

Soca Catholic Evangelism

Choose up to three friends and take the 10 minute questionnaire together. The topics are Christianity, the Church, and the Bible with lots of twists and turns.



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Questionnaire 1.0

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Questions developed from a Catholic perspective

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_____

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____ Non-denominational

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While born and raised into a great Catholic home, Steve unfortunately found himself serving within the non-denominational evangelical church sector. Upon graduating from San Diego State University, Steve continued his education in pastoral studies and graduated with a degree in Biblical studies. He then started a church in California and was involved in pastoral ministry for years to come. Out of nowhere, Steve was flipping through various radio stations in his car and bumped into a show on the Guadalupe Radio Network. From a 90-second exchange he heard on a live call-in broadcast, Steve started his journey back to the Catholic Church and now by God's grace is thrilled to be home.

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#1 Possible answers: T ___ F ___ I don't know ___ It is not important to me either way ___.

Question: The word hierarchy is defined by Webster's dictionary as "a ruling body of clergy organized into orders or ranks with each being subordinate to the one above it". With that said, it is known that governing by a hierarchy is good for government, military, business, and family, but churches should not be governed by a hierarchy whether global, regional, or local.

#2 Possible answers: T ___ F ___ I have never thought about it ___.

Question: Regarding evangelistic efforts, a biblically and theologically accurate appeal to the lost is as follows; "repent of your sins, ask Jesus in your heart, be baptized, and you will be saved. Because of that profession of faith in Christ, you will go straight to Heaven upon death"

#3 Possible answers: T ___ F ___ Different churches can have different doctrinal opinions ___.

Question: Most of the churches in my community agree on the fundamentals of Christianity such as the need and effects of baptism, nature of the communion elements, eternal security, biblical inerrancy, the need for church discipline, types of church government, eligibility for marriage, and the role of women in church leadership.

#4a **Possible answers:** Yes___No___I don't know my church's stance___I don't agree with the premise of this question___.

Question: This is about your church's stance on remarriage after divorce as noted in Mt 5, Mt 19, and 1 Corinthians 7. Understanding the moral consequences of a divorced person getting remarried and thus living in a state of adultery as noted by Jesus in Matthew chapters 5 and 19, does your church permit marriage after divorce?

4b **Possible answers:** Yes___No___

Question: If you know your church's stance on the above question, do you agree with your church's position?

4c **Possible answers:** Yes___No___It is not a church's position to say yes or no. It is up to the conscience of the two people wanting to marry___.

Question: If you were a pastor, would you allow a divorced person with a living spouse to remarry?

#5 **Possible answers:** Y___N___It is there so I trust it is supposed to be in the Bible___

Question: Even though the Book of Esther does not mention the words God, Lord, Savior, salvation, sin, heaven or hell; I still think it should be in the Bible?

#5a If no, pass. If yes, why? The book of Esther feels like scripture when I read it. ___It is in the bible so I trust that it should be included. ___The early church councils came to that conclusion___

#5b What denomination were the early church fathers that formulated the early church councils?

Just ___various ___believers ___of ___no ___particular sect___Ecclesia___Gnostics___Catholic___Non-denominational___

#6 **Possible answers:** T___F___Never thought about it___.

Question: Since Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, spoke with Jesus, and were seen by Peter, James and John at the Mt. of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah must presently be cognitive, aware, and alive in heaven?

#7 **Possible answers:** Mandatory___Good___Unnecessary___

Question: Except for an extenuating circumstance such as imminent death, water baptism for salvation is?:

#7a **Possible answers:** T___F___There are many avenues for getting to heaven___It is an individual decision by a merciful God___.

Question: To go to heaven, you must be born again through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ?

#7b **Possible answers:** T___F___

Question: If someone has **never** clearly heard or received the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore would not be born again or washed by the blood of Jesus, they will be eternally lost?

#8 **Possible answers:** Choose your best answer: Strongly agree___Moderately agree___I have never experienced the Holy Spirit speaking to me___

Question: I interpret the Bible for myself because when it speaks to me, I know it is the Holy Spirit teaching me truths that **may not** be historically or commonly agreed upon?

#9 **Possible answers:** 1. Strongly agree___2. Strongly disagree___

Question: Imagine that someone has truly repented, asked Jesus in their heart as Lord and Savior, got baptized, and therefore got saved in their twenties. Yet looking back at the end of their life, that person's behavior was for the most part void of purity, holiness, and charity. Upon death, entrance straight into God's holy heaven would still be guaranteed by virtue of truly receiving Christ as Savior?

9a. Possible answers: T ___ F ___

Question: If strongly agree, I could support my answer from the Bible about the guarantee of heaven despite one's behavior.

#10 Possible answers: T ___ F ___

Question: When determining truth, doctrine, and morals; most Christian churches use the teachings of the Bible and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is therefore safe to say that most churches have agreement on the following human rights issues. Doctor-assisted suicide, abortion, contraception, euthanasia, in vitro fertilization, and **embryonic** stem cell research.

Follow up question to #10:

10a **T ___ F ___** My church has made clear its stance on each of those all-important human rights issues.

10b **T ___ F ___** Beliefs about these categories should not be up to a church. They should be up to each individual

10c **T ___ F ___** The Bible is silent on these issues.

10d **T ___ F ___** I could support my belief about each of those subjects from the Bible?

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. In your opinion, what are the mandatory elements which would constitute

an actual church?

Questions:

1. Common belief that the Bible is truly God 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:** 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 your 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 which I attend is an actual church?

Answer Sheet 1.0

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Choose from below how your church would be identified.

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____Pentecostal

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____Other_____

____Baptist____

____Church of Christ

____Eastern Orthodox____

____Lutheran

____Presbyterian____

____Catholic

____Methodist____

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____Other_____

#1 T____F____I don't know____It is not important to me either way____

#2 T____F____I have never thought about it____

#3 T____F____Different churches can have different doctrinal opinions____

#4a Y____N____I don't know____I dont agree with the premise of the question____

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#9a T____F____

#10 T____F____

#10a T____F____

#10b T____F____

#10c T____F____

#10d T____F____

#11 T____F____I don't know____

#12.

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#13 I don't know____I don't care____Other____

#14 Regarding question #13, what is your #1 source for determining your answers.

The Bible_____The Holy Spirit_____

Church History_____My experience_____

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