**Questionnaire 2.0**

**Exploring your view of Christianity, the Church, and the Bible**

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\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**#1 Possible answers: I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_**

**Question prep:** Bishop Clement was spoken of by St. Paul in Philippians 4:3. From 88-99 AD, he served as the fourth pope and wrote two epistles to the Corinthian church shortly after Paul’s death. Please note a small portion from one of his letters; “***Order and discipline*** *are* ***at least*** *as important in the Church as they are in the rest of creation…”*

**Possible answers:**

I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_Order and discipline are as important in the Church as they are in the rest of creation

I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_Order, discipline and expectations are personal even as related to church life. They should not be instituted from a church

I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_A church can and should properly and biblically discipline a member who has had an open moral failing.

I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_Each Christian’s conscience is sufficient for correction and discipline

I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_Individualism is rampant in church life and it often causes disjointedness in the Body of Christ.

#2 **Possible answers: Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_. Part A.** The Bible\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question prep:** These questions reflect the contemporary adage; *“If it is in the Bible, I believe. If it is not, avoid it” OR. “God said, I believe it, that settles it”.*

**Questions:** The choices are Instituted by:

1. Y\_\_N\_\_Does your church or a church you have attended provide a mid-week church service?
	1. If so, do the instructions for a mid week service comes from: The Bible\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_

Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

1. Y\_\_N\_\_Does your church use a choir, a piano, an organ, or a guitar as part of the worship service?
	1. If so, do the instructions for the use of these items come from: The New Testament\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_
2. Y\_\_N\_\_ Does your church or a church you have attended use altar calls, hand raising, or going forward as a sign of receiving the new birth, Jesus, and salvation?
	1. If so, do those instructions for receiving salvation come from: The Bible\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_

Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

1. Y\_\_N\_\_Does your church or a church you have attended ask people to join that specific church?
	1. If so, do the instructions for church membership come from: The Bible\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_

Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

1. Y\_\_N\_\_Does your church or a church you have attended have a policy of “closed communion” which means it is only for certain people. Closed communion also has a two-fold meaning. Firstly, it is only for professed Christians. Secondly, it is only for those who do NOT have unforgiven sin?
	1. If so, do the instructions for closed communion come from: The Bible\_\_\_ Tradition\_\_\_

Your Church \_\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

#3. **Possible answers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_

**Question:** In the Gospels, Jesus gave us  a list or a method of what it takes to be guaranteed heaven.

3a. If true, I could name the items in that list? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

3b. If false, do **you** have a list or a method of what it takes to be guaranteed heaven? Yes\_\_No\_\_

#4. **Possible answers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_

**Question:** In the Gospels, Jesus gave us a list of what letters should be in His New Testament.

4a. If true, I could find  that list in the Bible? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

4b. If false, then do you know why you trust that the letters that are contained in the New Testament are actually there? Yes, I know why\_\_\_No, I don’t know why\_\_\_

#5. **Possible answers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_

**Question:** In the Gospels, Jesus gave us a list of the necessary requirements for a letter to be considered canonical.

5a. If true, I could find that list in the Bible? True\_\_\_False\_\_\_

5b. If false, do **you** have a list of requirements for a letter or a book to be considered canonical? Yes\_\_No\_\_

#6. **Possible answers:** Church\_\_\_New Testament\_\_\_

**Question:** Which came first?  The consolidated New Testament  or The Church?

#6a. **Possible answers:** Church\_\_\_A Gospel\_\_\_An epistle\_\_\_

**Question:** Which came first?  The Church, the first Gospel written, or the first epistle written?

#6b **Possible answers:** #1\_\_\_#2\_\_\_3\_\_\_

**Question:** Choose which definition you think more perfectly describes the Bible and its relationship to the Church

1. The Bible is a collection of writings which Christ’s Church has solemnly recognized as inspired.
2. The Bible is a group of inspired documents that can be accurately and dogmatically interpreted by each Christian despite their church affiliation.
3. The Bible is God’s inspired word and when and only when  interpreted under the influence of the Holy Spirit, the interpretation will be accurate.

#7 **Possible answers:**T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** On purpose, I have confessed a sin(s) of mine to a person other than God.

#7a If False,  I only confess my sins to God \_\_\_It is unnecessary to confess sins to another person\_\_\_My sins and shortcomings are personal\_\_\_God knows my sins, unnecessary to confess them to Him\_\_\_

#7b If true, even though the sin I confessed was NOT at or toward that person, they had the authority to say I was forgiven by God. True\_\_False\_\_

#8 **Possible answers:** Reformed theology(Calvin and/or Luther)\_\_\_Catholicism\_\_\_18-20th century evangelism\_\_\_21st Century word of faith/charismatic/dominion\_\_\_Church of Christ\_\_\_My own\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

**Question:** From what camp are your present theological or biblical beliefs rooted?

#8a **Question:** Which notable writer/theologian/preacher/pastor has influenced you the most during these eras:

Years 100-500: Arius\_\_\_Augustine\_\_\_Eusebius\_\_\_Tertullian\_\_\_Justin Martyr\_\_\_I don’t know \_\_\_

Years 501-1000:  Ambrose\_\_\_Jerome\_\_\_Cyril of Alexandria\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

Years 1001-1500: Wycliff\_\_\_Thomas Aquinas\_\_\_Catherine of Sienna\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

Years 1501-1700: Zwingle\_\_\_Calvin\_\_\_Luther\_\_\_Knox\_\_\_Smith\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

Years 1701-1800: Jonathan Edwards\_\_\_Wesley\_\_\_Whitefield\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

Years 1801-1900: John Henry Newman\_\_\_Spurgeon\_\_\_Fulton Sheen\_\_\_CS Lewis\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

Years 1901-2000: Seymour\_\_\_Watchman Nee\_\_\_Bonhoeffer\_\_\_McPherson\_\_\_FF Bruce\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

Years: 2001-present: Hinn\_\_\_Myers\_\_\_Hagin\_\_\_McGee\_\_\_Furtick\_\_\_Copeland\_\_\_Osteen\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

McArthur\_\_\_Kenyon\_\_\_Stanley\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

#9 **Possible answers** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** I believe the actual presence of God dwelt in the Old Testament Ark of the Covenant.

#10  **Possible answers** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

I believe that God was in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

#10a   **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not necessarily\_\_\_Never thought about it\_\_\_.

**Question:** I believe that God would place a higher honor on the one who actually carried God in her womb (Mary), than the wooden box(Ark) that merely carried His presence.

**5 Bonus Questions:**

**Question prep for next five questions:** Many aspects of living out the Christian life are **not** explicitly made clear in the Bible. Some of those would be abortion, use of alcohol, church law, bioethics, certain sexual activity, embryonic stem cell usage, protection of human life from conception to natural death, contraception, and various end-of-life decisions such as doctor-assisted suicide.

#11 **Possible answers:**  I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** The Bible is actually clear on all those types of controversial topics

**#12 Possible answers:** Each church should decide on those topics for its members\_\_\_Each Christians conscience\_\_\_Just a personal choice\_\_\_The particular denominations leadership\_\_\_

**Question:** To ensure that the highest level of human dignity is secured for all, who is responsible for establishing these and other ethical, behavioral, and moral standards for all Christians.

 #13 **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** If it is not explicit in the Bible, all decisions such as those should be made by person's choosing.

#14 Possible **answers:**  Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Depends if I thought they were biblically accurate\_\_\_

**Question:** If your local church made binding declarations about those and other areas of decision-making, would you obey them.

#15 **Possible answers: I fully agree\_\_I partially agree\_\_\_I fully disagree\_\_\_I partially disagree\_\_\_I don’t care\_\_\_**

**Question:** The Catholic Church has centuries of written documents on all of those controversial topics and the results within those documents. They are binding on each Catholic with the expectation of obedience by the Church. What is your assessment of the Church expecting obedience to church decisions?

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**#1 Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_I can not say never\_\_\_

**Question:** Because God forgives sin, there would **never** be a situation where I would need to confess my sin to a person because I can go directly to Him, receive forgiveness, and be fully reconciled all on my own.

**#1a Possible answers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Two verses to consider. 1 John 5 says “there is a sin that leads unto death and so I say do not say to pray for that one”.  Jesus says in Matthew 12:31, “every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”.

**Question:** I still believe that sin is just sin and there are no different levels, categories, or divisions of sin.

**#1b Possible anwsers:** A pastor\_\_\_Any born again Christian\_\_\_Only God\_\_\_A Catholic priest\_\_\_

**Question:** Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 “whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted…”. Which persons are sanctioned to remit sins committed against God.

**#2** **Possible anwsers:** I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_

**Question:** If a child breaks a rule, a citizen breaks a law, or a church leader openly breaks proper moral conduct,  most responsible adults believe that personal confession, relevant punishment, and commensurate restitution are the three prongs that will produce good future behavior in the child, citizen or leader.

**#2a Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_You should only confess sins to God but a person can grant forgiveness\_\_\_You can confess a sin that was against God to a person but only God can forgive the sin\_\_\_

**Question:** The confessing of grave sin is admitted only to God and only forgiven by God.

**#2b Possible anwsers:** I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** Regarding punishment for grave sin committed against God, relevant punishment is called an act of contrition or penance.  They are displayed by both sorrow and action for the wrong done. A mental sorrow void of action is not sufficient.

**#2c Possible anwsers:** I agree\_\_\_I disagree\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** Regarding commensurate restitution for grave sin committed against God, restitution is rendered now in this life and/or later in purgatory. Purgatory is a temporary state of purification and purging for sins already forgiven. 1 Corinthians 3, Ps 24:2, 2 Timothy 1:18, Matthew 12:32

**#3** **Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Gabriel the Archangel was given command by God to declare a most reverential word to the Virgin Mary. Gabriel said “Hail” which is a word only spoken from a lower segment of a society toward a sovereign or a dignitary.

**Question:** There are multiple places in the Bible where God greets someone with this unique word Hail, so this was not unique to the Virgin Mary.

**#3a Possible anwsers:** YesI knew that\_\_\_I did not know that\_\_\_Yes I knew that but do not understand why\_\_\_

**Question prep:** It is well established that the Ark of the Covenant was considered supremely holy due to the presence of God dwelling in it.

**Question:** When the instructions by God were broken which made clear that only a priest could touch the Ark, Uzzah not being a priest, was smote as he touched the Ark in hopes of preventing it from falling.

**#3b** **Possible anwsers:** Yes\_\_No\_\_Yes but to what value\_\_\_I have never thought about it\_\_\_

**Question:** The Ark of the Covenant carried the presence of God. Since we know that the Virgin Mary carried  not only the presence of God, but God himself,  could she be given a supreme title of reverence known as the New Ark of the Covenant.

**#4** **Possible anwsers:** I don’t know\_\_\_Early church councils\_\_\_The Reformation documents\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

**Question:** The Bible includes two letters to the Church at Corinth. Per 1 Corinthians 5:9, Paul wrote at least one other letter to the church at Corinth. Who determined that the third letter was not considered canonical.

**#5 Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** From a biblical point of view, as taken from the pastoral epistles, starting a Christian church is a personal decision. An endorsement is unecessary from any particular person or organization.

**#5a Possible anwsers:** The New Testament\_\_\_My churches tradition\_\_\_My own beliefs\_\_\_If they think the Holy Spirit is calling them, I would not get in the way\_\_\_

**Question:** If #5 is true, my reasoning for that answer comes from:

#6 **Possible anwsers:** The doctrinal positions\_\_\_\_My family’s church \_\_\_\_The pastor and staff\_\_\_\_The social life the church offers my family\_\_\_\_Proximity to my home\_\_\_\_The praise and worship\_\_\_Ease of parking\_\_\_The Holy Spirit led me there\_\_\_Youth and childrens ministry\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question:** The top three reasons I chose my present church were based on what criteria.(Rank in order):

**#6a** **Possible anwsers:** Insufficient youth and children's ministries\_\_\_The pastors messages don’t feed them any longer\_\_\_The Holy Spirit is simply leading them\_\_\_Parking complications\_\_\_Apparent clickiness\_\_\_

Praise and worship style\_\_\_Too much push for money\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

**Question:** In your opinion , what are the two most common reasons people change churches within a given geographical community. (Rank in order)

**#7** **Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_Never heard of that\_\_\_

**Question:** I could give a brief description of the theological term hypostatic union.

**#7a** **Possible anwsers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question preparation:** The hypostatic union is a theological term that describes how, in Christ, one person subsists in two distinct natures which are both human and divine. This clarity was fully and finally written in 451 AD at the Council of Chalcedon which was the fifth ecumenical council.

**Question:** Just from reading the Bible on my own, I would have come to that same conclusion regarding this mystery.

#8 **Possible anwsers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is God in the fullest sense of the word just as The Father is God and Jesus is God.

**#8a**  **Possible anwsers:** The Bible says so\_\_\_My church says so\_\_\_\_The early church councils of the first 5 centuries said so\_\_\_Theologians I trust said so\_\_\_God revealed it to me\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question**: If yes, I know the Holy Spirit is God because:

**#9 Possible anwsers:** Yes\_\_No\_\_Yes, but to what value\_\_\_I have never thought about it\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Eve did not say YES to God in the garden. The Virgin Mary did say yes to God with the words “be it unto me according to thy word”. These words were in response to the angel Gabriel's message that she would bear a son.

**Question:** With that understanding, could Blessed Mary be given another supreme title known as the New Eve.

**#9a Possible anwsers:** Kings wife\_\_\_Kings Armourbearer\_\_\_Kings mother\_\_\_Kings cupbearer\_\_\_

I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** **I**n the Davidic Kingdom of the Old Testament, each one of the 20 Kings of Judah was assigned a person to rule in the royal court as an intercessor and advocate for the well-being of the Kingdom. Next to the King himself, this person operated with the most influence and was awarded the highest honor. Who was this person?

**#9b**  **Possible answers:** if there is an analogy, type, or shadow for this Old Testament figure in the Davidic Kingdom to be understood in the New Testament, which person would that be: Peter’s mother in law\_\_\_The Virgin Mary\_\_\_John the beloved\_\_\_Eve\_\_\_Elizabeth\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**#10** **Possible anwsers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_

**Question:** When Jesus says in Mt. 16:16-18, *“…And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock* ***I will build my church*** *and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it”.* Jesus' intent for the phrase, **“I will build my church”** is simply speaking of all individuals who have asked Christ to be their Lord and Savior, function within independent fellowships groups, and have a common belief in the Bible as God's Word?

**5 Bonus Questions:**

**#11 Possible answers: T\_\_\_F\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_**

**Question:** Jesus said in Matthew 18:20; “...For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them”.  This text leads us to believe that the gathering of even a few believers is sufficient to constitute an actual Church.

**Follow up questions to #11**

#12. **Possible answers:** Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_

**Question prep:** There are many groups of Christians who regularly meet, gather, and fellowship together whether at a home, a restaurant, or a coffee shop etc. Those individuals who meet up would **not** consider their time together as attending a church service.

**Question:** In your opinion, what are the mandatory elements that would constitute an actual church? i.e. The church that would rise to expectations of Matthew 16:18, I Timothy 3:15, and Ephesians 3:9-10

1. Common belief that the Bible is truly God's Word. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
2. Common belief in key doctrines. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
3. A consistent number of people joining together. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
4. An ordained minister. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
5. A 401C  non-profit status. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
6. Recognition by a denomination or a parent church. Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_
7. A group of Christians who self-declare; “we have a witness that this gathering is to be a church” Mandatory\_\_\_Not necessary\_\_\_

#13 **Possible answers:** 1\_\_2\_\_3\_\_4\_\_5\_\_6\_\_7\_\_ I don’t know\_\_\_I don’t care\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Question:** If you had to choose just one from that list, what is that **one** absolute prerequisite that would constitute an actual church

#14 **Possible answers:** The Bible\_\_\_\_The Holy Spirit\_\_\_\_Church History\_\_\_\_My experience\_\_\_\_

**Question:** Regarding questions #12 & 13, what is the number one source for determining your answers.

#15 **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_Not sure\_\_\_I like the pastor and the people so it does not matter\_\_\_

**Question:** I am sure that the church I attend is an actual church?

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#1 **Possible answers:** 0\_\_\_1-10\_\_\_11-20\_\_\_30-50\_\_\_?

**Question:** Approximately how many times is the expression "personal relationship" in the Bible?

#1a **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I believe one of the most **practical** ways to describe Christianity is with the following adage; “Being a Christian is not about religion, it is about a relationship”.

#1b **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I believe one of the most **theologically** accurate ways to describe Christianity is with the following adage; “Being a Christian is not about religion, it is about a relationship”.

#1c **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question** James 1:27 says; “Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”I still believe Christianity is not about religion, it is about relationship.

#2 **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Some\_\_\_None\_\_\_

**Question prep:** The Catholic Church has called twenty-two Ecumenical Councils with the first one being in Acts 16. The key purpose of an ecumenical council has always been about clarifying truth, eradicating heresy, and tirelessly proclaiming the mission of Christ Church. Here are the first four.

1. The first council was at Jerusalem in about A.D. 50. It was constructed by Peter and expounded on by James. The key purpose surrounded the definitive proclamation that gentile Christians were not to be brought under the Mosaic law to gain salvation.
2. The second Council was at Nicaea in A.D. 325. This Council was held to break the heresy of Arius who denied the dual nature of Jesus. This council dogmatically declared the divinity of Jesus Christ and that He is of one substance, one nature, and one essence with that of God the Father.
3. The third was called The First Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381. This council clarified the Godhead, declared the Holy Spirit to be fully God just as the Father and the Son are fully God, and inserted this truth into the Nicene Creed.
4. The fourth was the Council at Ephesus A.D. 431. This council was also called to unwind the heresies of Nestorius. He denied the reality of the Incarnation by teaching that Jesus Christ was two different persons who shared one body…the divine Jesus and the human Jesus. This council also defined the Blessed Virgin as the Mother of God(Jesus is God) and initiated for her the theological term “theotokos’(God-Bearer).

**Question:** Without these councils indisputable declarations that have set the stage for centuries of teaching, I would have known these realities simply from my own reading of the Bible. In otherwards, I would have been able to identify and communicate the true nature of Jesus, the Holy Spirit being fully God, and the of the mystery of the Trinity

#3 **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not really\_\_\_

**Question:** When I hear the word “praise” in the context of a Christian church, I generally think of singing, music, enthusiasm, and expressiveness.

#3a **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Not really\_\_\_

**Question:** When I hear the word “worship” in the context of a Christian church, I generally think of singing, music, and reverence to God.

#4 **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** Since the presidency of George Washington, there has continued a recorded and unbroken succession of all 45 USA presidents by name.

#4a **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question** Since the 12 apostles, there has continued a recorded and unbroken succession of all 366 popes by name.

**#**5 **Possible answers:** Heretical\_\_\_Unncessary\_\_\_False teaching\_\_\_

I could see see the value because it true globally, you must go through mother to try and harm her kids\_\_\_

**Question prep:** We know the New Testament reveals God's relationship with His people **as a family.** This is visible because God reveals himself as **Father**. Jesus is referred to as a **brother**. Believers are called **sons and daughters.** The Body of Christ is identified as being **brothers and sisters.** Along with the Bible that teaches the invaluable role of good fathers, mothers, and children, it is universally accepted that the family is the key building block of society.

**Question:** Since the fourth century, The Virgin Mary was given the title of Mother of the Church. How does that strike you?

**#6** **Possible answers** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I have some pictures in my house or office of friends or family that cause me to reflect on my love and admiration of them.

**#6a** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not necessarily\_\_\_

**Question:** If statutes were brought into my church sanctuary such as that of Paul, Peter, James, Blessed Mary, Francis of Assisi, Luther, Calvin, Spurgeon etc; **I would** personally have a problem with that due to a number of reasons including the first commandment.

**#6b** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not necessarily\_\_\_My church would not permit those images\_\_\_

**Question:** If statutes were brought into my church sanctuary such as that of Paul, Peter, James, Blessed Mary, Francis of Assisi, Luther, Calvin, Spurgeon etc;  **most of the congregation** where I attend church would have a problem with that due to a number of reasons including the first commandment

**#6c** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_My church would not permit those images\_\_\_

**Question:** If framed pictures were brought into my church sanctuary of those same individuals, **most of the congregation** where I attend church would have a problem with that due to a number of reasons including the first commandment

**#6d** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_I hope so\_\_\_

**Question:** If the pastor at your church died and there was a ceramic sculpture of him donated, would it be permitted by the leadership of your church to be placed in your sanctuary?

**#7** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_I did not know that\_\_\_Not appropriate to give that honor to a human\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Luke 1:42 says *“And she(Elizabeth) spake out with a loud voice, and said(to Mary), Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb”.* Mary continues in vs 48 and says; *“From now on all generations will call me blessed”*. For 2,000 years, the mother of Jesus has been referred to as Blessed Mary or the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Question:** I also refer to her as Blessed Mary or Blessed Virgin Mary

**#8**  **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** The human authors of the Bible were some of the individuals who ultimately determined what letters and books should be in the Bible?

**#9** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Mt. 23-8-9 states *“But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students…call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven”*.

**Question:** In the past, I have called someone teacher, rabbi, professor, or father even though it appears that Jesus rejects the use of those titles.

#**9a Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I think a student who calls his professor “teacher” would be in disobedience to Jesus’ words.

#**9b Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I think a Jewish Christian who is still attending a synagogue periodically and calls his rabbi, “rabbi” would be in disobedience to Jesus’ words.

#**9c Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

 **Question:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_I think a Catholic who calls a priest father is in disobedience to Jesus’ words.

**#10** **Possible answers:** Works apart from faith\_\_\_Loving God and neighbor as a result of faith\_\_\_Faith alone in Jesus\_\_\_Intentions of the heart\_\_\_Other\_\_\_

**Question prep:** Different from the Great White Throne judgment of Rev 20, 1 Corinthians 3 shows that we shall all face a personal judgment immediately upon death. This judgment will identify where we shall spend eternity.

**Question:** That judgment by God will be based on what?

**5 Bonus questions:**#11 T\_\_\_F\_\_\_The scripture teaches that God alone has the power to grant forgiveness for sins committed against Him.

#12 T\_\_\_F\_\_\_In the Old or New Testaments, the agency of man was never implemented to grant forgiveness for sins committed against God.

#13 T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Jesus gave the apostles the authority to **not** grant forgiveness for sins committed.

#14 T\_\_\_F\_\_\_That authority to **not** grant forgiveness for sins committed ended with those apostles.

#15 Who presently has the authority to **not** forgive sins committed against God. All Christians\_\_\_Each pastor of a congregation\_\_\_Catholic priests\_\_\_Nobody\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Questionnaire 5.0**

**Exploring your view of Christianity, the Church, and the Bible**

**General introductory questions**

Between birth and 10 years old, I was raised in a Christian Church. Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

I am a convert to Christianity from another world religion. Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

In the last 10 years, I have attended or visited how many churches? 1\_\_2\_\_3\_\_4\_\_5\_\_6\_\_7\_\_

My present church attendance is: Never\_\_\_ Periodically\_\_\_Regularly\_\_\_Every time the doors are open\_\_\_.

Choose from below how your church would be identified.

\_\_\_\_Non-denominational

\_\_\_\_Bible Church

\_\_\_\_Word of Faith

     \_\_\_\_Charismatic

\_\_\_\_Pentecostal

\_\_\_\_Seeker Friendly

\_\_\_\_Outreach Street Ministry

\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_Baptist

\_\_\_\_Church of Christ

\_\_\_\_Eastern Orthodox

\_\_\_\_Lutheran

\_\_\_\_Presbyterian

\_\_\_\_Catholic

\_\_\_\_Methodist

\_\_\_\_Assemblies of God

\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**#1 Possible answers:** John 2\_\_\_Matthew 1\_\_\_Luke 22\_\_\_

**Question:** Which of these shocking and mysterious miracles is the most difficult for you to imagine happening:

John 2: Water instantaneously changed to wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana\_\_\_

Matthew 1: Pregnancy of the Virgin Mary without a man or an act of advanced science\_\_\_

Luke 22: The bread and wine become body and blood at the Last Supper\_\_\_

**#1a Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_If yes, which: John 2\_\_\_Matthew 1\_\_\_Luke 22\_\_\_

**Question:** To your knowledge, have any of those same miracles happened in the 21st century

**If so, which?**

John 2: Water instantaneously changed to wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana\_\_\_

Matthew 1: Pregnancy of the Virgin Mary without a man or an act of advanced science\_\_\_

Luke 22: Bread and wine becoming body and blood\_\_\_

**#2** **Possible answers:** Imaginations of desire\_\_\_Demonic\_\_\_Actually Blessed Mary\_\_\_\_An evil spirit appearing as an angel of light\_\_\_Psycho-tropic medications producing false visions\_\_\_

**Question prep:** In the 20th century alone, there have been many documented appearances of Jesus with messages that coincide with orthodoxy. There have also been scores of reported visitations by angels that have brought comfort, peace, and truth. There have been over 300 apparitions (an appearance) of the Virgin Mary. Though a Catholic is not required to believe the content of the messages, twenty six of those apparitions have been approved as reliable, authentic, and worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

**Question**: I believe the origin of those apparitions by the Virgin Mary are:

**#3** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

**Question:** Have you attended a Mormon church, Jehovah's Witness church, or a Universalist church service?

**#3a Possible answers:** No one has invited me\_\_\_Something feels off in conversation but I can’t put my finger on it\_\_\_Errant views on the the Trinity and the nature of Jesus which oppose the writings and councils as documented by the Church during the first five centuries\_\_\_

**Question:** Why have you not attended one of these churches or if you have, why have you not gone back a second and third time?

**#4** **Possible answers:** True\_\_\_False\_\_\_It does not matter to me who prays for me\_\_\_I do not ask people to pray for me\_\_\_

**Question:** If I needed someone to pray for me or with me during a crisis, I would most likely choose someone who seems to be very close to the Lord?

**#4a** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

**Question:** I believe that great ones such as Paul, James, Jude, Peter, Mary, Luther, Wesley, Spurgeon, Calvin, etc, are in heaven, though without an immortal body, are alive and capable of hearing your prayers.

**#4b** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

**Question: If yes,** would you initiate their help as potential prayer warriors or intercessors due to their proximity to God and the holiness in which they dwell.

**#5** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_Some of statements but not all\_\_\_

**Question:** I agree with all three of the following statements:

Jesus taught that a person must be born again to see the kingdom of God.

Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth and Life.

No one can be assured of heaven if they do not come to God through Jesus Christ.

**#5a Possible answers**: True\_\_False\_\_I don’t know\_\_I can support my answer from the Bible\_\_\_

**Question:** If someone had never heard of Jesus Christ and their need for a Savior, that person will be eternally lost because they would not be born again, baptized, or have received Christ in their heart.

**#6 Possible anwsers**: Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_I can not judge anyone\_\_\_

**Question:** I believe that those who have knowingly rejected the redemptive work of Jesus Christ all the way to the point of death will not go to heaven.

**#7** **Question prep:** Christianity is fundamentally made up of three groups. Protestants which have about 900,000 million adherents. The  Orthodox/Eastern community has about 300,000 million adherents, and the Catholic Church which has about 1.3 billion adherents. Catholics and orthodox, which make up over 1.5 billion people, embrace the Hail Mary prayer. A few protestants might but for the most part, that prayer is not part of a Protestant's devotional life.

**Question:** The Hail Mary prayer is shown line by line below with exact words coming out of the New Testament. The prayer has 9 segments to it. Which of those, if any, causes you to reject this prayer.

Luke 1:28: Hail Mary: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:28: Full of grace: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:28: The Lord is with thee: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:42: Blessed art thou among women: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:42: And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:45: Holy Mary: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Luke 1:43: Mother of God: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Revelation 5:8: Pray for us sinners: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

Romans 10:1: Now and at the hour of our death: I Reject\_\_\_I accept\_\_\_

**\*prayers are**

**#8 Possible answers:** Y\_\_N\_\_No friend of mine would tell someone that their sin is not forgiven\_\_\_.

**Question:** John 20:23 says “whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted and whosoever sins you retain, they are retained”. Do you know of anyone who has told someone in a proper and caring attitude, that their confessed sin was retained (not forgiven).

**#8a** **Possible answers:** Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_

**Question**: If a person denied forgiveness for someone who confessed a sin against God, do you know from whom or from where they received the authority to retain/not forgive those sins.

**#9 Possible answers:** Y\_\_\_N\_\_\_Depends on the context\_\_\_

**Question**: I believe all verses in the Bible are God's living words and therefore all those words and their benefits are available to all believers despite to whom the Biblical letters were written.

**#9a** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Some truths which are not recorded in the Bible could be implemented as truth in life and in the life of the church\_\_\_.

**Question:** All doctrine, correction, and instructions for Christian life and for church life, must be explicitly stated in the Bible or else it could simply be man’s wisdom, biblical exaggeration, or even doctrinal error.

**#10** **Possible answers:** The Cross of Jesus\_\_\_Belief that the Bible is God's word\_\_\_

The shed blood of Jesus\_\_\_Baptism\_\_\_Communion\_\_\_Love\_\_\_Other\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** In your opinion, what is the **one** binding element that creates the unbreakable bond of unity for all non-Catholic Christians?

Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_I could support my answer from the Bible.

**#10a Possible answers:** The Cross of Jesus\_\_\_Belief that the Bible is God's word\_\_\_The Virgin Mary\_\_\_Baptism\_\_\_Communion/Eucharist\_\_\_Love\_\_\_Other\_\_\_Works\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_

**Question:** In your opinion, what is the **one** binding element that creates the unbreakable bond of unity for all Catholic Christians?

**5 Bonus Questions:**

**#11** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_

**Question:** I have some pictures in my house or office of friends or family that cause me to reflect on my love and admiration of them.

**#12** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not necessarily\_\_\_

**Question:** If statutes were brought into my church sanctuary such as that of Paul, Peter, James, Blessed Mary, Francis of Assisi, Luther, Calvin, Spurgeon etc; **I would** personally have a problem with that due to a number of reasons including the first commandment.

**#13** **Possible answers:** T\_\_\_F\_\_\_Not necessarily\_\_\_My church would not permit those images\_\_\_

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**Question:** If the longtime pastor at your church died and there was a ceramic sculpture of him donated in respect of him, would it be permitted by the leadership to be placed in your church sanctuary?

**#15a** **Possible answers:** Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_I don’t know\_\_\_I hope so\_\_\_

**Question:** If the longtime pastor at your church died and there was a ceramic sculpture of him donated in respect of him, would **you** place it in the church sanctuary?