

Study Guide Worksheet: Articles of Faith

Section 1: Understanding the Core Beliefs

****Directions:**** Read each article below and answer the corresponding questions. Use the Bible references to support your answers.

1. The One True God and the Trinity

“There is but One Living and True God, the Great Creator, and there are three persons in the Godhead: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.”

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-27; Matthew 28:19; I John 5:7

Q1: Who are the three persons in the Godhead?

Q2: How do the referenced scriptures affirm the belief in the Trinity?

2. The Inspired Word of God

“We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired Word of God.”

Scriptures: II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21

Q3: What does it mean for the Bible to be “inspired”?

Q4: How should this belief affect how we read and apply the Bible?

3. Justification by Faith

“We are justified when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ.”

Scriptures: Mark 1:15; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 5:1

Q5: Define the word “justified” in a biblical context.

Q6: What two actions are necessary for justification?

4. Sanctification: A Work of Grace

“Sanctification is a definite work of grace, after salvation.”

Scriptures: John 15:2; 17:16-17; Ephesians 5:25-27; I John 1:9

Q7: What is the difference between salvation and sanctification?

Q8: How do these scriptures show sanctification as a process?

5. Baptism of the Holy Ghost & Speaking in Tongues

Speaking in tongues is evidence of Holy Ghost baptism. It must come from the Spirit, not be taught by man.

Scriptures: Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6

Q9: What is the role of the Holy Spirit in speaking in tongues?

Q10: Why is it important that the utterance come from the Spirit?

6. Divine Healing

"We believe in divine healing, but do not condemn medical science."

Scriptures: Acts 3:2-12; 9:32-43; James 5:14

Q11: What balance does this article strike between faith and medicine?

Q12: How is healing connected to faith in Jesus?

7. Blessings Through the Atonement

"Every blessing, including healing, comes through the atonement."

Scriptures: Romans 5:11; James 1:16-17

Q13: What is the atonement, and why is it central to receiving God's blessings?

8. Gifts of the Spirit

"We believe in the operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit."

Scriptures: I Corinthians 12:1-12

Q14: List at least three of the nine gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12.

Q15: How should believers prepare themselves to be used in these gifts?

9. The Rapture & Second Coming

"We believe in the imminent rapture and Christ's personal, pre-millennial return."

Scriptures: Acts 1:10-11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:7

Q16: What does "imminent" mean in this context?

Q17: What hope does this belief offer to the church?

10. Eternal Redemption vs. “Once in Grace”

“Saints are redeemed eternally if they are faithful to the end. We reject ‘once in grace, always in grace’.”

Scriptures: Matthew 24:13; Revelation 2:10; I Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:4

Q18: What is required for eternal redemption?

Q19: Why is the doctrine of “once saved, always saved” rejected in these verses?

11. Eternal Punishment or Glory

“Those who die in Christ share His glory; those who die without Him face eternal punishment.”*

Scriptures: Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; John 5:29; Jude 7

Q20: What are the eternal destinies according to these scriptures?

Q21: How does this impact our urgency in sharing the Gospel?

12. The Bride of Christ

“The Bride is the entire spiritual Church.”

Scriptures: I Corinthians 12:25; II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 4:16; 5:23-33

Q22: What does it mean to be part of the Bride of Christ?

Q23: What kind of relationship does Christ have with His Bride?

13. Sacredness of Marriage

“Marriage is sacred between one man and one woman.”

Scriptures: Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31-33; Hebrews 13:4

Q24: How do these scriptures define God’s design for marriage?

Q25: Why is the covenant of marriage important?

14. Unity Among Ministers

Ministers must speak the same doctrine concerning our Articles of Faith.”*

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10

Q26: Why is doctrinal unity important in ministry leadership?

Q27:How can differences in interpretation be handled while maintaining unity?

 Reflection Questions:

1. Which article of faith do you personally find most challenging to understand or accept? Why?
2. How can you apply one of these articles more actively in your life this week?
3. Why is it important for a church to have a unified set of beliefs?

 Memory Verses (Choose 2 to Memorize):

II Timothy 3:16

Romans 5:1

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

Ephesians 5:31

James 1:17