

WHAT DID I SAY?

(When I Joined the Church)

Question #1

Do you acknowledge (yourself) yourselves to be a sinner (sinners) in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

The world's number one problem is _____. It is not simply a world problem,; it is a personal problem. Romans 3:23 says that we have "all _____ and come _____ of the glory of God."

The shorter Catechism (Q. 14) says that sin is any lack of _____ unto or _____ of the law of God. We may sin by _____ what God forbids, or we may sin by _____ what He commands. We may sin with our bodies and we may sin with our _____. We may feel that we are "not very bad," but it only takes one _____ to make us a sinner.

The real problem is _____ of which "sins" are only the symptom. Sin is like a _____ which has corrupted man's heart. That is why God says in Ezekiel 36:26 that He will give us a new heart and put His _____ within us. The result is the _____.

Sin has terrible consequences. It breaks fellowship with God as well as with _____. The ultimate result is _____.

Since God is _____ and _____, He hates sin and must punish sin. But God is also a God of _____. That is why God extends to us His sovereign _____ through the gift of His _____. We must, however, _____ our sinfulness before we can be forgiven.

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Question # 2

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

People have for centuries viewed Jesus in different ways. He has been seen as

A _____

A _____

And/or an _____

The real question is whether He is _____ or man.

The truth is that He was _____. We see this revealed in His _____ and in the Word of God. Jesus was God come in the _____.

The reason He came was to be the _____ of sinners. He came to provide _____.

This includes redemption and _____. This was made possible as Jesus became our _____ and satisfied God's holiness and His _____.

Through the offering of Jesus on the cross, the believer is cleansed and his sin is _____. This is applied to us personally when we place our trust in _____ for salvation.

The message of what God has done for us is called the _____ which means "Good News!"

It is not enough to just believe in Jesus, however. We must personally _____ Him if we are to have life.

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Question #3

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becometh the follower(s) of Christ?

Our rule of faith and _____ is the Word of God which tells us that God wants us to _____ Jesus and be like Jesus. This could cost us our...

Our _____

Perhaps even our families or our _____.

Many misunderstand the freedom God gives us in Jesus. God does not set us free to do as we _____. He sets us free to _____ Jesus. James 1:25 describes us as those who live by the law of _____.

Liberty without law = _____

Law without liberty = _____

The law of Liberty = controlled _____

Following Jesus requires resolve and commitment.

Resolve says, "I intend to."

Commitment says, "I _____."

The source of the life that God wants us to live is _____ Himself. We see this portrayed in _____ who was God living in the flesh.

God is still the source of a new life. To put it another way, the Christian life is not _____ trying to live for Jesus; it is _____ living in me. The way He does this is in the Person of the _____ . The _____ of the Spirit is something that only the Holy Spirit can produce. This is why I must make my promise to follow Jesus " _____ upon the grace of the Holy Spirit."

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Question #4

**Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
(PCA)**

**Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship
and work to the best of your ability? (Old PCUS)**

God calls us to be servants. He frees us from the service of _____ to become
the servants of His Son. Some consider this a burden while others consider it a
_____.

Paul, Peter, John, and others in the New Testament even called themselves
_____ of the Lord Jesus. This was service rooted not in force but in love. It is a great
privilege to be a L_____ S_____ of one who loves as Jesus loves.

We serve the Lord by serving (ministering to) others. We must remember, however, that
although we are servants ____ our fellow man, we are the servants ____ the Lord. Our orders
come from Him alone.

God calls us to serve Him in His Church. The Church is not a building. It is
_____. The Greek word EKKLESIA means “_____ - _____ - _____.”
The Church is really those who have come out of the world and separated themselves unto the
_____. The Bible uses the following terms to describe this relationship:

_____ of Christ

_____ of Christ

My service in His Church will include my _____ of the Church and my
participation in the Church’s worship and _____ to the best of my ability. (My ability
is really _____ ability.)

My support of the Church will include a _____ of my time and my finances.

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Question #5

Do you submit (yourself) yourselves to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study (further) its purity and peace?

Since the Church is His Body and His Bride, my position (my relationship to Him) must be one of _____.

There are three basic kinds of Church government:

C _____

E _____

P _____

“It belongs to his majesty from His throne of glory, to rule and teach the Church, through His Spirit and Word, by the ministry of _____, thus mediately exercising His own authority and enforcing His own laws, unto the edification and establishment of His _____.”

[Preface, BCO]

The Church, then, is not a democracy; it is a _____ and Christ is its _____.

In the Presbyterian Church, those who are called to rule are called _____. There are two orders of these:

T _____ E _____

R _____ E _____

Their primary function is spiritual _____. The purpose of their ministry is to preserve the peace and _____ of the Church. In exercising this function, _____ may sometimes be necessary, but is never to be used to destroy. Its purpose is always to reclaim and restore.

The source of peace, purity, and order is _____ enthroned in the lives and fellowship of His people, the Church.