

THE BIBLE

1. What is the source-book of all Christian teaching? *The Bible*
2. Name two parts of the Bible. *Old Testament and New Testament*
3. How many books are there in the Old Testament, New Testament, and whole Bible?
39 (Old) 27 (New) 66 Total

<i>3 letters + 9 letters = 39 books</i> <i>Old Testament</i>	<i>3 letters x 9 letters = 27 books</i> <i>New Testament</i>
<i>+ and x are both crosses</i>	

4. Though men wrote the Bible, whose Word is it? (give a Bible verse to prove it)
God's Word. "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit"
2 Peter 1:21
5. What is the purpose of the Bible? *To show the way to Heaven*

THE CATECHISM

6. Who wrote the Catechism, in what year did he write it, and when was he born?
Dr. Martin Luther wrote the catechism in 1529; he was born in 1483.
7. Why did he write it? *The common people knew so little about the Bible.*

THE LAW

8. What are the two chief Biblical doctrines (teachings)? *Law and Gospel*
9. Explain the difference. *The Law shows us our sin; the Gospel shows us our Savior.*
10. What one word fulfills all the Commandments? *Love*

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT **You shall have no other gods .**

What does this mean? *We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.*

11. What does God expect us to do in every Commandment?
To fear (respect), love, and trust Him.
12. What is worshipping other gods called? *Idolatry*

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*

13. What sin is forbidden in the Second Commandment? *Using God's name in a wrong way*
14. How is God's name taken in vain? *By cursing, swearing, using satanic arts, lying, or deceiving by His name.*
15. May a Christian swear? *Yes, but only when the glory of God or the welfare of his neighbor demands it.*
16. How may we use God's name in a right way? *Pray, praise and give thanks in His name.*

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

17. What sin is forbidden in The Third Commandment? *The sin of despising or neglecting worship and the reading of God's Word.*
18. How do we misuse Sunday? *By not coming to Church, coming*

irregularly, not listening, not believing, not doing what the Lord tells us to do.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

19. In the first three Commandments, we are asked to love God. In the remaining seven Commandments, we are asked to love our neighbor. Who is our neighbor?
Everyone who is in need of our love -- including parents, brothers, sisters, and neighbors
20. Who are our parents and other authorities? *Those in authority over us in the home, school, church, and country.*
21. What blessing does God promise those who honor father and mother?
A long life and many blessings.
22. Has anyone kept this Commandment perfectly? *Yes, Jesus has.*

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

23. What sin is forbidden in the Fifth Commandment? *Hurting, harming, hating, or killing our neighbor.*
24. What is the punishment for murder? *Death*
25. Who may inflict capital punishment? *The government*
26. What is our duty towards our neighbor? *To help and befriend him in every bodily need.*

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*

27. What sins are forbidden in the Sixth Commandment? *Indecent thoughts, words, and deeds; breaking of the marriage vows.*
28. For what purpose did God institute marriage? *For the happiness of homes and the raising of children.*
29. How long is marriage to last? *For life*
30. What is the duty of married partners to each other? *To love and be faithful to each other, help each other grow closer to the Lord.*
31. What is the duty of all, whether married or unmarried, according to the Sixth Commandment? *To lead a pure and decent life in word and action.*
32. How may you control all evil thoughts and actions? *By getting strength from God's Word, prayer, hard work and play, and avoiding bad company.*

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.*

33. What sin is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment? *The sin of taking or stealing our neighbor's belongings.*
34. What is man's relationship to his property? *Steward or caretaker*
35. What is our duty toward our neighbor's property according to the Seventh Commandment? *To help him improve and protect it*

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*

36. What sin is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment? *The sin of giving false witness against our neighbor, either in daily life or in court.*
37. What is our duty toward our neighbor according to the Eighth Commandment? *To "defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way."*
38. What is the meaning of "take his words and actions in the kindest possible way"? *To explain things in our neighbor's favor, to look at the best side, especially in his absence.*

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme, to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.*

39. What sin is forbidden in the Ninth and Tenth Commandments? *Coveting*
40. What is the meaning of “to covet”? *To sinfully wish to have something that is not our own.*
41. What is God’s threat upon those who do not keep His Commandments? *His judgement and eternal punishment.*
42. What does God promise to Christians who keep His Commandments? *Grace and every blessing (but not eternal life).*

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

43. Who can keep God’s law perfectly? *No one.*
44. Why then was the Law given? *To serve as a curb, mirror, and rule.*
45. What is original sin? *The sin with which we were born.*
46. What is actual sin? *Every wrong thing we do or right thing we fail to do.*
47. How can we be saved from sin and made righteous before God? *Simply by faith in Jesus Christ who kept the Law for me and died for me.*

PRAYER

48. What is prayer? *A heart-to-heart talk with God*
49. What should prompt us to pray? *God’s command, God’s promise, our own and our neighbor’s need.*
50. To whom should we pray? *To the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
51. For what should we pray? *For spiritual and bodily blessings.*
52. How should we pray? *In Jesus’ name and with a believing heart.*
53. When and where should we pray? *At all times, unceasingly, and everywhere, especially in public and private worship.*
54. Which is the model prayer? Why? *The Lord’s Prayer, because Jesus prayed it, and it includes everything for which we need to pray.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

55. Why has Jesus told us to call God our "Father"? *Because He is our Father through faith in Jesus.*
56. How many petitions (little prayers) are there in the Lord's Prayer? *Seven*
57. How many of these are asking for spiritual needs and how many for bodily needs? *Six are for spiritual needs; one is for bodily needs ("give us this day our daily bread").*
58. What is the meaning of "Amen"? *Yes, it shall be so.*

THE CREED

59. What is a creed? *A statement of what I believe and teach*
60. How many universal Christian creeds are there? *Three: Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian*
61. Why is the first creed called the Apostles Creed? *Because it contains what the apostles believed and taught, as the Bible states, although we don't know who wrote it.*
62. Why is the Apostles creed divided into three articles? *One for each of the three persons of the holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

I BELIEVE IN GOD

63. Why do we say "I" believe? *A Christian must believe for him or herself.*
64. In whom do we believe according to the First Article? *God, the Father*
65. Who is the one true God? *The Triune God*
66. What is meant by "Triune"? *Three in one -- One God, three persons -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

67. Why is the first person called the Father? *Because he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and He is our Father.*
68. Why is He called "Almighty" and "Maker"? *Because He made heaven and earth and everything in them, both visible and invisible.*
69. Which are the most important visible creatures?
Human beings because they were made in the image of God.
70. Do we still have God's sinless image? *No, not since Adam and Eve sinned.*
71. Since He does all of this, what is your responsibility to Him? *It is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.*

THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

72. What does the name "Jesus" mean? *Savior*
73. What is the meaning of "Christ?" *The anointed One*
74. What is the two-fold nature of Jesus Christ? *True God and true man*
75. Why is Jesus Christ true God? *He is from eternity and is the Son of God the Father.*
76. Why is Jesus Christ true man? *He was born to Mary, a human being.*
77. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be true God? *To overcome sin, death, and the power of the devil*
78. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be true man? *To be under the Law and fulfill it, to be able to suffer and die for our sins, and to save us.*
79. What is the three-fold office of Christ? *Prophet, Priest, and King*
80. How was He, and how is He still, a Prophet? *He accurately foretold future events, preached, and fulfilled the Word of God. He still preaches and teaches through pastors, teachers, parents, and all Christians.*
81. How was He, and how is He still a Priest? *As our High Priest appointed by God, the Father, He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice upon the cross, still prays for us, and also forgives us our sins.*
82. How was He, and how is He still a King? *He ruled over the world (kingdom of power), the church (kingdom of grace), and heaven (kingdom of glory), and still does.*

83. What two states do we see in Jesus' work? *Humiliation and exaltation*
84. How many steps were there in the state of humiliation? *Six: He was conceived, born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried.*
85. By whom was Jesus conceived? *By the Holy Spirit*
86. Of whom was He born? *Of the Virgin Mary*
87. Where was He born? *In Bethlehem of Judea, the city of David*
88. Why was He born? *To save His people from their sins.*
89. How does the Bible describe His youth? *"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52*
90. How old was He when He was baptized and began His public ministry? *Thirty years old (the necessary age to become a rabbi).*
91. How many years did His public ministry last? *Three*
92. How did He prove that He was the Son of God? *By His words, life, miracles, and works.*
93. How many disciples did He gather? *Twelve*
94. Which one betrayed Him? Where? *Judas Iscariot in the Garden of Gethsemane*
95. What was the name of the Jewish court which tried Jesus? Why did they condemn Him? *The Sanhedrin condemned Jesus because He said he was the Son of God.*
96. Before which Roman judge was He brought? When? *Pontius Pilate on Good Friday*
97. Where and with whom was He crucified? *On Mt. Calvary (or Golgatha) with two criminals*
98. How many hours was Jesus on the cross? *Six, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM*
99. Why did Jesus die and redeem you? *To save me (and the world) from sin, death, and the devil --that I may serve Him.*
100. What was the significance of the sacrifice of Jesus' holy, precious blood? *It was the price He paid for our redemption that believers might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.*

101. How many steps are there in the state of exaltation? *Five: descended, rose, ascended, sits, and judge.*
102. Why is His resurrection so comforting to us? *It proves that Jesus truly is the son of God, that the Father has accepted His sacrifice for the sins of the world, and that we also will rise from the dead.*
103. For how many days did Jesus show Himself alive to His disciples after Easter? Then where did He go? *Forty days -- then He ascended into heaven.*
104. When, how, and for what purpose will Christ return? *On Judgement Day; suddenly, visibly, and in glory; to judge the living and the dead.*
105. Why has God not told us when to expect judgement Day? *He wants us to be spiritually prepared for either our death or Judgement Day, whichever comes first.*
106. How do you expect to be saved? *Through faith in Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose again.*

THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strenght believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.*
In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

107. Who is the Holy Spirit? *The third person of the Triune God. He is called holy because He is perfect and without sin. He makes us holy by bringing us to faith.*
108. What does the Holy Spirit do to make you holy? *He calls me by God's Word, helps me to see what He offers, creates faith in me, and keeps me in faith.*
109. Through what means does the Holy Spirit make you holy? *Through the Gospel, the complete message of Jesus Christ, His death, and resurrection.*
110. Why can't we make ourselves holy? *Because without faith we are*

spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God.

111. Does the Holy Spirit wish everyone who hears the Gospel to become a believer? *Yes, but many people reject the Lord's Gospel and therefore are lost.*

THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

112. What is the invisible church, and who are its members? *The body of believers all over the world; only those with faith in Jesus Christ are members.*
113. Who are members of the visible church? *Believers and possibly unbelievers.*
114. Which is the true visible church? *The Church-On-the-Bible, the church that teaches the Bible.*
115. What lessons do you learn from the teaching of the church? *I want to be a member of the Holy Christian Church, give offerings to support the church and missions, avoid false churches, and witness to my faith.*

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

116. Who receives forgiveness? *Repentant believers in Christ.*
117. Who forgives us our sins? *God, for Jesus' sake.*
118. What is the main teaching of the Christian church? *All believers --including me -- are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God.*

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

119. When a person dies, what takes place? *The soul separates from the body.*
120. Where does the soul of the Christian go after death? *To heaven.*
121. Who will go to heaven? *All Christian believers.*

THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS

122. What happens when the impenitent sinners do not repent? *There is no forgiveness and the door of heaven is shut to them.*

THE SACRAMENTS

123. What is a sacrament? *A sacred act through which we receive the*

forgiveness of sins. It was instituted by Jesus and has visible means present.

124. How many sacraments do we recognize in the Lutheran church? *Two: Holy Baptism and The Lord's Supper.*
125. What is the visible means in baptism? In the Lord's Supper?
Water in baptism; bread and wine in the Lord's Supper
126. What is offered to us in the sacraments? *Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation*

BAPTISM

127. What is the sacrament of Holy Baptism? *"Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."Luther*
128. To whom is the command to baptize given, and who normally carries it out?
To the church: "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . ."Matthew 28:19. This is normally carried out by the called pastor of a congregation.
129. Who may baptize in the case of necessity? *Any Christian*
130. How is baptism administered? *By applying water in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*
131. How do we Lutherans usually apply water in Baptism? *By pouring or sprinkling*
132. How may water be applied in baptism? *By washing, pouring, sprinkling, or immersing. Christ used a Greek word which simply means "apply water".*
133. Who should be baptized? *All nations -- children, teenagers, adults. All nations includes everyone: men, women, and children.*
134. What benefits does baptism give? *"It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." Luther*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

135. Who instituted the Lord's Supper *Christ the Lord.*
136. When was the Lord's Supper instituted? *On Maundy Thursday evening.*

137. What is the Sacrament of the Altar? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine.*
138. What is the teaching of the Lutheran Church concerning the real presence in the Lord's Supper? *That both are present -- the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ.*
139. Why do you believe in the real presence? *Because Christ says in His last will, "This is My body; this is My blood."*
140. What should
move us to
receive the
Sacrament
often?

Christ's command, His promise, our need.
141. What is the benefit of such eating and drinking? *This is shown us by these words "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
142. What blessing do we receive through the Sacrament? *The forgiveness of sins.*
143. How is this offered to us? *Through the words in the Sacrament.*
144. Who is a worthy communicant? *He that has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
145. May he who is weak in faith go to the Lord's Table? *Yes, by all means.*
146. What should a person do before going to the Lord's Supper? *He should examine himself by asking: (a) Am I sorry for my sins? (b) Do I believe in Christ? (c) Am I determined to turn over a new leaf?*
147. Who should not receive the Lord's Supper? *Any person who is unable to examine himself, such as the ungodly and impenitent, the wrongly instructed, the unforgiving, children, the insane or unconscious.*
148. What custom do we have in order to enable our members to examine themselves? *The Rite of Confirmation*
149. What promise do you make at confirmation? *To be faithful to God and to His church until death.*
150. What does God promise to all who keep this vow? *"I will give thee a crown of Life".*

LET JESUS BE YOUR GUIDE IN EVERYTHING YOU DO AND SAY