

QUESTIONS

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God's Awesome Work of Salvation

1. Why does everyone need a new beginning?
2. Suggest several verses of Scripture that call for a new beginning.
3. Give several reasons for the logic of continuing the Christian life.
4. Discuss several of the works of God in salvation.

The Call to Follow Jesus

1. Why is holiness not optional? Suggest several passages that affirm this.
2. Define the words *justification* and *sanctification*.
3. How does sanctification apply to everyday living?
4. What is Paul saying in Philippians 2:12–13?
5. What is the Christian's future regarding holiness?

Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth

1. Suggest some possible definitions of worship.
2. What can we do to enhance corporate worship?
3. Discuss some helpful features of individual worship.
4. Read Deuteronomy 6:1–9 and list the principles involved in family worship.

Prayer and Fasting

1. What is prayer? Suggest several biblical definitions.
2. Suggest several elements involved in biblical prayer. (Refer to John Bunyan's definition.)
3. List several reasons why we should pray as well as a scriptural illustration of the effectiveness of prayer.
4. What is fasting, and is it for Christians today?

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Going Deeper into the Word of God

1. List three ways in which the phrase “Word of God” is used in the Bible.
2. Why is it important to understand that Jesus is the living Word of God?
3. How is the Bible God’s verbal revelation to mankind?
4. What are individual Christians to do with the Word of God?
5. Suggest four reasons Bible study is indispensable to continuing the Christian life.

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The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Growth

1. List several names ascribed to the Holy Spirit in the Bible.
2. Why is the Holy Spirit called *Holy*?
3. What is our part in the work of sanctification (Philippians 2:12)?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help believers in Jesus Christ?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)?

How to Become a Love-Filled Person

1. What is the source of love and what is the first step in loving others?
2. Are goals important? List several verses that suggest Paul's goals.
3. Examine Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9–11. What does this say about God's love?
4. What is the relationship of God's love to the work of the Holy Spirit?

Loving One Another through the Church

1. What is God's intention for His followers according to John 13:34–35?
2. How did Jesus model love for us?
3. What is the distinctive mark of a follower of Christ?
4. Suggest several images of the church in the Scriptures.
5. What are some of the spiritual gifts and how can we discover our gift?

Christian Service and the Christian's Work

1. How did Jesus exemplify Christian service?
2. Discuss Ephesians 4:11–12 and compare the *New American Standard Bible* with the King James Version. Why is the difference so important?
3. How can a Christian discover his or her spiritual gifts?
4. What about the Christian and employment? Suggest ways to pursue a career and discuss the kind of worker a Christian must be.

A Generous Impulse

1. Give a biblical illustration of the generous nature of God.
2. How did the early church respond to the needs of fellow believers? Give several examples.
3. What incentives did Paul give to the churches of Macedonia for giving? (2 Corinthians 8:1–2, 9)
4. Discuss several reasons for helping the poor.

How to Know the Will of God

1. Suggest several verses of Scripture that speak of God's will.
2. What do we mean in general by the phrase "the will of God"?
3. According to 2 Peter 3:9, what is God's will regarding the salvation of mankind?
4. What is God's will for each follower of Jesus Christ, according to 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7?
5. Suggest eight helpful guidelines regarding understanding God's will.

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Sharing the Good News

1. What gave Peter and John the power and courage to witness in Acts 3 and 4?
2. Why does our knowledge of the gospel make us responsible to share the gospel?
3. What is our position before God according to 2 Corinthians 5:20, and why does that increase our responsibility?
4. List several facts from 2 Corinthians 5 that should motivate all believers in Christ to share the gospel.