

Part 1 - Introduction

Question 1: Why did God create humans?

To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Question 2: Where do we learn how to glorify God and enjoy Him forever?

In His Word, the Bible.

Question 3: How many books are in the Bible?

There are 66 books in the Bible.

Question 4: What are the two major sections of the Bible?

The two major sections of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Question 5: What are the books of the Law in the Old Testament?

The five books of the Law in the Old Testament are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Question 6: What are the historical books of the Old Testament?

The twelve historical books of the Old Testament are Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Question 7: What are the poetical books of the Old Testament?

The five poetical books of the Old Testament are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

Question 8: What are the books of the major prophets in the Old Testament?

The five books of the major prophets of the Old Testament are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Question 9: What are the books of the minor prophets of the Old Testament?

The twelve books of the minor prophets of the Old Testament are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Question 10: What are the books of the Gospel in the New Testament?

The four Gospels in the New Testament are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Question 11: What is the book of church history in the New Testament?

The book of church history in the New Testament is the book of Acts.

Question 12: What are the letters of Paul in the New Testament?

The thirteen letters of Paul in the New Testament are Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Question 13: What are the general letters of the New Testament?

The nine general letters in the New Testament are Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

Question 14: What is the central message of the Bible?

The central message of the Bible is that God is bringing glory to Himself through the Person and work of Jesus Christ as He creates and redeems a people who will glorify and enjoy Him forever.

Question 15: What must you know to be part of God's people?

To be part of God's people I must know how great my sin is, how God has delivered me from my sin and misery through Christ, and how I can show my gratitude to God for delivering me.

Part 2 - Guilt (Sin and Misery)

Question 16: Who is God?

God is the Infinite, Eternal, Sovereign Creator of everything, perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.

Question 17: What does God demand of you?

God demands that I be perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.

Question 18: What has God given to teach you his demand?

God has given us His law, which is a reflection of His character, to teach us how to be perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.

Question 19: Can you summarize what God's law commands you to do?

All the law is summarized in these two commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Question 20: Can you live up to all of this perfectly?

No. I have a natural tendency in thought, word, and deed to not love God and my neighbor as He has commanded.

Question 21: What is sin?

Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law perfectly.

Question 22: How do you come to learn of your sin and guilt?

The law of God shows me my sin and guilt.

Question 23: Did God originally create humans so sinful and guilty?

No. God originally created them good, made in His own image, able to glorify and enjoy Him forever.

Question 24: Then how did humans become sinful and guilty?

Our first father Adam sinned when he willfully disobeyed God. This fall has poisoned our nature so that we are born sinners, guilty before God, and since then we all choose to disobey God as well.

Question 25: Will God allow such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

No. In His holiness, love and integrity God judges all sin, both now and in eternity.

Question 26: What then is the effect of God's judgment upon our fallen condition?

In our fallen condition we have lost fellowship with God, His creation, and one another, and brought His just anger and curse upon ourselves. As a result, we are subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Question 27: Will God condemn all mankind to suffer and die in sin?

No. In His holiness, love and integrity God has provided a way of redemption and forgiveness.