Dead Know Nothing:

Ec 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the **dead know not any thing**, neither have they any more a **reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.**

The dead praise not the Lord. Ps. 115:17.

Ps 115:17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

The dead's thoughts perish. Ps 146:4.

Ps 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

The grave is the dead's house. Job 17:3.

Job 17:13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

David is in his grave till this day. Ac.2:29, 34.

Ac 2:29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is **both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.**

Ac 2:34 For **David is not ascended into the heavens:** but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

The dead don't visit their former home. Job 14:21.

Job 7:10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Death is described as sleep. Job 14;12; Ps. 13:3; Ps 76:6; Da 12:2; John 11:12,13; Ac. 13:36; 1Co. 15:51;

Job 7:21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I **sleep in the dust;** and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be*.

The Righteous Dead will rise at the sound of Christ's trumpet call. 1 Thess. 4:16.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

The Wicked will be raised at the resurrection of damnation.

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

The Ten Commandments – Our Obedience of Love

7. ***Do you accept the Ten Commandments as still binding upon Christians; and is it your purpose, by the power of the indwelling Christ, to keep this law, including the fourth commandment, which requires the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord?***

Joh 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

1Jo 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments.**

Ro 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Ro 8:4 That the **righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Sabbath in the New Testament.

Ac 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

Ac 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

Ac 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

Ac 16:13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

Ac 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Ac 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

Jesus kept the Sabbath: Lu 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. See Exodus 20:3-17

New Life by Baptism in Christ.

8. Do you accept the New Testament teaching of baptism by immersion and do you desire to be so baptized as a public expression of your faith in Christ and in the forgiveness of your sins?

Baptism represents the confession, repentance of our sins, and a resurrection into a new person into a new life.

It represents the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every true believer of Jesus will follow Jesus in being baptized. They will not delay in following Jesus and will surrender all to him through baptism.

1. He that Believes and is Baptized shall be saved:

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

2. One Must be Born Again to Enter Heaven:

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

3. Must be Born of the Water and the Spirit to Enter Heaven:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

4. Baptism Represents Deliverance from Egypt— a doomed a World.

1Corinthians 10:1-4.

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

5. You must make a Choice to Follow God:

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve;** whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood,

or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

6. Baptism Represents Deliverance from Sin

Romans 6:6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should not serve sin.**

7. Baptism Represents Repentance

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission (forgiveness) of sins.

8. Baptism represents turning to God and turning away from Sin.

Matthew 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

9. If we confess – He will Forgive and Cleanse us:

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10. Baptism is a Transfer from the Old life to the New Life.

Acts 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

Paul's Eyes were Opened:

17 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and **arose, and was baptized.**

11. Baptism represents the death and resurrection of Jesus:

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

12. We are not to Wait to be Baptized:

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

13. Baptism saves us – It demonstrates our faith:

1Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

- 14. How should We Be Baptized?**
 Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (immersion)

Note: The word baptism means immersion. It is to be submerged under the water entirely.

- 15. The Ethiopian Treasurer was immersed into the water:**

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
 37 And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**
 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

- 16. John the Baptist -baptized where there was much water:**
 John 3:23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

- 17. Jesus was Baptized by Immersion:**
 Matthew 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.
 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.
 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, **went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Note: Jesus was baptized. All true followers of Jesus must be baptized.

- 18. When you receive the Word, you are to be baptized:**
 Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

- 19. When you believe in the Kingdom of God you are to be baptized:**
 Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

- 20. Nothing should hinder you from being baptized:**
 Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said,

See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

21. Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

Acts 8: 37 And Philip said, If thou **believest with all thine heart**, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

22. Re-baptism is Biblical when we grow in greater light:

Acts 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto **John's baptism.**

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, **they were baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Note: There are times when Re-baptism is necessary. The disciples of John were already baptized by the great prophet, but once they learned more about a key – important doctrine of the Holy Spirit they were rebaptized in the Name of Jesus.

23. The one Believing and Baptized shall be saved:

Mark 16:16 He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Note: Those who believe will be baptized. They will want to be baptized. And because they believe they will be baptized. They Love God and Jesus and want to follow them into the kingdom.

24. Do you Believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God?

Do you desire to have all your sins washed away through baptism? Do you want to live a better life here? Do you want to be saved and go to heaven?

The Gift of Prophecy

9. *Do you accept the Biblical teaching of spiritual gifts, and do you believe that the gift of prophecy in the remnant church is one of the identifying marks of that church?*

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Vs.

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Re 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments** of God, and have the **testimony of Jesus Christ**.

Re 19:10 I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.

Prophets: Enoch, John the Baptist, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, etc.

Ex 15:20. Miriam. Jud 4:4. Deborah. Isa 8:3 Isaiah's wife. Lu 2:36 Anna. Ac 21:9 Philip's daughters

Ac 21:8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him. 9
And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

The Gift of Giving

10. *Do you believe in church organization, and is it your purpose to support the church by your tithes and offerings, your personal effort, and influence?*

Giving by tithes and Offerings: Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In **tithes and offerings**. Ge 28:22. and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give **the tenth** unto thee.

Giving by Witnessing: Ac 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Temple of the Holy Spirit

11. *Do you believe that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that you are to honor God by caring for your body, avoiding the use of that which is harmful, abstaining from all unclean foods, from the use, manufacture, or sale of alcoholic beverages, the use, manufacture, or sale of tobacco in any of its forms for human consumption, and from the misuse of, or trafficking in, narcotics or other drugs?*

Body Temple:

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

No Alcohol:

Pr 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Wine is the word for Juice:

So 8:2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced **wine** of the **juice of my pomegranate.**

No murder – no tobacco or drugs: Ex 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

No Unclean foods:

Le 11:7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. (See - Deuteronomy 15: Leviticus 11:)

No Shell Fish: (See - Deuteronomy 15: Leviticus 11:)

Christian Living

12. Knowing and understanding the fundamental Bible principles as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is it your purpose, by the grace of God, to order your life in harmony with these principles?

Purity in Dress: 1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in **modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

Purity in entertainment: Ps 101:3 I will set **no wicked thing before mine eyes:** I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it shall not cleave to me.*

Purity in deportment: Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should **live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**;

Purity In relationships : Ex 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from **fornication:**

Remnant – Last day Church

13. Do you believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy, and that people of every nation, race, and language are invited and accepted into its fellowship? Do you desire membership in this local congregation of the world church?

Faith in Jesus and Keeping the Commandments: Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Note: Many Churches Claim to believe in Christ but they refused to obey God in all of his Commandments. They refuse Sabbath.

Jews say they keep the Commandments but refuse Christ.

The True Church must have both.

Believe in Jesus Christ as the only way of Salvation and teach to obey Christ by keep his commandments.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. LOVE IS THE REASON WE KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's
commandments, and abide in his love.

Remnant – Last day movement: Re 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make
war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the **testimony of
Jesus Christ**.

Gift of Prophecy: Re 19:10 I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:
worship God: for the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.

Worldwide Church: Rev. 14:6 . And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the
everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to **every nation, and kindred, and
tongue, and people**,

Note: There is only One Church in the World that has all these Characteristics.

Believe in Jesus and Keeping the Commandments.

1. Last Day Movement.
2. Believe in Jesus Christ.
3. Keep his Commandments.
4. Has a Prophet in its Midst.
5. It is a World Wide Church.