

1. Eternal Life

a) The Bible tells us that there are two kinds of people in this world. What are they? How can a person have eternal life? (1 John 5:11-12)

b) The Bible says that all people are sinners. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) What does Romans 6:23 say? What has God done for us? (John 3:16)

c) Can people obtain eternal life by themselves? (Titus 3:5)

d) What must people do to become children of God and enjoy eternal life? (John 1:12)

e) If a person sincerely wants to accept the Lord Jesus and obtain eternal life, what should his attitude toward sin be? (Isaiah 55:7)

f) What does God say about those who have not repented and accepted the Lord Jesus? (John 3:18)

g) Can a person know that he has eternal life? (1 John 5:13) Are you sure you have eternal life from God?

2. Assurance

Believe in God's promises (Scriptures: John 3:36, 10:28, 6:37)

a) If a person lacks assurance, it may be because he does not believe in God's promises. Have you repented of your sins and asked God to save you?

Could God lie and deny His promises? (Titus 1:2)

If God cannot lie and you have asked Him (Christ Jesus) to save you, what does John 5:24 tell us?

b) Lack of assurance may also be due to unconfessed and unrepented sin in your life. This sin will also hinder your relationship with God. (Proverbs 28:13)

If you sincerely trust in the Lord Jesus, you will give up sin. But if you sin, you do not need to be saved again. You already belong to God's family, and He will not drive you away. But He will be disappointed and saddened by your sin. What does 1 John 1:9 say?

c) When you are saved, you will know the evidence of your salvation from certain signs in your life. Please list some evidence of salvation from the following scriptures.

Romans 8:16 What does the Holy Spirit say to you?

1 John 4:19 Who do you find yourself loving?

1 John 3:14 Who else will you love?

John 14:27 What has God given you?

2 Corinthians 5:17 What changes should you make to your former interests, attitudes and behaviours?

Galatians 5:17 Do you sense a struggle within you?

3. The Bible

The Bible is God's revelation and instruction to mankind. Since God is the author of the Bible, His words have absolute authority. The content of the Bible covers everything in life, so it is of great benefit to those who study it.

- a) Matthew 4:4 What did the Lord Jesus say?
- b) Romans 10:17 Where does faith come from?
- c) We are purified by the words we hear. Please explain (John 15:3, Psalm 119:9)
- d) God's Word gives us direction and understanding. What does Psalm 119:105 say?
- e) We can gain victory over sin and Satan when we use God's Word. What does Psalm 119:11 say?

The Bible was written by 40 authors over a period of 1,600 years, but its 66 books are all consistent. They teach the same salvation, the same moral standards, and point to the same Savior. (John 5:39)

- f) Who guided the authors of the Bible so that what they wrote would be consistent? (2 Peter 1:21) This is also called the inspiration of God.
- g) What does 2 Timothy 3:16 say about the benefits of the Bible for us?
- h) How can the Bible be of benefit to us? (2 Timothy 2:15)
- i) What should be our attitude toward the Bible? (Psalm 119:97)
- j) Job regarded God's word as the most important thing in his life. What did he say? (Job 23:12)
- k) Why is reading and studying the Bible so important for new believers? (1 Peter 2:2)

4. Temptation

A preacher asked a new believer about his faith. The new believer replied that he felt like there were two dogs fighting inside him. The black dog wants him to do evil, and the white dog wants him to do good. The preacher asked again: Which dog won?

The new believer answered: The dog that is fed more wins.

The apostle Paul spoke of this struggle when he said: For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you cannot do the things that you would. (Galatians 5:17)

When a person becomes a Christian, he will find that the Spirit of God prompts him to do what is right and good. But at the same time, Satan and the flesh were tempting him to sin. There is a war constantly waging in him.

- a) How does 1 Peter 5:8 describe the devil Satan?
- b) Hebrews 2:14 states that through his death Christ destroyed the devil, who had the power of death. Since Satan is a defeated enemy, how can we overcome him? (Romans 8:37)
- c) The area most often faced with spiritual warfare is the human mind. What should believers do when evil thoughts arise? (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- d) What does James 4:7 say about overcoming the devil?
- e) How did the Lord Jesus resist the devil? (Matthew 4:4-10)
- f) On overcoming temptation, what did the Lord Jesus tell His disciples? (Matthew 26:41)
- g) 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. What else does God promise in the same verse?
- h) 2 Timothy 2:22 What is the solution to temptation?
- i) Finally, we must ask the Lord to always examine our thoughts, help us overcome sin, and lead us to live a victorious Christian life. (Psalm 139:23-24)

5. Prayer

Every relationship has communication. Without communication, there will be no close relationship. Bible reading and prayer can help us build the relationship with God. At the same time, we can receive God's blessings through prayer.

- a) Prayer is a way to get help when we need it. Hebrews 4:16
- b) Our sins are forgiven through prayer. How do you explain this sentence? 1 John 1:9
- c) Prayer is our spiritual power. What are the consequences of not praying? Luke 18:1
- d) Prayer helps believers see more of the reality of God. What does God promise us? James 4:8
- e) Prayer also brings joy to believers. How do you explain this sentence? Ps 16:11
- f) Prayer is God's way to relieve people's worries. Please explain this statement. Philippians 4:6-7
- g) God's Word has many promises waiting for us to claim. However, every promise is attached with God's conditions.
 - i) 1 John 3:22 Ask, and you will receive
 - ii) John 15:7 Ask what you wish, and it will be done
 - iii) John 14:13 Ask, and it will be done
 - iv) Mark 11:24 Ask, and you will receive
 - v) 1 John 5:14-15 Ask, He hears us, and you will receive
- h) However, even when we meet God's conditions, we sometimes find that God does not seem to hear or answer our prayers. Here are some of the reasons that hinder prayer from being answered.
 - i) James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not
 - ii) Isaiah 59:1-2 your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear
 - iii) Mark 11:25,26 if you do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive

6. Witnessing

A witness is one who tells others about what he has seen or heard. After His resurrection and before His ascension, the Lord Jesus commanded His disciples to bear witness for Him. The early church kept this mission in mind, and thus Christianity spread rapidly throughout the world. Acts 1:8

It is our privilege to bear witness for the Lord Jesus. It is also our responsibility. It is possible that we do not know much about the Bible; however, we can tell others about our experiences of how the Lord saved us. After that, we also need to be familiar with God's Word and use the Bible to bear witness for the Lord.

When sharing the gospel, you can use the following scriptures:

- i) Romans 3:23
- ii) Romans 6:23
- iii) Ephesians 2:8-9
- iv) John 3:16
- v) Romans 10:9-10

Discussion

- a) What promise did the Lord Jesus make to encourage you to bear witness for Him? Matthew 28:20
- b) What did the early church ask from the Lord to help them in their witnessing? Acts 4:29
- c) It is important that our lives be purified. Please explain Matthew 5:16
- d) What do you gain by leading someone to the Lord? James 5:20
- e) Proverbs 11:30 How does God describe the one who brings others to the Lord?

You can refer to some books on evangelism and participate in the church's outreach ministry / visitation. You can also use the opportunities God gives you every day to tell others about His love and salvation.

7. Fellowship

Acts 2:42 mentions that the believers in the early church steadfastly followed the apostles' teaching, fellowshiped with one another, broke bread, and prayed. The two main elements of believers' growth are: the teaching of the Bible and fellowship among believers. God's purpose in establishing local churches is also to strengthen His children. A church should stand on the truth of the Bible; however, a Christian also needs to carefully choose the church he attends.

- a) Ephesians 4:11-12 mentions that God has established various positions in the church, including pastors. What is the purpose of the pastor?
- b) What are the responsibilities of a pastor? Acts 20:28
- c) Some believers in the early church had a problem. What was the problem?
Hebrews 10:25
- d) In addition to helping believers grow, what other benefits does fellowship have?
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- e) What other benefits do we get from fellowship with one another? Hebrews 10:24
- f) What attitude should we have when attending gatherings? Psalm 122:1
- g) What should be our attitude towards friends who do not believe in God? Proverbs 4:14
- h) Proverbs 13:20 mentions that he who walks with wise men will become wise. What are the consequences of not having fellowship with believers?
- i) A new believer wants to find a good church. What does God require of the church and its leaders?

Matthew 28:19-20

1 Timothy 3:2-4

2 Corinthians 6:14

8. Service

When you have repented of your sins and accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, you no longer belong to yourself. You belong to God.

- a) What does the Apostle Paul say in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20?
- b) According to 1 Peter 1:18-19, what are we bought with?
- c) Romans 12:1 says that we are to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice". Please explain.
- d) Romans 6:11 has the same teaching. What attitude should we have toward sin and God?

God wants us to let Him control our lives. He wants to lead us because we belong to Him. We should recognize that we belong to God because He has bought us with a price. We should therefore be willing to do what He wants us to do.

You can ask yourself (now or in the future), in what ways can you serve the Lord?

- i) Please list some of the ministries in the church.
- ii) What talents or skills do you have that the Lord can use?
- iii) In what places can you bear witness for the Lord?
- iv) Do you have a burden for a certain kind of service?
- v) In what areas do you think you should develop yourself?