

# SERMON OUTLINES

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"Now that you have put away falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor."—Eph. 4:25.

These 244 sermons are designed to answer the Bible questions most frequently asked around the world. For convenience they are grouped under 60 subject headings. The first line of each sermon, printed in bold italics, is its theme. Themes are so worded that the question the sermon is designed to answer can be easily recognized. For example, the question is asked: "Why has God allowed wickedness to continue so long?" Glance at the "List of Subjects" below. Note the subject heading "59. Wickedness, World Distress." Turn to page 30. Now locate under this subject heading the theme of the sermon best suited to answer. Note theme "D. Why wickedness permitted." The Bible sermon on this theme will answer the question.

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# 1. Armageddon

## A. God's war to end wickedness

Nations gathered to Armageddon. .... Re 16:14, 16; Joe 3:12  
 God fights to destroy the wicked. .... Jer 25:31-33; Zep 3:8  
 Will occur in this generation. .... [Paraphrase] Mt 24:3-8, 34, 36  
 How we may survive. .... Zep 2:2, 3; Ps 91:1, 4-9; Pr 18:10

## B. The Christian's part in God's final war

God's war, not man's. .... 2Ch 20:15, 17; Zep 3:8; Isa 13:4, 5  
 Jehovah's witnesses do not take part. .... 2Co 10:3, 4; Eph 6:12  
 Must sound warning or be bloodguilty. .... Eze 33:6; Ac 20:26, 27  
 Comes suddenly; must be watchful. .... 1Th 5:3; Lu 21:34, 35

## C. Love of God not violated

Destroys world set against God. .... Ps 2:1-5; Jude 14, 15  
 World extremely corrupt. .... Ro 1:18, 21, 26-31; 2Ti 3:1-5  
 Will be a righteous war. .... 2Th 1:6-9; Re 19:1, 2; Joe 3:2  
 God patient, but love requires action. .... 2Pe 3:9, 15; Lu 18:7, 8  
 Wicked must go so righteous can prosper. .... Pr 21:18; Re 11:18

# 2. Baptism

## A. Symbol of dedication to God

Dedication to God an example Jesus set. .... Heb 10:7; Joh 4:34  
 Christians must follow Jesus' example. .... 1Pe 2:21; Mt 16:24  
 Baptism is a Christian requirement. .... Mt 3:13-15; Heb 6:1, 2  
 Only for those old enough to be taught. .... Mt 28:19, 20; Ac 2:41  
 Immersion in water is proper way. .... Ac 8:38, 39; Joh 3:23

## B. Does not wash sins away

Jesus was not baptized to wash away sins. .... 1Pe 2:22; 3:18  
 Baptism does not cleanse from sins, since bloodless. .... Heb 9:22  
 Sins cleansed by calling on Jehovah's name. .... Ac 22:16; 2:21

## C. "Baptism for the dead" is unscriptural

1Co 15:29 refers to baptism into Christ's death. .... Ro 6:3, 4  
 Such die like Christ, resurrected like him. .... Ro 6:5; Php 3:10  
 Dead persons out of existence, beyond our help. .... 2Sa 12:16-23  
 Can answer to God only for self. .... Ro 14:12; 1Pe 3:21; Ps 49:7

# 3. Bible

## A. God's Word is inspired

Men were moved by God's spirit to write. .... 2Pe 1:20, 21  
 Man's interpretation twists, causes confusion. .... 2Pe 3:15, 16  
 Prophecy proves God's Word is true. .... Isa 14:24; Joh 14:29  
 Examples: .... Da 8:5, 6, 20-22; Lu 21:5, 6, 20-22; Isa 45:1-4  
 Entire Bible inspired and beneficial. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17; Ro 15:4

## B. Help needed to understand

Private reading of Bible not enough. .... Ac 8:30, 31; Lu 24:27  
 Understanding not limited to the "wise." .... Mt 11:25; 1Co 1:19

Meant to be understood for instruction. .... Ro 15:4; Pr 4:2, 4  
 Study and training required. .... Ac 17:11; De 6:6-9; 2Ti 3:16, 17

#### **C. Is a practical guide for our day**

Ignoring Bible principles is fatal. .... Ro 1:28-32  
 Science, man's wisdom no substitute. .... Ro 1:20, 21; 1Ti 6:20  
 Bible endures through the ages. .... Mt 5:18; Isa 40:8; 1Pe 1:25  
 A defense against strongest enemy. .... Eph 6:11, 12, 17; Heb 4:12  
 Guides man in the right way. .... Ps 119:105; 2Pe 1:19; Pr 3:5, 6

#### **D. Quoting scattered texts has Scriptural precedent**

One is thus set straight, avoids error. .... 2Ti 3:16; Ac 17:2, 3, 11  
 Jesus used scattered texts. .... Mt 4:4, 7, 10; Lu 24:27, 44-46  
 Paul used similar method. .... Ro 15:9-12; 9:12-18, 25-29; Heb 1:5-13  
 Told to use the Word of truth aright. .... 2Ti 2:15; Joh 5:39, 40

#### **E. Other "holy books" or traditions are not inspired**

No other sacred writings older. .... Ge 5:1; Ex 32:15, 16  
 Nations without Bible are without hope. .... Eph 2:11, 12; 4:17, 18  
 Traditions make Bible invalid. .... Mt 15:3, 6-9; Col 2:8; 2Pe 1:16  
 Teaching "another good news" brings a curse. .... Ga 1:7-9; Pr 30:6  
 Bible is complete and equips for good works. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17

#### **F. Written for peoples of all nations**

Bible writing began in the East. .... Ex 17:14; 24:12, 16; 34:27  
 God's provision not just for Europeans. .... Ro 10:11-13; Ga 3:28  
 God accepts men of all nations. .... Ac 10:34, 35; Re 22:17; 7:9, 10  
 Understanding possible for the meek who seek. .... Pr 2:1-6; 8:33

#### **G. "Old" and "New Testaments" both important**

"Old Testament" not all fulfilled. .... Da 12:9, 10; Mt 24:15  
 "Old Testament" accounts are examples. .... 1Co 10:11; Ro 15:4  
 Jesus drew parallels for the "last days." .... Lu 17:26-30

#### **H. Canonicity of books determined best from internal evidence**

In Jesus' day Hebrew canon complete. .... Lu 24:44; Joh 10:34, 35  
 Ezra recognized Hebrew Scriptures as of God. .... Ezr 7:6, 11  
 Peter accepted Paul's books as Scriptural. .... 2Pe 3:15, 16  
 Only 66 books meet inspired standard. .... De 18:20-22; 2Pe 1:21

## **4. Blood**

#### **A. Transfusions violate sacredness of blood**

Noah was told that blood was sacred, was the life. .... Ge 9:4, 16  
 Law covenant prohibited feeding on blood. .... Le 17:14; 7:26, 27  
 Prohibition repeated to Christians. .... Ac 15:28, 29; 21:25  
 Misused blood pollutes, makes one unholy. .... Nu 35:33; 1Pe 1:16

#### **B. Question of saving life not justify breaking God's law**

Obedience is better than to sacrifice. .... 1Sa 15:22; Mr 12:33  
 Love of family must be second to love of God. .... Mt 10:37  
 Abraham offered son to keep God's law. .... Heb 11:17-19; Ge 22:9  
 Putting one's life ahead of God's law is fatal. .... Mr 8:35, 36

## 5. Chronology

### A. 1914 (A.D.) ends Gentile times

Line of kingdom rulers interrupted, 607 B.C. .... Eze 21:25-27  
 "Seven times" to pass until rule restored. .... Da 4:32, 16, 17  
 Seven =  $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  times, or  $2 \times 1,260$  days. .... Re 12:6, 14; 11:2, 3  
 A day for a year. [Makes 2,520 years] .... Eze 4:6; Nu 14:34  
 To run until Kingdom's establishment. .... Lu 21:24; Da 7:13, 14

### B. 70 weeks; prophecy of Messiah's first coming (Da 9:24-27)

Began 455 B.C.; Jerusalem's wall restored. .... Neh 2:1, 8; 6:15  
 Weeks of years; 1 week = 7 years. .... Eze 4:6; Nu 14:34  
 7 + 62 weeks (483 years) Jesus anointed, A.D. 29. .... Mt 3:16, 17  
 Jesus died  $\frac{1}{2}$  week of years later, A.D. 33. .... Mt 27:50; Da 9:27  
 Favor to Jews  $\frac{1}{2}$  week of years, to A.D. 36. .... Ac 10:44

### C. 2 B.C., Jesus' birth

John began baptizing spring, A.D. .... Lu 3:1-3  
 (Tiberius began Aug., A.D. 14; 15th year ended Aug., A.D. 29)  
 John, a Levite, began work at age 30. .... Nu 4:2, 3; Lu 1:5, 13  
 Jesus baptized 6 mos. later at age 30. .... Lu 1:35, 36; 3:23  
 Time of Jesus' birth therefore about Oct. 1, 2 B.C.

### D. Christ's ministry $3\frac{1}{2}$ years

Daniel's prophecy shows  $\frac{1}{2}$  week, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. .... Da 9:27; Mt 27:51  
 Began ministry fall, A.D. 29. .... Lu 3:1-3, 23  
 4 Passover feasts observed. .... Joh 2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 12:1 and 13:1  
 Double sabbath after Passover shows death Friday. .... Joh 19:31  
 Eclipse of full moon Friday, Apr. 1, A.D. 33, corroborative.

### E. 7,000-year creative days

God worked 6 days of week, rested on 7th. .... Ge 2:2, 3; Ex 31:17  
 Day a definite period, not always 24 hours. .... Ge 2:4; 2Pe 3:8  
 Rest day continues (now nearly 6,000 years). .... Heb 4:4-6, 11  
 This generation to see Armageddon end wickedness. .... Mt 24:34  
 1,000-yr. rule left in 7,000-yr. rest day. .... Re 20:6; 1Co 15:24

## 6. Church, "Successors"

### A. Church spiritual, built upon Christ

God does not dwell in man-made temples. .... Ac 17:24, 25; 7:48  
 True church is spiritual temple of living stones. .... 1Pe 2:5, 6  
 Christ, cornerstone; apostles, secondary foundation. .... Eph 2:20  
 God to be worshiped with spirit and truth. .... Joh 4:24; 2Co 3:17

### B. Limited to 144,000

A "little flock" promised the kingdom of heaven. .... Lu 12:32  
 Those ruling over earth bought by Christ's blood. .... Re 5:9, 10  
 144,000 are those purchased from earth. .... Re 14:1, 3; 7:3, 4  
 These purchased are Christ's body, church. .... 1Co 6:20; 12:27

### C. Meeting in homes or building halls proper

Disciples went to the people to preach. .... Ac 5:42; 20:20

Homes and other assembly places used. .... Col 4:15; Ac 19:9  
 Meeting together incites to love, right works. .... Heb 10:23-25  
 Jesus present where two or three meet. .... Mt 18:20; 28:20  
 Name "Kingdom Hall" today points to God's kingdom. .... Mt 24:14

#### **D. Church not built upon Peter**

Jesus did not say church built upon Peter. .... Mt 16:18 (NW ftn)  
 Jesus identified as the "rock-mass." .... 1Co 10:4; 1Pe 2:4  
 Peter identified Jesus as foundation. .... 1Pe 2:6-8; Ac 4:8-12  
 Secondary foundation all twelve apostles. .... Eph 2:20; Re 21:14

#### **E. No successors to Christ**

Jesus needs no succession of priests. .... Heb 7:23-25; 13:8  
 Peter did not view himself specially appointed. .... Ac 4:10-12  
 Peter not infallible, corrected by Paul. .... Ga 2:11-14  
 Peter refused to accept obeisance. .... Ac 10:25, 26; Re 19:10  
 No man is head of Jesus' congregation. .... Col 1:18; Eph 1:22, 23

## **7. Conduct**

#### **A. Moral standard of Bible must be upheld**

Morals, right thinking. .... Ga 5:19-21; Php 4:8, 9; Re 21:8  
 Honesty with all. .... Eph 4:25-28; Col 3:22-25; 4:1; Ro 12:17  
 Cleanliness of body, home, etc. .... 2Co 7:1; Tit 2:5; 1Ti 3:7  
 Moderation. .... Pr 23:20, 21; Lu 21:34; Ro 13:13; Php 4:5; 1Ti 3:3

#### **B. True adornment is of the heart**

Jehovah looks at heart, not outward appearance. .... 1Sa 16:7  
 Faithful women of old adorned their persons. .... Ge 24:53  
 Outward adornment not condemned though secondary. .... 1Pe 3:3-6  
 Garments of salvation like ornaments. .... Isa 61:10; Col 3:12

## **8. Creation**

#### **A. Agrees with proved science; disproves evolution**

Science agrees with order of creation. .... Ge 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25  
 Science recognizes flesh of various kinds. .... 1Co 15:39  
 Man alone made in God's image. .... Ge 1:27, 28; 9:6; 1Co 11:7  
 Jehovah created earth, put man on it. .... Isa 45:12, 18; Ps 115:16  
 God is manifest through his creation. .... Ro 1:19, 20; Isa 40:26

#### **B. Creative days 7,000 years each as measured by seventh**

God rested on the seventh day. .... Ge 2:2, 3  
 Day of God's rest continues (nearly 6,000 years). .... Heb 4:3-11  
 Armageddon in this generation, then 1,000-year rule. .... Mt 24:34  
 1,000-year reign climaxes seventh day. .... Re 20:6; Mt 12:8

## **9. Cross**

#### **A. Jesus hanged on a torture stake as a reproach**

Jesus was hanged on a stake or tree. .... Ac 5:30; 10:39; De 21:22

Freed those under law by becoming a curse. .... 1Pe 2:24; Ga 3:13  
 Christians must bear stake as reproach. .... Mt 10:38; Lu 9:23

### ***B. Should not be worshiped***

Displaying Jesus' stake a reproach. .... Heb 6:6; Mt 27:41, 42  
 Use of cross in worship is idolatry. .... Ex 20:4, 5; Jer 10:3-5  
 Jesus a spirit, not still on cross. .... 2Co 5:16; 1Ti 3:16; 1Pe 3:18

## **10. Death**

### ***A. Cause of death***

Man had perfect start, prospect of endless life. .... Ge 1:28, 31  
 Disobedience brought sentence of death. .... Ge 3:19; De 32:5  
 Sin and death have passed on to all Adam's children. .... Ro 5:12  
 Death to be destroyed, life restored. .... 1Co 15:26; Re 21:4

### ***B. Condition of the dead***

Adam was made to be a soul, not given one. .... Ge 2:7; 1Co 15:45  
 It is man, the soul, that dies. .... Eze 18:4; Isa 53:12; Job 11:20  
 Dead are unconscious, know nothing. .... Ec 9:5, 10; Ps 146:3, 4  
 Dead asleep awaiting resurrection. .... Joh 11:11-14, 23-26; Ac 7:60  
 Only the wicked perish forever. .... Isa 26:10, 14; Pr 10:7; Ps 9:5

### ***C. Talking with the dead impossible***

The dead not alive with God as spirits. .... Ps 115:17; Isa 38:18  
 Warned against trying to speak with dead. .... Isa 8:19; Lev 19:31  
 Mediums, fortunetellers condemned in Israel. .... De 18:10-12  
 Practicers of spiritism will not inherit Kingdom. .... Ga 5:19-21

### ***D. Honoring the dead is wrong***

Is useless, they are unaware of it. .... Ec 9:10; Job 14:1, 2, 21  
 No reward to dead, only resurrection hope. .... Ec 9:5; 1Co 15:32  
 Dead persons hold no power over living. .... Ro 7:2, 3; 1Co 7:39  
 Honor belongs, not to the dead, but to God. .... Ro 1:25; Isa 38:19

## **11. Dedication**

### ***A. Dedication to Jehovah required for life***

Must first recognize sinful state. .... Ac 2:38; 3:19; Lu 24:47  
 Must come to God through Christ. .... Joh 14:6; 6:44, 65; Ac 4:12  
 Give self in dedication to Jehovah. .... 2Co 8:5; Lu 14:27; Ro 6:13  
 Baptism symbolizes; vow must be kept. .... Mt 3:15-17; Ec 5:2, 4-6

## **12. Delinquency**

### ***A. Bible answer to problem of juvenile delinquency***

Foretold as evidence of last days. .... 2Ti 3:1-3; Ro 1:30  
 Education in Israel was preventive measure. .... Pr 22:6; De 6:5-7  
 Literal discipline to be used as needed. .... Pr 23:13, 14; 22:15  
 Parents responsible to teach children God's law. .... Eph 6:4  
 Both reap benefits of learning God's requirements. .... Joh 17:3

## 13. Devil, Demons

### *A. The Devil is a spirit person*

Not evil within oneself but a spirit person. .... 2Ti 2:26  
 Devil as much a person as the angels. .... Mt 4:1, 11; Job 1:6  
 Cast out of heaven when Kingdom rule began. .... Re 12:9, 10  
 Flees from those who oppose him. .... Jas 4:7; Eph 6:11, 16; 4:27

### *B. The Devil is the invisible ruler of the world*

The Devil branded as the first liar, hence in Eden. .... Joh 8:44  
 Made himself Devil by wrong desire. .... Eze 28:13-17; Jas 1:13-15  
 Allowed to remain until issue settled. .... Ex 9:16; Joh 12:31  
 World under his control as god. .... 2Co 4:4; 1Jo 5:19; Re 12:9  
 To be abysed, then destroyed. .... Re 20:2, 3, 10; Eze 28:18, 19

### *C. Devil responsible for world distress*

Caused sin, death for all men. .... Ro 5:12; Ge 3:1-5; Joh 8:44  
 Has oppressed mankind. .... Heb 2:14, 15; 2Co 4:4; Lu 13:16  
 Now is cause of increased woes. .... Re 12:12, 17; 16:14, 16

### *D. Demons are rebellious angels*

Joined Satan before Flood. .... Ge 6:1, 2; 1Pe 3:19, 20; Mt 12:24  
 Debased out of God's organization. .... 2Pe 2:4; Jude 6; De 32:17  
 Fight against God, oppress mankind. .... Lu 8:27-29; Re 16:13, 14  
 To be destroyed with Satan. .... Mt 25:41; Lu 8:31; Re 20:2, 3, 10

## 14. Disfellowshipping

### *A. Propriety of disfellowshipping*

Congregation kept clean, honoring God. .... 1Co 5:11-13; Pr 20:19  
 Removes reproach; retains God's favor. .... 1Co 5:5; 2Co 7:11  
 Disciplines; may induce repentance. .... 1Ti 1:20; 2Th 3:6, 14  
 Helps others avoid wrong course. .... 1Ti 5:20; Pr 3:7; Heb 12:15

### *B. Grounds for disfellowshipping*

Spiritual and moral uncleanness. .... 1Co 5:11; 6:9, 10; Ga 5:19-21  
 Causing sects, divisions. .... Ro 16:17; Tit 3:10; 2Co 6:14  
 Apostasy. .... Heb 6:4-6; 2Th 2:3; 2Ti 4:4; 1Ti 5:15; 2Pe 2:1-3  
 Rebellion against God, organization. .... 1Sa 15:23; Jude 8-11

### *C. Repentance a basis for mercy*

Real repentance comes from contrite heart. .... 2Sa 24:10; 2Ki 22:19  
 Not mere fear, regret, but a hating of bad. .... Pr 8:13; Ps 97:10  
 Evidence of repentance must exist. .... Mt 3:8; Lu 3:8; Ac 26:20  
 Allows for mercy to wrongdoer. .... 2Co 2:7; 7:10; Jas 2:13

## 15. Earth

### *A. God's purpose for the earth*

Paradise made on earth for perfect humans. .... Ge 1:28; Isa 45:18  
 God's purpose is certain. .... Isa 55:11; 46:10, 11; 9:6, 7  
 Earth to be filled with peaceful, perfect men. .... Ps 37:10, 11  
 Paradise to be restored by Kingdom. .... Mt 6:9, 10; Isa 65:21-23

**B. From paradise lost to paradise regained**

Man given paradise garden to tend. .... Ge 2:15; Ps 115:16  
 Disobedience caused death and loss of paradise. .... Ge 3:22-24  
 Jesus' death opened way to regain paradise. .... Lu 23:43; Re 7:14  
 Paradisaic conditions will be restored. .... Re 21:3, 4; 7:15-17

**C. Will never be destroyed or depopulated**

Literal earth to be permanent. .... Ec 1:4; Ps 78:69; 104:5  
 Mankind of Noah's time destroyed, not earth. .... 2Pe 3:5-7; Ge 7:23  
 Present order, works to be destroyed. .... 2Pe 3:10, 13; Isa 13:9  
 Example gives hope of surviving in our time. .... Mt 24:34, 37-39  
 Wicked destroyed; meek inherit earth. .... Ps 37:9-11, 29; Mt 5:5

**D. Men unable to destroy earth**

Earth a valued creation of God, to remain. .... Job 38:4-7; Ec 1:4  
 Firmly established; men cannot remove. .... Ps 78:69; 104:5  
 Seasons to continue; will be inhabited. .... Ge 8:22; Isa 45:18  
 God will ruin those ruining earth. .... Re 11:18; Isa 24:3-6

## 16. Evolution

**A. Is unscriptural**

God exists, is loving Creator. .... Ps 19:1; Re 4:11; 1Jo 4:8  
 Created each "kind" to fit a purpose. .... Ge 1:21, 24; Pr 20:12  
 God's law of "kinds" holds true. .... Ge 1:11, 12; Jas 3:12  
 Man fell, degraded rather than evolved. .... Ec 7:29; 2Ti 3:1-5

## 17. False Prophets, Antichrist

**A. False prophets have existed since apostles' day**

Rule to determine false prophets. .... De 18:20-22; Lu 6:26  
 Were foretold; recognized by fruits. .... Mt 24:23-26; 7:15-21  
 Present as antichrist in apostles' day. .... 1Jo 2:18, 19; 4:1  
 Falling away to occur before Christ's return. .... 2Th 2:3, 7-9

**B. Antichrist is against Christ's kingdom**

Put to the test antichrist's false teachings. .... 1Jo 4:1-3  
 An antichrist in apostles' day, denied Christ. .... 1Jo 2:22, 23  
 Now are denying established Kingdom. .... Ps 2:1, 2; 2Pe 3:4  
 God's prophets point to Kingdom. .... Mt 24:14; 10:7; Jer 23:21, 22

## 18. God and Caesar

**A. Christian's relation to worldly authorities**

Responsible to obey laws: taxes, registrations, etc. .... Mt 22:21  
 Life, salvation, belong to God. .... Ps 3:8; 146:3; 1Co 6:19, 20  
 Accept ministry from God as responsibility. .... 2Co 5:18, 20  
 Ministry benefits the people. .... 1Ti 4:16; Pr 14:34; 1Co 1:21

**B. Christian's first responsibility must be to God**

God's kingdom no part of this world. .... Joh 18:36; 14:30; Mt 4:8

Those separated by Christ are hated by world. .... Joh 15:18, 19  
 Friendship with world is enmity with God. .... Jas 4:4; Ro 8:6-8  
 God's requirements must come first. .... Ac 5:29; 4:19, 20; Mt 6:33

### ***C. Christian must maintain neutrality in world's affairs***

Jesus not active in world affairs, set example. .... Joh 17:16  
 Maintain neutrality as Christ's ambassadors. .... 2Co 5:20; 2Ti 2:4  
 Must serve God's kingdom. .... Mt 6:33; 24:14; Zec 8:23; Ac 20:25-27

### ***D. Christian warfare a protection for people of all nations***

Christians engaged in unending, deadly warfare. .... Eph 6:11, 12  
 Armor protects others through "good news." .... Eph 6:14, 15  
 Soldier cannot forsake battle for other interests. .... 2Ti 2:3, 4  
 Need now for ministry recognized by all. .... 1Ti 4:16; 2Ti 3:1-5

### ***E. Flag salute violates Christian's devotion to God***

Service, exclusive worship are due God. .... Ex 20:4, 5; Re 19:10  
 Faithful Jews viewed government symbol as idol. .... Da 3:15-18  
 Christians warned against idolatry. .... 1Jo 5:21; 1Co 10:14  
 Recognizing God's salvation a unifying force. .... Re 7:9, 10

## **19. Good Works**

### ***A. What constitutes good works***

God's standard, not man's, determines. .... Mic 6:8; 2Ti 3:16, 17  
 Must bring honor to God. .... Heb 13:15; Php 4:8, 9; Pr 21:3  
 Done from the heart out of love. .... 1Co 13:1-3; Mt 12:34, 35  
 Preaching Kingdom most important. .... Mt 24:14; Da 12:3; 1Ti 4:16

### ***B. Sincerity, keeping the golden rule (Mt 7:12) not sufficient***

Exists a way upright before man, but end is death. .... Pr 14:12  
 May feel guiltless, but Jehovah judges. .... 1Co 4:4; Pr 21:2  
 Most important is what is right in God's eyes. .... De 12:8, 28  
 Wise person listens to take in more instruction. .... Pr 1:5

### ***C. Faith without works is dead***

Faith required to receive God's favor. .... Heb 11:6; Ga 3:11  
 Faith will be manifested by actions. .... Jas 2:19-26; Heb 11:17  
 Other qualities required besides faith. .... 1Co 13:13; Mt 23:23  
 Must work to achieve Christian maturity. .... Heb 6:1; Php 2:12

### ***D. Charitable works not foremost Christian requirement***

Ministering to Christ more important than to poor. .... Mt 26:8-12  
 Those seeking only material benefits condemned. .... Joh 6:26, 27  
 Those seeking God's kingdom promised provision. .... Mt 6:31-33  
 Needy in organization helped. .... Ac 11:29; 4:34, 35; Ro 15:26

### ***E. Community interests best served by Kingdom preaching***

Jesus demonstrated the most practical activity. .... Lu 8:1  
 Did not share in political activity. .... Joh 6:15; 18:36; 17:9  
 Taught men to pray for God's kingdom as hope. .... Mt 6:9, 10  
 Disciples called to Kingdom work found security. .... Mt 6:31-33

## 20. Healing, Tongues

### *A. Spiritual healing has permanent benefits*

Spiritual sickness destroying many. .... Isa 1:4-6; 6:10; Ho 4:6  
 Those conscious of spiritual need counted happy. .... Mt 5:3  
 Spiritual healing the primary commission. .... Joh 6:63; Lu 4:18  
 Removes sins; gives happiness, life. .... Jas 5:19, 20; Re 7:14-17

### *B. God's kingdom will bring permanent physical cures*

Jesus cured infirmities, preached Kingdom blessings. .... Mt 4:23  
 Kingdom promised as means of permanent cure. .... Mt 6:10; Isa 9:7  
 Even death will be abolished. .... 1Co 15:25, 26; Re 21:4; 20:14

### *C. Faith healing unauthorized; no sign of divine approval*

Healing was performed on outsiders as a sign. .... Ac 5:12, 16  
 Did not heal selves; used natural cures. .... 2Co 12:7-9; 1Ti 5:23  
 Miraculous gifts ended after apostles' day. .... 1Co 13:8-11  
 Healing not evidence of divine favor. .... Mt 7:22, 23; 2Th 2:9-11

### *D. Speaking in tongues not the way of preaching salvation*

Was sign; greater gifts to be sought. .... 1Co 14:22, 1; 12:30, 31  
 Prophesying with understanding preferable. .... 1Co 14:5, 18, 19  
 Miraculous gifts of spirit foretold to pass away. .... 1Co 13:8-10  
 Wonderful works no proof of God's favor. .... Mt 7:22, 23; 24:24

## 21. Heaven

### *A. Heaven is God's home, earth is man's*

Heavens belong to God; earth man's home. .... Ps 115:16; Isa 66:1  
 Some taken from earth to live in heaven. .... Joh 14:2-4; 1Pe 1:4  
 Only few chosen; to rule with Christ. .... Re 5:9, 10; 14:3; 20:6  
 Other righteous ones will dwell on earth. .... Ps 37:29; Pr 2:21

### *B. Only 144,000 go to heaven*

A limited number; to be kings with Christ. .... Lu 12:32; Re 20:4  
 Jesus was forerunner; others chosen since. .... Col 1:18; 1Pe 2:21  
 Many others will live on earth. .... Ps 45:16; Joh 10:16; Ps 37:29  
 144,000 in special position no others have. .... Re 14:1, 3; 7:4

### *C. Requirements for heavenly life*

Must be born of water of truth and spirit. .... Joh 3:5, 6; 4:14  
 Being chosen thus by God, must prove faithful. .... Re 17:14; 2:10  
 Must give up earthly life in death. .... Ro 6:3, 5; 1Co 15:50  
 Resurrected to heaven. .... 2Co 5:1-4; 1Co 15:42, 48, 49, 53

## 22. Hell (Hades, Sheol)

### *A. Provides temporary rest, with resurrection hope*

Hell was recognized as a relief from suffering. .... Job 14:13  
 Does not keep the dead permanently. .... Re 20:13; Ps 16:10  
 Willfully wicked will never awaken. .... 2Pe 2:12; 2Th 1:9  
 Resurrection for others in hell. .... Joh 5:28, 29; Ac 24:15

**B. Not a literal place of fiery torment**

Hell for Jonah was the fish's belly. .... Jon 2:2, 10; 1:17  
 Pictured Jesus in "heart of the earth" or hell. .... Mt 12:40  
 Jesus was raised from grave, hell. .... Ac 2:27, 31, 32; Ps 16:10  
 Hell will deliver up other dead, be destroyed. .... Re 20:13, 14

**C. Fire is a symbol of annihilation**

God is a consuming fire. .... De 9:3; Heb 12:29; Ps 21:9; Isa 33:14  
 Cutting off in death symbolized by fire. .... Mt 25:41, 46; 13:30  
 Satan's fiery "torment" is everlasting death. .... Re 20:10, 14, 15  
 Wicked are devoured forever by fire. .... Zep 1:18; 3:8; 2Pe 3:7

**D. Heaven's existence no proof hell of torment exists**

Heaven not only place of reward. .... Ps 115:16; 37:29; Pr 2:21  
 God set life, death (not heaven, hell) before man. .... Ro 6:23  
 Opposite of life is death, not torment. .... Ec 9:5, 10; Ps 146:4  
 Torture not in mind of God or his servants. .... Jer 7:31; 19:5  
 Love, not fear of hell, pleases God. .... 1Jo 4:8, 18; Ps 145:20

**E. Rich man and Lazarus account no proof of eternal torment**

Fire no more literal than Abraham's bosom. .... Lu 16:22-24  
 Abraham's favor also contrasted with darkness. .... Mt 8:11, 12  
 Sodom not now existing, yet in "everlasting fire." .... Jude 7  
 Babylon's annihilation called a fiery torment. .... Re 18:8-10, 21

## 23. Holidays, Birthdays

**A. Observance of feast days not required of Christians**

Feast days do not in themselves please God. .... Isa 1:14, 16  
 Feast days a shadow, not binding. .... Col 2:14, 16, 17; Ro 14:4-6  
 Christian Jews reproved who returned to observance. .... Ga 4:9-11  
 Christians give God thanks every day. .... Heb 13:15; Ac 2:46, 47

**B. Birthdays, Christmas not observed by early Christians**

Day of birth less important than day of death. .... Ec 7:1, 8; 6:3  
 Only pagan birthday feasts noted. .... Ge 40:20; Mt 14:6; Mr 6:21  
 Jesus' death day to be commemorated. .... Lu 22:19; 1Co 11:25, 26  
 Celebration revelries improper. .... Ro 13:13; Ga 5:21; 1Pe 4:3

## 24. Images

**A. Use of images, statues, is a reproach to God**

No image of God possible. .... 1Jo 4:12; Isa 40:18; 46:5; Ac 17:29  
 Christians warned against images. .... 1Co 10:14; 1Jo 5:21  
 Valueless; turn worship from God. .... 1Co 8:4; Ro 1:23, 25  
 God must be worshiped with spirit, truth. .... Joh 4:24; 2Co 3:17

**B. Image worship proved fatal to the nation of Israel**

Images were prohibited to Jews. .... Ex 20:4, 5; De 4:15, 16, 23  
 Cannot hear, speak; makers become like them. .... Ps 115:4-8  
 Brought a snare, destruction. .... Ps 106:36, 40-42; Jer 22:8, 9

**C. "Relative" worship unauthorized**

Contrary to Christian principle of worship. .... 2Co 4:18; 5:7  
 God refused to allow "relative" worship of himself. .... Isa 42:8  
 Men and angels refused such worship. .... Ac 10:25, 26; Re 19:10  
 Offering prayers to others is wrong. .... Jer 7:18; 1Ti 2:5

**25. Interfaith****A. Joining with other religions cannot bring unity**

Only one way, is narrow, few find it. .... Eph 4:4-6; Mt 7:13, 14  
 Warned that false doctrine contaminates. .... Mt 16:6, 12; Ga 5:9  
 Commanded to be separate. .... 2Ti 3:5; 2Co 6:14-17; Re 18:4  
 Unity means true oneness of mind. .... 1Co 1:10, 11; 1Jo 2:4-6

**B. "Good in all religions" is not true**

Some have zeal but not in accord with God. .... Ro 10:2, 3  
 Badness spoils what else might be good. .... 1Co 5:6; Mt 7:15-17  
 False teachers bring destruction. .... 2Pe 2:1; Mt 12:30; 15:14  
 Clean worship demands exclusive devotion. .... De 6:5, 14, 15

**26. Interpretation****A. Interpretation belongs to God**

Prophecy was recorded at God's direction. .... 2Pe 1:20, 21  
 Private interpretation twists scriptures. .... 2Pe 3:16; Mt 22:29  
 God is the Bible's interpreter. .... Ge 40:8; Da 2:28; 1Co 2:10-12  
 Events fulfilling prophecy give meaning. .... Lu 24:44-46; Da 9:2

**B. Only one correct interpretation of the Bible**

God is not mixed up, disorganized. .... 1Co 14:33; Ps 104:24  
 Has promised to direct those looking to him. .... Pr 3:5, 6  
 All attain to oneness in the faith. .... Eph 4:5, 13; 1Co 1:10  
 Few find narrow way; many enter wrong. .... Mt 7:13, 14; Lu 13:24

**C. Only one way, but it is open to all**

Salvation open to all. .... Ro 10:13, 14; Joh 3:16; Heb 5:9  
 Jehovah desires all to repent, be saved. .... 2Pe 3:9; 1Ti 2:3, 4  
 Only for those actually doing God's will. .... Mt 7:21; 1Co 9:24  
 Disciples are proved by the fruit they bear. .... Joh 15:8; 8:31

**27. Jehovah, God****A. God's name**

"God" indefinite term; our Lord has a personal name. .... 1Co 8:5, 6  
 We pray for his name to be sanctified. .... Mt 6:9, 10; Lu 11:2  
 Jehovah is God's name. .... Ps 83:18; Ex. 6:2, 3; 3:15; Isa 42:8  
 Only those calling on his name gain life. .... Ro 10:13; Heb 13:15

**B. God's name to be made known**

Name in AV. Ex 6:3 (*Dy* footnote). .... Ps 83:18; Isa 12:2; 26:4  
 Jesus made name known. .... Joh 17:6, 26; 5:43; 12:12, 13, 28  
 Today some scoff as did Pharaoh. .... Ex 5:2; Ps 14:1; 10:4; Ro 1:21

Destiny of enemies of God's name. .... Ps 83:17, 18; 9:17; Isa 17:9, 10  
 Name of Jehovah a strong tower. .... Pr 18:10; Ps 118:8-10; Mt 21:9

### **C. God's existence**

Impossible to see God and live. .... Ex 33:20; Joh 1:18; 1Jo 4:12  
 No need to see God to believe. .... Heb 11:1; Ro 8:24, 25; 10:17  
 God is known by his visible works. .... Ro 1:20; Ps 19:1, 2  
 Fulfillment of prophecy proves God's existence. .... Isa 46:8-11

### **D. God's attributes**

God is love. .... 1Jo 4:8, 16; Ex 34:6; 2Co 13:11; Mic 7:18  
 Excels in wisdom. .... Job 12:13; Ro 11:33; Jas 3:17; 1Co 2:7  
 Is just, exercises justice. .... De 32:4; Ps 37:28; Mal 2:17  
 Is almighty, has all power. .... Job 37:23; Re 7:12; 4:11

### **E. God is the Creator; to deny him is fatal**

No one can explain all creation's mysteries. .... Job 38:4, 5  
 Every house is constructed by someone. .... Heb 3:4; 1:2; Col 1:16  
 Fatal to deny God's existence. .... Jer 10:10, 11; Ps 14:1  
 Those calling on Jehovah's name to be saved. .... Ro 10:13

### **F. Not all are serving the same God**

Way that appears good not always right. .... Pr 16:25; Mt 7:21  
 Two roads, only one leads to life. .... Mt 7:13, 14; De 30:19  
 Many gods but only one true God. .... 1Co 8:5, 6; Ps 82:1  
 Knowledge of true God essential for life. .... Joh 17:3; 1Jo 5:20

### **G. Jehovah not the God of the Jews only**

Is Creator, Most High over earth. .... Ge 1:1; Ps 83:18; Re 4:11  
 Was God of men before Jewish nation. .... Mt 22:32; Ge 5:22; 6:9  
 Is God of Jesus Christ. .... Joh 20:17; Mt 4:4, 7, 10; Re 3:12  
 God of all who exercise faith through Christ. .... Ro 3:29

## **28. Jehovah's Witnesses**

### **A. Origin of Jehovah's witnesses**

Jehovah identifies his own witnesses. .... Isa 43:10-12; Jer 15:16  
 Line of faithful witnesses began with Abel. .... Heb 11:4, 39; 12:1  
 Jesus was faithful and true witness. .... Joh 18:37; Re 3:14; 1:5  
 To give world-wide witness during last days. .... Mt 24:14, 34

### **B. Authority to preach**

Minister represents One sending him. .... Isa 43:10-12; Ga 1:1, 12  
 Commissioned to preach by God. .... Isa 61:1, 2; Lu 4:16-21  
 Follow Jesus as a model. .... 1Pe 2:21; 1Co 11:1; Joh 13:15  
 Qualification to preach from God, not men. .... 2Co 3:5; Ac 4:13

### **C. Qualifications to preach**

School certificate not required. .... Joh 7:15, 16; 1Co 1:26-29  
 Recommended by works, not letters from men. .... 2Co 3:1-3  
 Bible gives instruction. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17; Ro 15:4; 1Co 10:11  
 Spirit, organization provide training. .... 1Co 2:10; Eph 4:11, 12

**D. Not primarily "Christ's witnesses," but "Jehovah's"**

Christians follow Jesus' example; do same work. .... 1Pe 2:21  
 Jesus sent by God as witness to God's name. .... Joh 17:25, 26  
 Served as Jehovah's witness to God's truth. .... Joh 18:37; 17:17  
 Followers to be called by Jehovah's name. .... Ac 15:15-17

**E. Financially supported by voluntary contributions**

God's spirit impels voluntary giving. .... 2Co 9:5, 7, 9; 1Co 16:1-4  
 No records kept of individual gifts. .... Mt 6:1-4; Ro 12:8  
 Funds used to promote preaching activity. .... Php 4:15, 16

## 29. Jesus

**A. God's provision of Jesus Christ**

Announcement of Jesus' birth. .... Lu 2:10, 11; Mt 1:20; Joh 1:14  
 Why it was a joyous time. .... Lu 2:13, 14; Mt 1:21; Ac 4:12  
 Satan to be removed to make way for peace. .... 1Jo 3:8; Heb 2:14  
 Conditions to be enjoyed through God's provision. .... Re 21:3, 4

**B. Jesus is God's Son and appointed King**

First-born of God, created all things. .... Re 3:14; Col 1:15-17  
 Made a man born of woman, lower than angels. .... Heb 2:9; Ga 4:4  
 Born of God's spirit, with destiny in heaven. .... Mt 3:16, 17  
 Exalted higher than during prehuman existence. .... Php 2:9, 10

**C. Jesus is God's greatest prophet**

Is the intimate of Jehovah, knows him best. .... Lu 10:22; Joh 1:18  
 Is the prophet promised by God. .... De 18:18; Ac 3:19-23; Ga 4:4  
 Can be only one cornerstone to build on. .... Isa 28:16; 1Pe 2:6-8  
 Only the good news of Christ brings life. .... Ga 1:7-9; Joh 1:7-9

**D. Belief in Jesus Christ essential to salvation**

Christ is promised seed of Abraham. .... Ga 3:16; Ge 22:18  
 Illustrated by Abraham, God sacrificed his Son. .... Joh 3:16; Heb 11:19  
 Jesus only mediator, ransom. .... 1Ti 2:5, 6; Tit 2:14; Mt 20:28  
 Life comes through knowledge, obedience. .... Joh 17:3; Ac 4:12

**E. More than belief in Jesus is required**

Must be taught in order to believe. .... Ro 10:13-15; Ac 16:31, 32  
 Belief must be accompanied by works. .... Jas 2:17-26; 1:22-25  
 Must obey commands, do work he did. .... Joh 14:12, 15; 1Jo 2:3  
 Not all using name of Lord will enter Kingdom. .... Mt 7:21-23

**F. Jewish hopes fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah**

Hebrew fathers expected seed, Messiah. .... Ge 22:17, 18; Joh 8:56  
 Came to earth at time appointed. .... Da 9:24-26; Ga 4:4; Lu 3:15  
 Was to suffer at coming. .... Isa 53:3-5, 8, 9; Mr 8:31; Mt 16:21  
 A remnant put faith in return as King. .... Da 7:13, 14; Ac 6:7

## 30. Judgment

**A. Judgment of all the peoples**

Takes place after Christ's return A.D. 1914. .... Mt 25:31, 32

Judged on treatment of God's anointed ones. .... Mt 25:40, 45  
 Many come out from world, rally to Kingdom. .... Re 7:9, 10, 14  
 These delivered at Armageddon. .... Mt 25:34, 46; Re 7:15; Zep 2:3

#### **B. 1,000-year judgment day**

Christ and 144,000 as judges. .... Ac 17:30, 31; Re 20:4; 14:1, 4  
 Armageddon survivors will find peace. .... Ps 46:9; Pr 2:21  
 Children born to these; paradise restored. .... Ps 127:3; Ge 9:1  
 Resurrection of judgment. .... Joh 5:28, 29; Ac 24:15; Re 20:12, 13  
 Final test for life. .... 1Co 15:24, 28; Re 20:7-9

#### **C. Basis for judgment**

Kingdom good news preached as witness. .... Mt 24:14; Re 14:6, 7  
 Warns of world's end, need to change lives. .... Re 18:4; Ro 12:2  
 Men judged on reaction to message. .... Joh 3:19; 13:20; Mt 25:40  
 Must take stand, preach, help others. .... Lu 11:23; Re 22:17

## **31. Kingdom**

#### **A. Purpose and importance of God's kingdom**

Main purpose to accomplish Jehovah's will. .... Mt 6:9, 10  
 Salvation of man secondary to glorifying God. .... Ps 79:9  
 Therefore Kingdom of primary importance. .... Mt 6:33; Lu 12:31

#### **B. What God's kingdom will do for mankind**

A government with king and laws. .... Isa 9:6, 7; 2:3; Ps 72:1, 8  
 To bring God's will to pass. .... Mt 6:9, 10; Ps 45:6; Re 4:11  
 Destroy wickedness, rule entire earth. .... Da 2:44; Ps 72:8  
 1,000-year rule to restore mankind, paradise. .... Re 21:2-4; 20:6

#### **C. Operation begins while Christ's enemies still active**

After Christ raised he had long wait. .... Ps 110:1; Heb 10:12, 13  
 Takes power, wars against Satan. .... Ps 110:2; Re 12:7-9; Lu 10:18  
 Kingdom established then, earth's woes follow. .... Re 12:10, 12  
 Trouble now means time to stand for Kingdom. .... Re 11:15-18

#### **D. Christ not given full power as King at Pentecost**

Must wait until enemies made footstool. .... Ps 110:1; Heb 10:12, 13  
 Ruled only over anointed followers from Pentecost. .... Col 1:13  
 Did not have full Kingdom power in Paul's day. .... Heb 2:7-9

#### **E. Not "in hearts," not developed through men's efforts**

Kingdom is in heaven, not earth. .... 2Ti 4:18; 1Co 15:50; Ps 11:4  
 Not "in hearts"; Jesus addressing Pharisees. .... Lu 17:20, 21  
 Not any part of this world. .... Joh 18:36; Lu 4:5-8; Da 2:44  
 World governments and UN opposed. .... Ps 2:1-3; Isa 8:9-12  
 Governments, world standards replaced. .... Da 2:44; Isa 26:9

## **32. Last Days**

#### **A. What is meant by "the end of the world"**

Windup of the system of things. .... Mt 24:3; 2Pe 3:5-7; Mr 13:4  
 Not end of earth, but of wicked system. .... Isa 24:1-3; 1Jo 2:17

Time of end precedes destruction. .... Mt 24:14, 34; Isa 34:1, 2  
 Escape for righteous; new world follows. .... Ps 37:28, 29, 40

### ***B. Need to be awake to signs of last days***

Signs provided by God for our guidance. .... Mt 24:14; 1Th 5:4  
 World fails to realize seriousness. .... 2Pe 3:3, 4, 7; Mt 24:39  
 God not slow, but gives warning. .... 2Pe 3:9; Mt 24:34; Mr 13:30  
 Reward for being awake, concerned. .... Lu 21:34-36; Ps 37:10, 11

### ***C. Began A.D. 1914 (Physical facts)***

No world conversion, but bad times. .... 2Ti 3:1-5; Mt 24:10-12  
 Began with World War I. .... Mt 24:3, 7; Re 11:15-18; Mr 13:7, 8  
 Concentrated woes in one generation. .... Mt 24:8-14, 34; Ro 12:12  
 Culminate in Armageddon, deliverance. .... Re 16:14, 16; Lu 21:28

### ***D. Began A.D. 1914 (Chronological proof)***

Line of kingdom rulers interrupted, 607 B.C. .... Eze 21:25-27  
 "Seven times" to pass until rule restored. .... Da 4:32, 16 17  
 Seven =  $2 \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$  times, or  $2 \times 1,260$  days. .... Re 12:6, 14; 11:2, 3  
 A day for a year. [Makes 2,520 years] .... Eze 4:6; Nu 14:34  
 To run until Kingdom's establishment. .... Lu 21:24; Da 7:14

## **33. Law**

### ***A. Purpose of Law covenant***

To show need for redeemer. .... Ga 3:19, 22; Ro 3:20; 5:13; 7:13  
 To protect Israel from false worship. .... De 7:25; Ex 23:33  
 To identify Christ, lead to him. .... Ga 3:23-25; Lu 16:16; Mt 5:17  
 Foreshadowed righteousness through Christ. .... Ro 10:4; Heb 10:1

### ***B. Ten Commandments abolished with rest of law***

God abolished Law, removed condemnation. .... Col 2:14, 16, 17  
 Law that was abolished includes tenth commandment. .... Ro 7:6, 7  
 Christian principles higher than Law. .... Mt 19:16, 17, 20-22  
 Christians freed from Law, under faith. .... Ga 3:10-13; 4:4, 5

### ***C. More required than Ten Commandments to gain life***

Life could not come through Law. .... Ga 3:21, 22; Ro 8:3, 4  
 Jesus showed this to rich ruler. .... Lu 18:18-23; Mt 19:16-22  
 Must take in knowledge of God and Christ. .... Joh 17:3; Ro 8:1, 2  
 Pure worship requires obedience, service. .... Jas 1:27; Ac 13:43

### ***D. Ten Commandments righteous but not binding on Christians***

These good, formed to control lawless persons. .... 1Ti 1:8, 9  
 Being perfect standard, brought condemnation. .... Ro 3:19, 20  
 Law covenant not destroyed but fulfilled, ended. .... Mt 5:17  
 Christians motivated by love. .... Ro 13:10; 6:15-18; Ga 5:14

## **34. Life**

### ***A. God's gift for faithful service***

Life forfeited by Adam and Eve. .... Ge 3:22, 23; 1Ti 2:14; Ro 5:17  
 Adam's children born without right to life. .... Ps 51:5; Ro 5:12

Right to life restored by Jesus' ransom. .... Ro 3:23, 24; 1Ti 2:3-6  
 Available as reward for proved integrity. .... Re 2:10; 2Ti 4:7, 8

### **B. Everlasting life is assured for obedient mankind**

Salvation is possible with God. .... Mt 19:25, 26; Lu 18:26, 27  
 God, who cannot lie, has promised life. .... Tit 1:2; Joh 10:27, 28  
 Eternal life assured those exercising faith. .... Joh 11:25, 26  
 Death will be destroyed. .... 1Co 15:26; Re 21:4; 20:14; Isa 25:8

### **C. Heavenly and earthly life are both within God's promises**

Difference between those of heaven and earth. .... 2Co 5:1, 2  
 Jehovah promised new heavens and new earth. .... Isa 65:17; 66:22  
 Peter assures promise will be fulfilled. .... 2Pe 3:9, 13  
 Place in heaven reserved for some. .... 1Pe 1:3, 4; Joh 14:2-4  
 Other righteous ones will dwell on earth. .... Ps 37:29; Pr 2:21

### **D. Heavenly life is limited to those in Christ's body**

God selects members as it pleases him. .... Mt 20:23; 1Co 12:18  
 Only 144,000 taken from earth. .... Re 14:1, 4; 7:2-4; 5:9, 10  
 Not even John the Baptist to be in Kingdom. .... Mt 11:11  
 Heavenly heirs must suffer with Christ. .... Ro 8:17; 6:8; 1Pe 2:21

### **E. Earthly life promised to unlimited number, "other sheep"**

Little flock of Christ's brothers promised Kingdom. .... Lu 12:32  
 Other sheep not Christ's brothers. .... Joh 10:16; Mt 25:32, 40  
 Many now gathering for earthly survival. .... Re 7:9, 15-17  
 Others raised for life on earth. .... Ps 45:16; Re 20:12; 21:4

## **35. Literature**

### **A. Distributing Bible literature not selling**

Not selling but are ministers of God. .... 2Co 2:17; Isa 61:1-3  
 Receiving contributions is not unscriptural. .... 1Co 9:11, 13, 14  
 Kingdom good news to be preached to all. .... Mt 24:14; 28:19, 20  
 This facilitated by use of literature. .... 2Ti 4:13; Ac 17:11

### **B. Reading Bible literature not confusing**

Bible is beneficial for setting things straight. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17  
 God is a God not of disorder. .... 1Co 14:33, 40; Heb 13:20, 21  
 Rely on God's spirit to get discernment. .... 1Co 2:13; Pr 2:3-5  
 Doing so you will recognize great preaching work. .... Mt 24:14

### **C. Church literature may not fill need for family study**

Great need now to have aid in studying Bible. .... Mt 5:3; Ac 8:30-35  
 More family study should be done. .... Eph 6:4; Mt 18:20; Ac 17:11  
 Best way to get understanding. .... 1Co 2:13; Da 12:4; Pr 2:1-5  
 This publication fills this need. .... 1Th 5:21; Joh 17:3; Heb 5:14

### **D. Not all church literature equips one to face coming crisis**

With spiritual famine in land we need help. .... Am 8:11; Mt 5:3  
 Critical times show change near. .... 2Ti 3:1-5; Lu 21:25-28  
 Is change to be for better? .... Ps 37:10, 11; Isa 11:3-5; 2:2-4  
 Prophetic new-world information in literature. .... Isa 65:21-24

**E. Forbidding to read comforting literature is unreasonable**

Calling in fulfillment of prophecy, to comfort. .... Isa 61:1-3  
 Many discomforting things are read in news. .... 2Ti 3:1-5  
 True comfort found in God's Word. .... 2Co 1:3, 4; Ro 15:4-6  
 Comforting answer found by help of publication. .... Re 21:3, 4

**F. Deciding what to read is each one's responsibility**

No doubt you read Bible, which is important. .... Joh 5:39  
 Finding the truth sets one free. .... Joh 8:32; 2Co 3:14-17  
 Each one is responsible to God for himself. .... Ro 14:12; Mt 12:37  
 Should find out, then judge what is truth. .... Ro 3:4; Pr 18:13

**G. Much literature published; being selective is practical**

We cannot read everything written. .... Ec 12:12, 13; 1:17, 18  
 We have to be selective, seek truth. .... Php 4:8; Mt 5:3; Col 2:8  
 Literature about new world of most value. .... Joh 17:3; 2Pe 3:13  
 Responsible to self, family to be awake. .... Lu 21:36; Zep 2:3

**H. Those having Bible helps need study, spiritual progress**

It is good to talk to someone interested in Bible. .... Mal 3:16  
 Good to consider these things with family, others. .... Mt 18:20  
 Permit me to demonstrate best method. .... Ga 6:6; Ac 8:27-31  
 Opportune time now to grow spiritually. .... Eph 5:15, 16; Heb 6:1

**I. Do not need money to get truth**

The truth is without price. .... Isa 55:1; Mt 10:8; Ro 3:24  
 All who recognize spiritual need invited. .... Mt 5:3; Re 22:17  
 Money not required; effort to learn is. .... Mt 7:7; Pr 2:2-5  
 Learn about free new world. .... Re 21:3, 4; 3:20; Ps 72:1-8

## 36. Marriage

**A. A sacred institution of God**

God performed first marriage. .... Ge 2:18, 22-25; 1:27, 28; 1Co 11:9  
 Christians conform to legal requirements. .... Mt 22:21; Joh 2:2  
 Should remain "one" until death. .... Ro 7:2, 3; 1Co 7:39  
 Jesus restored original standard. .... Mt 19:4-9; Mr 10:4-9

**B. Marriage union must be honorable**

Likened to Christ and bride. .... Eph 5:22, 23; Re 19:7; 21:2  
 Marriage bed must be undefiled. .... Heb 13:4; 1Ti 3:2, 12  
 Couples counseled not to separate. .... 1Co 7:10-16; Mt 19:4-6  
 Fornication only Scriptural grounds for divorce. .... Mt 19:9

**C. Headship principle must be respected by Christians**

Husband as head must love, care for family. .... Eph 5:23-31  
 Wife, in subjection, loves, obeys husband. .... 1Pe 3:1-7; Eph 5:22  
 Children blessed; must be trained. .... 1Co 7:14; Pr 22:6; Eph 6:4  
 Children thus learn God's headship. .... Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20, 21

**D. Christian parents' responsibility to children**

Must show love, giving time, attention. .... Tit 2:4; Lu 18:16  
 Consider them sacred, not irritating them. .... 1Co 7:14; Col 3:21

Provide, including spiritual things. .... 2Co 12:14; 1Ti 5:8  
 Give them training for life. .... Eph 6:4; Pr 22:6, 15; 23:13, 14

#### **E. Christians should marry only Christians**

Marry only "in the Lord." .... 1Co 7:39; 2Co 6:14; Ge 28:1, 2  
 Avoid much of the 'tribulation in the flesh.' .... 1Co 7:28  
 Avoid endangering of integrity. .... De 7:3, 4; Ex 34:16; Ne 13:26  
 Both can work together as 'heirs of life.' .... 1Pe 3:7; Ac 18:26

#### **F. Polygamy not Scriptural**

Originally man was to have only one wife. .... Ge 2:18, 22-25  
 Jesus restored standard for Christians. .... Mt 19:3-9; 1Ti 3:2  
 Early Christians not polygamous. .... 1Co 7:2, 12-16; Eph 5:28-31

#### **G. Cain's wife was his sister**

Adam and Eve were parents of all living. .... Ac 17:26; Ge 3:20  
 They had sons and daughters besides those named. .... Ge 5:4  
 Originally God purposed that Adam's children marry. .... Ge 1:28  
 God later forbade sister-marriage. .... Le 18:9; 20:17; De 27:22

## **37. Mary Worship**

#### **A. Mary mother of Jesus, not "mother of God"**

God is without beginning. .... Ps 90:2; 93:2; 1Ti 1:17; Isa 57:15  
 God is Creator of mankind, including Mary. .... Ps 100:3; Ac 17:25  
 Mary was mother of God's Son, in his earthly state. .... Lu 1:35  
 Mary, as any other, gets life through Son. .... Ac 4:11, 12; 1Ti 2:5

#### **B. Mary, a virgin, became Jesus' mother and later a disciple**

God's "slave girl," a virgin, was Jesus' mother. .... Lu 1:35, 38  
 Followed Jesus' direction faithfully. .... Joh 19:25-27; 2:5  
 Not the one through whom to pray. .... Joh 14:6, 13; 1Ti 2:1, 5  
 Is just one of "living stones." .... 1Pe 2:4, 5; Ac 4:11, 12

#### **C. Mary not "ever virgin"**

She married Joseph. .... Mt 1:19, 20, 24, 25; Lu 2:4, 5; 1:27  
 Had other children besides Jesus. .... Mt 13:55, 56; Lu 8:19-21  
 These not then his "spiritual brothers." .... Joh 7:3, 5

#### **D. Prayers to be directed to God through Christ, not saints**

Only Mediator is Christ. .... Eph 2:18; Joh 14:6, 13; 1Ti 2:1, 5  
 Prayers, worship directed to God. .... Mt 6:9, 10; 4:10; Ro 1:25  
 Saints are ones allied in union with Christ. .... 1Co 1:2; Heb 2:11  
 Called saints on earth; to share in Kingdom. .... 2Co 1:1; Ps 16:3  
 Not to accept even "relative" homage. .... Ac 10:25, 26; Re 19:10

## **38. Memorial, Mass**

#### **A. Lord's Evening Meal attended by anointed, other sheep**

Observed once a year on Passover date. .... Lu 22:1, 17-20; Ex 12:14  
 Commemorates Christ's sacrificial death. .... 1Co 11:26; Mt 26:28  
 Those with heavenly hopes partake. .... Lu 22:29, 30; 12:32, 37  
 "Other sheep" not partakers though associates. .... Joh 10:16

**B. Mass unscriptural**

Forgiveness of sins requires shedding of blood. .... Heb 9:22  
 Christ himself is Mediator; no man needed. .... 1Ti 2:5, 6; Joh 14:6  
 Christ in heaven; not brought down by priest. .... Ac 3:20, 21  
 No need to repeat Christ's sacrifice. .... Heb 9:24-26; 10:11-14

**39. Minister****A. All Christians must be ministers**

Jesus was God's minister. .... Ro 15:8, 9; Mt 20:28; Mr 10:45  
 Christians follow his example. .... 1Pe 2:21; 1Co 11:1; Ac 20:20  
 Must preach to accomplish the ministry. .... 2Ti 4:2, 5; 1Co 9:16  
 Theological seminary training unnecessary. .... Joh 7:15; Ac 4:13

**B. Qualifications for the ministry**

God's spirit and knowledge of his Word. .... 2Ti 2:15; Isa 61:1-3  
 Follow Christ's pattern in preaching. .... 1Pe 2:21; 2Ti 4:2, 5  
 Not certificates or seminary training. .... 2Co 3:1-3; Joh 7:15  
 God trains by spirit, organization. .... Joh 14:26; Eph 4:11, 12

**C. Ministry should not be performed for hire**

Preaching is done free. .... Mt 10:8; 1Pe 5:2; Re 22:17; Isa 55:1  
 Preaching not peddling, no license needed. .... 2Co 2:17; 3:1-3  
 Ministers support selves. .... 1Th 2:9; 1Co 4:11, 12; Ac 20:33-35  
 But may be helped materially. .... 1Co 9:11, 13, 14; 1Ti 5:18  
 Gift of ministry cannot be bought. .... Ac 8:18-20; 1Pe 5:2  
 Hired shepherd has no interest in sheep. .... Joh 10:12, 13

**D. Women qualify to serve as ministers**

Women and children authorized. .... Ac 2:17, 18; Ps 148:12, 13  
 Women ministered in apostles' day. .... Ac 21:9; Ro 16:1; Tit 2:3  
 Limited as to congregational authority. .... 1Ti 2:12; 1Co 14:33, 34  
 Women share with men as heirs with Christ. .... Ga 3:28; 1Pe 3:7

**E. Children properly serve as ministers**

Children admonished to serve God while young. .... Ec 12:1  
 Should be trained by parents. .... De 6:6, 7; Pr 22:6; Eph 6:4  
 Examples of youthful ministers. .... 1Ti 4:12; 1Sa 2:18; Jer 1:6, 7  
 God's spirit to be on many to preach. .... Ac 2:17; Joe 2:28

**F. A clergy class and special titles are improper**

All in congregation equal. .... Mt 20:25-27; Ga 3:28; Jas 2:1-9  
 Those supervising are servants. .... Mt 23:8-11; 1Pe 5:2, 3  
 Special titles unnecessary and ungodly. .... Job 32:21, 22; Mt 23:12

**40. Non-Christians****A. God's kingdom provision is for all men**

No partiality with God. .... Ac 10:34; Job 34:19; Jas 3:17; Ga 3:28  
 Proclaimed to men of all kinds. .... Mr 13:10; 1Ti 2:4; Re 14:6, 7  
 Men of all nations, races accepting. .... Re 7:9, 10; Isa 56:6, 7  
 All who recognize spiritual need blessed. .... Mt 5:3; Re 22:17

**B. Non-Christians have equal opportunity to be saved**

All nations from one man, equal. .... Ac 17:26, 27; 10:34, 35  
 All who pray fearing God are heard. .... 1Ki 8:41-43; Isa 2:2, 3  
 Must seek meekness to be saved. .... Zep 2:2, 3; Ps 25:9; 76:9  
 Understanding valuable, available to all. .... Pr 3:13-15; 4:7

**C. Jewish fathers had hope in Kingdom**

Abel, Enoch, Noah hoped in Seed. .... Ge 3:15; 4:4; 5:24, 29; 6:9  
 Abraham foresaw blessings by Seed. .... Ge 22:18; Heb 11:10, 16  
 Moses revealed Seed as chief Prophet of God. .... De 18:18, 19  
 Messiah seed was to come as man, die. .... Isa 53:3, 8, 9; Da 9:26  
 Later to come in Kingdom power. .... Da 7:13, 14; Ps 72:1, 7, 8

**D. Suffering of Jews foretold in prophecy**

God's blessing brought responsibility. .... De 27:9, 10; 28:11-14  
 Nation disobeyed; God's protection removed. .... De 28:15, 49-53  
 Jews, as others, must approach God individually. .... Ro 10:12  
 Obedient receive God's blessing. .... Isa 1:9; 10:22; Ro 11:2-6

## 41. Opposition, Persecution

**A. Reason for opposition toward Christians**

Jesus was hated, foretold opposition. .... Joh 15:18-20; Mt 10:22  
 Adhering to right principles indicts world. .... 1Pe 4:1, 4, 12, 13  
 Satan, god of this system, opposes Kingdom. .... 2Co 4:4; 1Pe 5:8  
 Christian does not fear, God sustains. .... Ro 8:38, 39; Jas 4:8

**B. Can come from many sources; none to be feared**

Satan as a lion is seeking whom he can devour. .... 1Pe 5:8  
 Need help from one another to overcome. .... Ec 4:9, 10; Lu 22:32  
 [Select point(s) following that apply]  
 Reproaches for Christ was prophets' experience. .... Mt 5:11, 12  
 Friends who forsake are replaced a hundredfold. .... Mr 10:29, 30  
 Avoid religious opposers. .... Mt 15:14; 23:13, 33-36; Re 18:4  
 Material provisions are promised to faithful. .... Mt 6:25, 31-33  
 Prison, death not prevent deliverance. .... Re 2:10; Mt 16:24-26  
 [Conclusion]

No opposition too heavy to bear. .... 1Co 10:13; Lu 21:17-19

**C. Wife should not allow husband to separate her from God**

Forewarned; others may misinform him. .... Mt 10:34-38; Ac 28:22  
 She must look to Source of life. .... Joh 6:68; Mt 22:37; Joh 17:3  
 By faithfulness may save him also. .... 1Co 7:16; 1Pe 3:1-6  
 Husband is head, but not to dictate worship. .... 1Co 11:3; Ac 5:29  
 By study, prayer, faith, association, will succeed. .... 1Pe 5:6-10

**D. Husband should not allow wife to prevent his serving God**

Must love wife and family, want life for them. .... 1Co 7:16  
 Responsible to decide, provide. .... 1Ti 5:8; 1Co 11:3, 8, 9  
 God loves man who stands for truth. .... Jas 1:12; 5:10, 11  
 Compromise for sake of peace brings God's disfavor. .... Heb 10:38  
 Lead family to happiness in new world. .... 1Ti 4:16; Re 7:14-17

**E. Apostates cannot prevent God's sheep from hearing**

Jesus was betrayed by a former associate. .... Mt 26:46, 47  
 Anyone hating his brother is in darkness. .... 1Jo 2:11, 19  
 Anyone causing division to be avoided, ignored. .... Ro 16:17, 18  
 Those truly God's sheep cannot be harmed. .... Joh 10:27-29  
 Evil slave opposing his fellows punished by God. .... Mt 24:48-51

**F. Warning to persecutors**

Cannot stop work if of God. .... Ac 5:38, 39; Pr 21:30; Ps 127:1  
 Very serious judgment on persecutors. .... Mt 18:6, 7; Lu 18:7, 8  
 Bring innocent blood on selves. .... Jer 26:14, 15; Re 18:20, 24  
 Harm to servant is as done to Christ. .... Mt 25:40, 45; 1Co 8:12

## 42. Ordination

**A. Ordination comes from God**

God ordained Jesus as minister. .... Isa 61:1, 2; Lu 4:17-21  
 Followers ordained by God. .... Ga 1:1, 11, 12; Joh 15:16; Ac 20:28  
 Certificate of ordination not necessary. .... 2Co 3:1-3; 1Co 9:2

**B. Authority to preach is from God; men cannot stop**

God commands Kingdom preaching. .... Mt 24:14; 2Ti 4:2; Joh 20:21  
 No man or nation can block it. .... Ac 5:38, 39; Da 4:35; Isa 54:17  
 God's servants must obey to live. .... 1Co 9:16; Eze 3:11, 17, 18

## 43. Prayer

**A. Prayers that God hears**

God does listen to prayers of men. .... Ps 145:18; 1Pe 3:12  
 Unrighteous not heard unless course changed. .... Isa 1:15-17  
 Proper prayer should be for Kingdom. .... Mt 6:9, 10; Lu 11:2  
 Kingdom brings answer to proper hopes, prayers. .... Re 21:3, 4

**B. Prayers for this world are not authorized**

Jesus did not pray for this world. .... Joh 17:9; Isa 1:15  
 This world doomed, enemy of God. .... 1Jo 2:15-17; 5:19; Ps 2:1-9  
 Prayers on legal rights to preach include rulers. .... 1Ti 2:1, 2  
 Avoid world's aims, observe God's in prayer. .... 1Jo 3:22; Jas 4:4

**C. Vain repetition, prayers to Mary or saints not proper**

Jesus is only mediator in prayer. .... 1Ti 2:5; Ac 4:12; Ro 16:27  
 Must pray to God in Jesus' name. .... Joh 14:6, 14; 16:23, 24  
 Repetitious words will not be heard. .... Mt 6:7; Ac 19:34  
 Should not make supplication to dead ones. .... Isa 8:19; 38:18  
 None given even "relative" homage. .... Re 19:10; Ac 10:25, 26

## 44. Preaching

**A. All Christians must preach**

Must acknowledge Jesus before men to be approved. .... Mt 10:32  
 Must be doer of Word, demonstrating faith. .... Jas 1:22-24; 2:24  
 New ones too must become teachers. .... 2Ti 2:2; Mt 28:19, 20  
 Public declaration brings salvation. .... Ro 10:10; 1Ti 4:16

**B. Everyone benefits from the preaching work**

Give to wise he becomes wiser. .... Pr 9:9; 1:5; Mt 5:3; 13:11, 12  
 Truth should be spoken one to another. .... Mal 3:16; Eph 4:25  
 Reminder of things learned from apostles. .... 2Pe 3:1, 2; 1:12, 13  
 Will grow to salvation, understanding. .... 1Pe 2:2; 1Co 14:20

**C. Preaching to those of other religions necessary**

Showing love only to brothers is no credit. .... Mt 5:46-48  
 Must help each other set matters straight. .... Isa 1:18; Pr 27:17  
 Must speak in agreement without divisions. .... 1Co 1:10; Joh 17:22  
 Disciples only if made free by the truth. .... Joh 8:31, 32

**D. House-to-house preaching**

Disciples preached in homes. .... Ac 20:20; 5:42; Mt 10:7, 11-13  
 Commanded to teach others the same work. .... Mt 28:19, 20; 2Ti 2:2  
 Public teaching for salvation. .... Ro 10:10; 1Ti 4:16; Lu 12:8  
 Changing God's way means to lose favor. .... Mt 7:21; 1Co 9:16

**E. Need for repeated calls, continued preaching**

Warning of end in this generation must be given. .... Mt 24:14, 34  
 Warning work must continue until complete end. .... Isa 6:11  
 Jeremiah preached Jerusalem's end for years. .... Jer 25:3  
 Like early Christians, cannot stop. .... Ac 4:18-20; 5:28, 29

**F. Sunday sabbath preaching is proper**

Jesus and apostles preached on sabbath. .... Lu 4:31, 32; Ac 17:2  
 Is lawful to do good on the sabbath. .... Mt 12:10-12; Lu 14:3-5  
 Best day to reach people is opportune time. .... Eph 5:15, 16

**G. Financed by voluntary contributions**

Contributions in Israel were voluntary. .... Ex 35:29; 36:4-6  
 Early Christians gave freely in support. .... 2Co 8:3, 4, 13, 14  
 Giving not to be under compulsion. .... 2Co 9:7; Ac 20:35  
 Giving should be done quietly. .... Mt 6:3, 4; Lu 21:3, 4

**H. Women and children are authorized to preach**

God's spirit to be on many. .... Ac 2:17, 18; Ps 148:12, 13  
 Women preached in days of apostles. .... Ac 21:9; Ro 16:1; Tit 2:3  
 Examples of youthful ministers. .... 1Ti 4:12; Jer 1:7; 1Sa 2:18  
 God has not chosen "wise" ones to represent him. .... 1Co 1:26-28

**I. Done to reach all kinds of men**

Must warn even the righteous. .... Eze 3:21; 33:13; Pr 17:10  
 Jesus' disciples sent to their own people. .... Mt 10:6; 15:24  
 Later commissioned to go to all others. .... Mt 28:19, 20; Ac 1:8  
 Rulers do not heed message; meek ones do. .... 1Co 2:6, 8; Eze 9:4

**J. Must preach to be free of bloodguilt**

Must warn of approaching end. .... Eze 33:7; Mt 24:14, 34  
 Failure brings bloodguilt. .... Eze 33:8, 9; 3:18, 19; Mt 23:35  
 Paul freed of bloodguilt by preaching. .... Ac 20:26, 27; 1Co 9:16  
 Saves both preacher and one listening. .... 1Ti 4:16; 1Co 9:22

## 45. Predestination

### A. *Man not predestinated*

God's purpose of righteous world sure. .... Isa 55:11; Eph 1:9, 10  
 Individuals given choice of serving God. .... Joh 3:16; Php 2:12  
 Some once saved turn back. .... Heb 10:26, 29, 38, 39; Eze 33:13  
 Preaching offers choice. .... Da 12:3; Re 22:17; Eze 33:7, 14-16

### B. *"Once saved, always saved" is unscriptural*

God rejected some saved from Egypt. .... Jude 5; Heb 3:17; Nu 32:11  
 Satan, Adam, Eve, Judas are examples. .... Ge 3:14-19; Joh 17:12  
 Bible shows some Christians shrink back. .... Heb 10:39; 2Pe 2:20  
 Christians must prove faithful. .... Mt 24:13; Php 2:12; 1Co 9:27

## 46. Races

### A. *Races all equal; not separate creations*

Every nation was made out of one man. .... Ac 17:26; De 32:8  
 Eve became mother of all living. .... Ge 3:20; 1:28  
 Earth's population came from Noah's three sons. .... Ge 9:18, 19  
 God is not partial. .... Ac 10:34, 35; Ro 10:12; Joh 3:16

### B. *Racial problems will be solved by God in due time*

Our commission not to change social structure. .... 1Co 7:20  
 Israel's law granted equal dignity. .... Nu 15:15, 16; Le 24:22  
 In Christ's body no segregation is made. .... Ga 3:28; 1Co 1:10  
 God's servants from all peoples are united by Kingdom. .... Re 7:9

### C. *Negro is not black because of a curse*

Curse on Cain did not survive Flood. .... Ge 7:23; Lu 17:27  
 Ham was cursed through son Canaan, not Cush. .... Ge 9:25  
 Canaan's sons occupied Canaan (were not colored). .... Ge 10:15-19  
 Cush's sons occupied Africa (were colored). .... Jer 13:23; Ge 10:7

## 47. Ransom

### A. *Jesus' human life paid as a ransom for obedient humans*

Jesus gave his life a ransom in exchange for many. .... Mt 20:28  
 Value of shed blood provides remission of sin. .... Heb 9:14, 22  
 One sacrifice was sufficient for all time. .... Ro 6:10; Heb 9:26  
 Benefits are not automatic; must be acknowledged. .... Joh 3:16

### B. *Was corresponding price*

Adam created perfect. .... De 32:4; Ec 7:29; Ge 1:31  
 Lost perfection for self and children by sin. .... Ro 5:12, 18  
 Children helpless; exact equal of Adam needed. .... De 19:21; Ps 49:7  
 Jesus' perfect human life a ransom. .... 1Ti 2:5, 6; 1Pe 1:18, 19

## 48. Religion

### A. *Only one true religion*

One hope, one faith, one baptism. .... Eph 4:5, 13; 2Co 4:13

Commissioned to make disciples. .... Mt 28:19; Ac 8:12; 14:21  
 Recognized by its fruit. .... Mt 7:19, 20; Lu 6:43, 44; Joh 15:8  
 Love, agreement among members. .... Joh 13:35; 1Co 1:10; 1Jo 4:20

### ***B. Many religions; how true may be identified***

Jesus foretold time of unity of true worshipers. .... Joh 4:23, 24  
 Should be unity, but sects began in early church. .... 1Co 1:10-13  
 In last days true servants made manifest. .... Mt 13:37-39, 41, 43  
 Right religion now recognized by fruits. .... Mal 3:18; Mt 7:20

### ***C. Attending church not all required of a Christian***

Must walk as wise, determining God's will. .... Eph 5:15-17  
 Means to become doers of the Word. .... Jas 1:22; Mt 7:21; 1Jo 3:7  
 Those doing God's will must preach. .... 1Co 9:16; Ro 10:10  
 Preaching work saves both teachers and hearers. .... 1Ti 4:16

### ***D. Differences should not prevent Bible discussion***

Encouraged to set matters straight. .... Isa 1:18; Ps 25:4, 5  
 Christians must have unity of mind. .... 1Co 1:10; Eph 4:5, 13  
 Bible is basis for setting things straight. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17  
 Means life to prove what is right. .... Joh 17:3; 1Th 5:21; 1Jo 4:1

### ***E. To get questions answered should go to Bible***

Seekers of God know where teaching originates. .... Joh 7:16, 17  
 Compare it with Bible, not man's word. .... Ac 17:11; Ps 146:3  
 Means all must learn to use God's Word. .... 2Ti 2:15; Jos 1:8  
 All things set straight by the Bible. .... 2Ti 3:16, 17; Joh 5:39

### ***F. Inability of churchgoers to use Bible is fault of clergy***

Minister must equip new ones to teach. .... Mt 28:19, 20; 2Ti 2:2  
 All early Christians were urged to teach. .... Heb 5:12; 2Ti 4:2  
 Urged to be ready always to defend the faith. .... 1Pe 3:15  
 Knowledge is a protection leading to life. .... Ec 7:12; Pr 3:13-18

### ***G. False doctrine condemned by Jesus***

Jesus condemned false doctrine. .... Mt 23:15, 29-31; 15:4-9  
 Did so for protection of blinded ones. .... Mt 15:14; 1Sa 9:16  
 Truth made them free to be Jesus' disciples. .... Joh 8:31, 32

### ***H. Exposure of false leaders required to protect God's sheep***

People are destroyed for lack of knowledge. .... Ho 4:1, 2, 6  
 God must be true though all men liars. .... Ro 3:3, 4; Pr 30:6  
 False shepherds must be exposed to aid sheep. .... Eze 34:2, 8-10  
 Does not make one an enemy who tells the truth. .... Ga 4:16, 17

### ***I. Changing one's religion essential if proved wrong***

Truth makes free; proves many are wrong. .... Joh 8:31, 32  
 Israelites, pagans left former worship. .... Jos 24:15; 2Ki 5:17  
 Early Christians changed views. .... Ga 1:13, 14; Ac 3:17, 19  
 Foretold all nations will know Jehovah. .... Jer 16:19-21; 31:34  
 Whole world deceived; must make mind over. .... Re 12:9; Ro 12:2

**J. Even those professing a religion need to walk carefully**

Those conscious of spiritual need receive Kingdom. .... Mt 5:3  
 Keep testing faith so as not to fail. .... 2Co 13:5; 1Co 10:12  
 Accurate knowledge should be welcomed. .... Ac 18:25, 26; Pr 1:5

**K. "Good in all religions" is not true**

God sets the standard for worship. .... Joh 4:23, 24; Jas 1:27  
 Not good if not as God wills. .... Ro 10:2, 3; Pr 28:9; Joh 14:15  
 Christendom's "good works" rejected. .... Mt 7:21-23; Isa 1:15  
 Test "works" with Bible truth. .... Mt 7:20; Mal 3:18; Isa 1:18

**L. False religion's badness not proof no true religion exists**

Those teaching for dishonest gain condemned. .... Tit 1:10, 11, 16  
 False teachers, like Satan, blind people. .... Mt 23:13; 15:7-9, 14  
 Truth is for those searching, not just leaders. .... Eze 9:4  
 True ministers give services freely. .... Mt 10:8; Isa 55:1, 2

## 49. Resurrection

**A. Hope for the dead**

All in God's memory to be raised. .... Joh 5:28, 29; Job 14:13, 14  
 Resurrection of Jesus is a guarantee. .... 1Co 15:20-22; Ac 17:31  
 Wicked ones will not rise. .... Pr 10:7; 2Pe 2:12; Isa 26:14  
 Available to those showing faith by obedience. .... Joh 11:25, 26

**B. Resurrection to life either in heaven or on earth**

All die in Adam; receive life in Jesus. .... 1Co 15:20-22; Ro 5:19  
 Difference in nature of those raised. .... 1Co 15:40, 42, 44  
 Those with Jesus will be like him. .... 1Co 15:49; Php 3:20, 21  
 Those not ruling will be on earth. .... Re 20:4b, 5, 13; 21:3, 4

**C. Jesus surrendered his flesh in death; raised spirit**

Jesus was the first raised from the dead. .... Col 1:18; 1Co 15:20  
 Raised a spirit, left flesh behind. .... 1Pe 3:18; 1Co 15:45, 50  
 Know him now no more as flesh. .... 2Co 5:16; 1Jo 3:2; 1Co 15:49  
 Now in God's exact image. .... Heb 1:3; Col 1:15; Ro 6:9; 2Co 4:4

## 50. Return of Christ

**A. Invisible parousia or presence**

Told disciples world would see him no more. .... Joh 14:19  
 Only disciples saw ascension; return similar. .... Ac 1:6, 10, 11  
 In heaven, an invisible spirit. .... 1Ti 6:14-16; Heb 1:3; 1Jo 3:2  
 Returns in heavenly Kingdom power. .... Da 7:13, 14; Mt 25:31  
 Followers must be awake, discern presence. .... 1Th 5:4; Mt 24:3

**B. Recognized by physical facts**

Disciples asked for sign of presence. .... Mt 24:3; Re 12:1  
 Christians "see" presence through understanding. .... Eph 1:18  
 Many events make up evidence of presence. .... Lu 21:10, 11, 25, 26  
 Enemies "see" as destruction overtakes. .... Re 1:7; Isa 26:11

## 51. Sabbath

### *A. Sabbath day not binding on Christians*

Jesus was sent to abolish entire Law. .... Ga 4:4, 5; Eph 2:15  
 Sabbath not binding on Christians. .... Col 2:16; Ro 14:5, 10  
 Reproved for observing Sabbath, etc. .... Ga 4:9-11; Ro 10:2-4  
 Looking to 1,000-year Kingdom rest. .... Mr 2:27, 28; Mt 12:8

### *B. Sabbath observance required only of ancient Israel*

Sabbath first observed after Exodus. .... Ex 16:26, 27, 29, 30  
 Unique to natural Israel as sign. .... Ex 31:16, 17; Ps 147:19, 20  
 Yearly Sabbath also under the Law. .... Ex 23:10, 11; Le 25:3, 4  
 Sabbath not necessary thing for Christians. .... Ro 14:5, 10; Ga 4:10

### *C. Preaching on a "sabbath" no violation of God's law*

Law permitted good works on Sabbath. .... Lu 14:3-5; Ac 16:13  
 Is neighbor love, which sums up Law. .... Ro 13:8-10; Mt 22:37-40  
 Christians preach every day. .... Ac 5:42; 2:46, 47; Lu 24:53  
 Preaching helps others to have real rest. .... Mt 11:28, 29

### *D. God's Sabbath rest (7th day of creative "week")*

Began almost 6,000 years ago. .... Ge 2:2, 3; Ex 31:17; Heb 4:3-5  
 Continued past Jesus' day on earth. .... Heb 4:6-8; Ps 95:7-9, 11  
 Christians rest from works of self-interest. .... Heb 4:9, 10  
 Ends when Kingdom completes work toward earth. .... 1Co 15:24, 28

## 52. Salvation

### *A. God's purpose for man*

Man given a good start. .... Ge 1:28, 31; 1Ti 4:4; Ps 104:24  
 God will accomplish purpose. .... Isa 55:11; 45:18; 46:10; Ro 3:4  
 Wicked to be destroyed; meek will inherit earth. .... Ps 37:10, 11  
 Edenic conditions to be restored. .... Re 21:3, 4; Isa 11:6-9

### *B. Salvation is from God through Jesus' ransom sacrifice*

Life is God's gift through his Son. .... 1Jo 4:9, 14; Ro 6:23  
 Salvation is possible only through Jesus' sacrifice. .... Ac 4:12  
 No works possible in "deathbed repentance." .... Jas 2:14, 26  
 Must work energetically to attain. .... Lu 13:23, 24; 1Ti 4:10

### *C. "Born again" means prospects of life as a spirit*

Those born from water and spirit to enter Kingdom. .... Joh 3:3, 5  
 "Born from water" means through God's Word. .... 1Pe 1:23; Jas 1:18  
 "Born from spirit" means born from God. .... Joh 1:12, 13; 3:6  
 Changed at death to live as spirit. .... 1Co 15:50-53; 2Co 5:4

### *D. "Once saved, always saved" is not Scriptural*

Partakers of holy spirit can fall. .... Heb 6:4, 6; 1Co 9:27  
 Many Israelites destroyed though saved from Egypt. .... Jude 5  
 Salvation is not instantaneous. .... Php 2:12; 3:12-14; Mt 10:22  
 Those turning back are worse off than before. .... 2Pe 2:20, 21

**E. Only one right way, open to all**

One hope, one faith, one baptism. .... Eph 4:4, 5; 1Co 1:10  
 Identified by fruitage of love. .... Joh 13:35; Mt 7:20; 1Jo 4:20  
 Love extended to others by preaching. .... Re 22:17; Mt 24:14  
 Thus men of all kinds get message of life. .... Re 7:9, 15-17

**F. "Universal salvation" is unscriptural**

Wicked will not learn righteousness. .... Isa 26:10; Ps 119:155  
 God has no pleasure in death of wicked. .... Eze 33:11; 18:32  
 Love cannot condone unrighteousness. .... Heb 1:9; Ro 9:13; Ec 3:8  
 Wicked will be destroyed. .... Ps 37:9, 10; Jer 51:57; 2Pe 2:9

## 53. Science

**A. Bible agrees with true science**

Account of order of creation confirmed. .... Gc 1:3-26; Job 38:4  
 Earth round, suspended in space. .... Isa 40:22; Job 26:7  
 Stability of earth's cycles of operation. .... Ec 1:5-9; Ge 8:22  
 Infectious disease and quarantining. .... Le 13:9-11, 21; 14:34-42

**B. Cannot save mankind**

Jehovah is Savior, not science. .... Isa 43:11; Re 21:3-5; Mt 6:10  
 Cannot stem tide of delinquency, woes. .... 2Ti 3:1-5; Lu 21:25  
 Cannot save from death. .... Joh 5:28, 29; Joh 11:23-25; Ps 49:7  
 Philosophy turns man from spiritual. .... Col 2:8; 1Ti 6:20

## 54. Sin

**A. What sin is**

A violation of God's law, his perfect standard. .... 1Jo 3:4; 5:17  
 Man, as God's creation, accountable to him. .... Ro 14:12; 2:12-15  
 Law defined sin, made men aware of it. .... Ga 3:19; Ro 3:20  
 All in sin, short of God's perfect standard. .... Ro 3:23; Ps 51:5

**B. Why all have suffered from Adam's sin**

Adam passed imperfection, death to all. .... Ro 5:12, 18  
 God was merciful in tolerating humankind. .... Ps 103:8, 10, 14, 17  
 All under sin; all could be ransomed through Christ. .... Ga 3:22  
 Sin and all other works of Devil to be erased. .... 1Jo 3:8

**C. Forbidden fruit was disobedience, not sex act**

Prohibition of tree made before Eve created. .... Ge 2:17, 18  
 Adam and Eve told to have children. .... Ge 1:28; Heb 13:4  
 Children not result of sin, but of God's blessing. .... Ps 127:3-5  
 Eve sinned when husband absent; ran ahead. .... Ge 3:6; 1Ti 2:11-14  
 Adam, as head, rebelled against God's law. .... Ro 5:12, 19

**D. God did not predestinate sin**

God has no unrighteousness. .... Hab 1:13; De 32:4; Ps 92:15  
 God loved man, purposed good for him. .... Ge 1:28; Ec 7:29  
 Adam free to choose life or death. .... Ge 2:16, 17; De 30:19, 20

Sin originated in the individual. .... Jas 1:13-15; Eze 28:15  
 God purposes, can bless those loving him. .... Joh 3:16; Heb 7:25

#### ***E. Confession to a priest unscriptural***

Only God, through Christ, can forgive sins. .... 1Jo 1:9; 2:1, 2  
 Confession should be made to God in prayer. .... Mt 6:12, 14, 15  
 One forgiving sins should also be able to heal. .... Lu 5:23, 24  
 Confess serious sins to brothers for prayer to God. .... Jas 5:16

#### ***F. What sin against holy spirit is (Mt 12:32; Mr 3:28, 29)***

Inherited sin not such kind. .... Ro 5:8, 12, 18; Ps 51:5; 1Jo 5:17  
 One may grieve spirit, yet recover. .... Eph 4:30; Jas 5:19, 20  
 Willful practice of sin leads to death. .... 1Jo 3:6-9; 5:18  
 God judges such, removes his spirit. .... Heb 6:4-8; 1Sa 16:14  
 We should not pray for such unrepentant ones. .... 1Jo 5:16, 17

## **55. Soul**

#### ***A. What the soul is***

Man is a soul. .... Ge 2:7; 1Co 15:45; Jos 11:11; Ex 1:5; Ac 27:37  
 Lower animals also called souls. .... Nu 31:28; Re 16:3; Le 24:18  
 Soul has blood, eats, can die. .... Jer 2:34; Le 7:18; Eze 18:4  
 Man, having life, is said to have soul. .... Mr 8:36; Joh 10:15

#### ***B. Difference between soul and spirit***

Life as a person or creature is soul. .... Joh 10:15; Le 17:11  
 Life force activating souls called "spirit." .... Ps 146:4; 104:29  
 When one dies force of life returns to God. .... Ec 12:7; Ge 2:7  
 God only one who can put life force into action. .... Re 11:11

## **56. Spirit, Spiritism**

#### ***A. What the holy spirit is***

God's active force, not a person. .... Ac 2:2, 3, 33; Joh 14:17  
 Used in creation, inspiration of Bible, etc. .... Ge 1:2; Eze 11:5  
 Begets, anoints Christ's body members. .... Joh 3:5-8; Isa 61:1  
 Empowers, leads God's people today. .... Ga 5:16, 18; Ro 8:5, 6

#### ***B. Life force called spirit***

Principle of life, sustained by breathing. .... Jas 2:26; Job 27:3  
 Power over life force resides with God. .... Zec 12:1; Ec 8:8  
 Life force of humans, beasts, belongs to God. .... Ec 3:19-21  
 Spirit committed to God with hope of resurrection. .... Lu 23:46

#### ***C. Spiritism must be shunned as work of demons***

God's Word forbids. .... Isa 8:19, 20; Le 19:31; 20:6, 27; De 18:10  
 Fortunetelling is demonism; condemned. .... Ac 16:16-18; 1Sa 28:3  
 Leads to destruction. .... Ga 5:19-21; Re 21:8; 22:15; 18:23  
 Astrology forbidden; ensnares. .... Jer 10:2; Mt 2:1, 7, 8, 12-16

## 57. Translations

### *A. Modern translations contain same message of God*

Translations of the Bible are necessary. .... De 32:43; Mt 28:19  
 God's Word should be accepted not as man's word. .... 1Th 2:13  
 God's Word to last indefinitely. .... Isa 40:8; 1Pe 1:25; Ps 119:89  
 Compare versions. .... Mt 6:9-13; 5:1-16; Ps 23; Ex 20:1-17

### *B. "New World Translation" improves understanding of Bible*

Restores name of Jehovah to text. .... Ps 110:1; Mt 22:44; 2Co 3:17  
 Modern instead of archaic language. .... Isa 14:23; 2Co 8:1  
 Texts for comparative reference: .... 1Co 10:24, 25;  
 Mt 5:3; 24:3; Lu 2:14; 1Co 13:3; 1Jo 5:18; Eph 4:20-24; Php 3:20;  
 Heb 13:7; 1Th 4:15; 2Pe 3:12; Ge 1:14, 16; 3:17; Nu 22:6; 1Sa 30:31

## 58. Trinity

### *A. God, the Father, one Person, greatest in universe*

God is not three persons. .... De 6:4; Mal 2:10; Mr 10:18; Ro 3:30  
 God alone before Son created. .... Re 3:14; Col 1:15; Isa 44:6  
 God ruler of universe at all times. .... Php 2:5, 6; Da 4:35  
 God to be exalted above all. .... Php 2:10, 11; 1Ch 29:11

### *B. Son inferior to Father before and after coming to earth*

Son obedient in heaven, sent by Father. .... Joh 8:42; 12:49  
 Obedient on earth, Father greater. .... Joh 14:28; 5:19; Heb 5:8  
 Exalted in heaven, still subject. .... Php 2:9; 1Co 15:28; Mt 20:23  
 Jehovah is Christ's head and God. .... 1Co 11:3; Joh 20:17; Re 1:6

### *C. Jesus when on earth was a man, not divine*

Became lower than angels. .... Heb 2:9, 14; Joh 1:14; Php 2:5-7  
 Gave perfect human life as ransom. .... Ex 21:23, 24; 1Ti 2:5, 6  
 With human life could redeem Adam's offspring. .... 1Co 15:21, 22  
 Now divine, immortal, life-giving. .... 1Ti 6:16; 1Co 15:45; Heb 1:3

### *D. Oneness of God and Christ*

Always complete harmony. .... Pr 8:22, 30; Joh 8:28, 29; 14:10  
 Oneness, as of husband and wife. .... Joh 10:30; Mt 19:4-6  
 All believers must have same oneness. .... Joh 17:20-22; 1Co 1:10  
 One worship of Jehovah through Christ forever. .... Joh 4:23, 24

### *E. God's holy spirit is his active force*

A force, not a person. .... Mt 3:16; Joh 20:22; Ac 2:4, 17, 33  
 Not a person in heaven with God and Christ. .... Ac 7:55, 56; Re 7:10  
 Directed by God to accomplish purposes. .... Ps 104:30; 1Co 12:4-11  
 Those serving God receive, guided by it. .... 1Co 2:12, 13; Ga 5:16

## 59. Wickedness, World Distress

### *A. Freedom from world distress*

World distress caused by Devil. .... Re 12:12; 1Pe 5:8; 2Co 4:4

This wicked one soon to be bound..... Re 20:1-3; Isa 14:15, 16  
 Kingdom removes distress, death..... Re 21:4; Isa 9:7; 1Jo 3:8  
 Knowledge, integrity, necessary for freedom..... Re 21:6, 7

#### ***B. Significance of world distress***

Christ foretold bad conditions..... Lu 21:7, 10, 11; Mt 24:3, 7, 8  
 Conditions would become very serious..... Lu 21:25, 26; Mt 24:29  
 These things mark nearness of the Kingdom..... Lu 21:31; Mt 24:33  
 Christ points out need to keep awake..... Lu 21:36; Mt 24:42-44

#### ***C. Who is responsible for world distress***

Ruling power cause of bad times today..... Pr 29:2; 28:28  
 Ruler of world the enemy of God..... 2Co 4:4; 1Jo 5:19; Joh 12:31  
 Woes brought by Devil, time short..... Re 12:9, 12; 16:14, 16  
 Devil bound, endless peace follows..... Re 20:1-3; 21:3, 4

#### ***D. Why wickedness permitted***

Devil challenged loyalty of creatures to God..... Job 1:11, 12  
 Faithful given opportunity to prove loyal..... Ro 9:17; Pr 27:11  
 Devil proved a liar, issue to be settled..... Joh 12:31; Na 1:9  
 Faithful rewarded with everlasting life..... Ro 2:6, 7; Re 21:3-5

#### ***E. Wars, world distress will cease forever***

Jesus foretold wars from his day to time of end..... Mt 24:3, 6  
 Showed World War I as beginning of end..... Mt 24:7; Mr 13:8  
 Distress concentrated on one generation..... Mt 24:32-34; Mr 13:30  
 World system destroyed; lasting peace comes..... Ps 37:10, 11

#### ***F. Prolonged time of the end is merciful provision***

As in Noah's day, takes time to give warning..... Mt 24:14, 37-39  
 God not slow, but merciful..... 2Pe 3:9; Isa 30:18; Hab 2:3  
 Bible helps avoid being caught unawares..... Lu 21:36; 1Th 5:4  
 Seek God's provision now for protection..... Isa 2:2-4; Zep 2:3

#### ***G. Solution to world distress not from men***

Men very fearful, perplexed..... Lu 21:25-26; 2Ti 3:1-5; Isa 13:8  
 Peace efforts doomed to failure..... Isa 33:7; 8:9-13; Jer 23:17  
 Not men, but God's kingdom will succeed..... Da 2:44; Mt 6:10  
 To live, sue for peace with Kingdom now..... Isa 2:2-4; 2Co 5:20

#### ***H. Wicked prosper only temporarily***

Wicked invisible rulership..... 2Co 4:4; 1Jo 5:19; Re 12:9  
 Do not worry; prosperity short-lived..... Ps 37:1, 2, 16, 17  
 One looking to Jehovah is safe..... Ps 37:18, 19; Pr 18:10  
 God sees, rewards blameless ones..... Ps 37:37, 38; 1Pe 3:12

#### ***I. How wickedness originated in a perfect universe***

Intelligent creatures made free moral agents..... Ge 1:26, 27  
 Devil entertained selfish thinking, brought sin..... Jas 1:14, 15  
 Adam's sin brought death to offspring..... Ro 5:12; De 32:4, 5  
 God provides deliverance for obedient..... Joh 3:16; Heb 2:14, 15

**J. Need of decision as world's end nears**

World leaders confused, no help. .... Lu 21:25, 26; Mic 3:6, 7  
 Bible gives clear-cut warning. .... Zep 2:2, 3; Re 18:4; Lu 21:20-22  
 Christ now judging; no neutral position. .... Mt 25:31-34, 41, 46  
 Do not hesitate; decide for life. .... 1Ki 18:21; De 30:19

**60. Wisdom (Practical)****A. Practical wisdom in an age of advanced learning**

Jehovah the Creator the source. .... Pr 2:6-9; Jas 3:17; 1Co 2:6-8  
 Revealed through Christ. .... Eph 1:3, 8; 1Co 1:30; Col 2:2, 3  
 Reveals God's will for Kingdom administration. .... Eph 1:9, 10  
 World's wisdom demonic, impractical. .... Jas 3:15, 16; 1Co 3:19  
 We should get divine wisdom for life. .... Pr 3:21-26; Joh 17:3

**B. Using time to serve God is practical wisdom**

Time for everything if used wisely. .... Ec 3:1, 17; Eph 5:15, 16  
 Spiritual needs have highest value. .... Mt 4:4; 6:25, 26, 33  
 Ignoring such needs impractical. .... Lu 10:40-42; Mt 13:22  
 Ignoring critical times fatal. .... Lu 21:34, 35; Mt 24:37-39

**C. Personal interests not practical without interest in God**

Man's life means more than whole world. .... Mr 8:36, 37; Mt 16:26  
 Life not a result of things possessed. .... Lu 12:15; Pr 3:13-18  
 Life depends on knowing God, Jesus. .... Joh 17:3; Hos 4:6  
 Wise course to gain more knowledge about God. .... Pr 9:9; 1:5

**D. Youth or old age no barrier to Christian activity**

Both young and old share. .... Ac 2:17; Joe 2:28; Ps 148:12, 13  
 Safeguards youth. .... Ps 119:9; Ec 12:1; Jer 1:7; Lu 2:48, 49  
 Provides crown of beauty to aged. .... Pr 16:31; Ps 92:13, 14  
 Wise of all ages seek knowledge, life. .... Pr 4:20-22; Joh 17:3