

Basic Doctrines Quiz

Please answer each question below with a simple 'True' or 'False.' Some of these questions are very easy. Others may seem like trick questions that could be answered with a 'Maybe' or 'That Depends.' Just do your best, and give the answer that seems *more* correct. Usually, you should go with your gut reaction rather than over-analyze a question. This quiz is a reminder that words are important, and in theology, little nuances can mean the difference between orthodoxy that will save, and heresy that will damn.

1. Every verse in the Bible is profitable for us today. T/F
2. The Bible has a few scientific mistakes in it. T/F
3. There is only one correct interpretation of a given passage of Scripture. T/F
4. Jesus Christ is the central figure of the entire Bible. T/F
5. In God's triune nature, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not actually three distinct persons, but three different ways we have of relating to Him. T/F
6. God does not always know what we are thinking or what we might do next. T/F
7. God may have used evolution to create the universe. T/F
8. Jesus Christ never grew tired or hungry. T/F
9. Jesus claimed to be God. T/F
10. When Christ died on the cross, God saw His death as payment for our sin. T/F
11. Christ's sacrifice on the cross, together with our good works after salvation, will allow us entrance into heaven. T/F
12. Jesus was part God and part human. T/F
13. Though sometimes referred to as a "person," the Spirit is actually more of a divine influence. T/F
14. It is possible for a person to be baptized by the Holy Spirit more than once. T/F
15. Sin enters our human nature when we choose to transgress rather than obey the laws of God. T/F
16. It is possible for a person to trust in Jesus as their Savior, but not yet confess Him as Lord. T/F
17. Repentance means turning away from sin and turning toward God. T/F
18. Faith, with respect to salvation, is simply an intellectual belief that Jesus is God. T/F
19. The Bible speaks of some situations where a person who is truly saved can forfeit his salvation. T/F
20. Growth in grace (spiritual maturity) is a solid evidence of the new birth. T/F
21. Although God only elects some people to be saved, every man still has the duty to believe in Christ. T/F
22. God desires all men to be saved. T/F
23. A person is not truly saved until he is baptized. T/F
24. It is impossible to attain perfection in this life. T/F
25. The two ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper. T/F
26. A person who never hears about Christ is not ultimately responsible for sin, unbelief, and rejection of God. T/F
27. After death, believers will be judged by God. T/F
28. Men and women should be equally considered for all positions in the church. T/F
29. The Bible describes the church as a place where believers meet on Sunday. T/F
30. The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. T/F
31. Believers who were baptized as infants should be accepted into membership. T/F
32. God sometimes directs us to do things that are against the Bible. T/F
33. When counseling, we can greatly benefit from the research clinical psychologists have done on the human soul. T/F
34. All the spiritual gifts are still active and available to believers today. T/F
35. The mark of a true gift is that it will always be used to serve others. T/F

Answer Key

Please do not look at these answers until you've completed the entire quiz above. You can check your work, but please use a different pen so you remember which ones you got wrong.

1. True. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
2. False. Proverbs 30:5. When science contradicts the Bible, it indicates we have either wrongly interpreted scientific data, have misunderstood the Bible, or both.
3. True. Nehemiah 8:8; 2 Timothy 2:15. Paul's command to 'rightly handle the word of truth' suggests there are many 'wrong ways' to handle the word. While a passage may have many *applications*, but it can have only one *interpretation*, i.e. the one intended by the original author to the original readers. Our duty in study and teaching is to find the authorial intent of each passage.
4. True. Luke 24:26-27. All Scripture points us to Christ and is fulfilled in Him. He is the hero of the story.
5. False. 2 Corinthians 13:14. The church has historically defined God as one essence and being, but three distinct persons. See the *Baptist Faith & Message* Article II, and Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*, ch. 14.
6. False. Psalm 139.
7. False. Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:24-28.
8. False. Mark 5:38; Hebrews 4:15. Jesus was both fully God and fully man. As a human being, he felt fatigue and hunger like any other human being.
9. True. John 5:18.
10. True. 1 Peter 2:24-25.
11. False. Ephesians 2:8-10. Christ's work alone gains us access to heaven. Good works have nothing to do with our salvation, though they are a natural result of true repentance, and are essential for our sanctification.
12. False. Colossians 1:19. Jesus was both fully God and fully man. See *The Baptist Faith & Message* Article II and Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*, ch. 26.
13. False. Ephesians 4:30. The Holy Spirit has just as much personhood as the Father and the Son.
14. False. Romans 5:5; 6:3-4. We are baptized in (identified with) Christ at the moment of salvation, and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in all true believers. Cases in the book of Acts where the Holy Spirit arrived sometime after salvation were dramatic events to prove God was expanding his kingdom to include not only Jews, but also Samaritans and Gentiles.
15. False. Romans 5:12. We inherited Adam's sinful nature and were born into sin, long before we made a conscious decision to rebel against God.
16. False. Romans 10:9-10. True, saving faith is by its very definition a faith that has repented of sin and will increasingly surrender to the Lordship of Christ.
17. True. 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10.
18. False. James 2:17-19. Saving faith is more than just intellectual assent to certain facts about Jesus. It must include a heart of surrender and absolute dependence on the finished work of Christ.
19. False. 1 John 2:19. If a person abandons the faith, it is proof they were never truly saved to begin with.
20. True. 2 Peter 1:8-11. We will not be perfected until glory, but every genuine believer should have evidence of growth and maturity in Christ.
21. True. Ephesians 1:4-6, 13. The Bible teaches both divine sovereignty and human responsibility. The term 'free will' can be misleading and should be avoided. An unbeliever is spiritually dead, and will always voluntarily reject God until they are prompted by the Holy Spirit to repent and believe the gospel. (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 8:7-8).
22. True. 2 Peter 3:9. God does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires all men to repent and be saved. This does not diminish his sovereignty over salvation. All sinners deserve death, but some have been predestined to life. This tension will probably always be something of a mystery to us.
23. False. Acts 16:31. Water baptism is an important ordinance to celebrate our cleansing of sin and unity in Christ, but it is still a *work*, and thus is not necessary to salvation.

24. True. 1 John 3:2-3. Sanctification is a gradual, life-long process that will not be finished until we see Christ and are glorified.
25. True. Matthew 26:26-29; 28:19-20. See *The Baptist Faith & Message* Article VI.
26. False. Romans 1:20-23. A person who is born, lives, and dies without ever hearing the name of Jesus will still be held accountable for sin and suffer eternally. This should drive us to fervent prayer and evangelism of the nations.
27. True. 1 Corinthians 3:13-15. Believers will not be punished for sin (that was paid at the cross), but we will still be judged and rewarded based on our obedience to God's commands.
28. False. 1 Timothy 2:12. While men and women are equally made in the image of God, they will have different roles, authority, and gifts in the home and in the church.
29. False. Ephesians 5:25. The Bible never describes the church as a physical building, but as the people of God. A church may certainly meet in a building on Sunday morning, but its true nature is spiritual.
30. True. Matthew 28:19-20. The Great Commission is the fundamental mission of the church.
31. False. Acts 16:33. The Bible consistently teaches that water baptism is meant for believers to signify their new birth, and should be the entry point into church membership.
32. False. James 1:13. The Bible is the Word of God and his revealed will. He would never lead us either by dreams, or experiences, or human counsel to ever go against his word.
33. False. 2 Peter 1:3. Much of secular psychology is unbiblical and even demonic in nature. Insofar as psychology contributes to counseling, it will be in the area of observing behavior – not diagnosing the needs of the soul.
34. False. 1 Corinthians 13:8-10; 2 Corinthians 12:12. The more remarkable 'sign gifts' of the Spirit (such as tongues, prophecy, healings, and miracles) seem mostly confined to the apostolic era of the New Testament.
35. True. 1 Corinthians 14:12. The purpose of a spiritual gift is never to attract attention to the person, but rather to edify and build up the church.