

## The Study Guide

### What are three arguments in favor of the existence of God?

- 1) The First Cause Argument: Everything is caused by something before it. If we go back far enough we arrive at God as the First Cause
- 2) The Watchmaker Argument: If you find a watch, it's reasonable to assume a watchmaker
- 3) The Argument from Irreducible Complexity: remove one part from a complicated machine, and it no longer works

### What are three arguments in favor of the reliability of the Bible?

- 1) Archaeology: the more we dig, the better the Bible looks
- 2) Prophecy: the Bible predicts future events with amazing accuracy
- 3) Eyewitnesses: the writers of the Bible saw the things they wrote about, and refused to give up their testimony, even in the face of persecution

### Name the books of the Bible:

(Historic)	(Prophetic)	44. Acts
1. Genesis	23. Isaiah	(Epistles)
2. Exodus	24. Jeremiah	45. Romans
3. Leviticus	25. Lamentations	46. I Corinthians
4. Numbers	26. Ezekiel	47. II Corinthians
5. Deuteronomy	27. Daniel	48. Galatians
6. Joshua	28. Hosea	49. Ephesians
7. Judges	29. Joel	50. Philippians
8. Ruth	30. Amos	51. Colossians
9. I Samuel	31. Obadiah	52. I Thessalonians
10. II Samuel	32. Jonah	53. II Thessalonians
11. I Kings	33. Micah	54. I Timothy
12. II Kings	34. Nahum	55. II Timothy
13. I Chronicles	35. Habakkuk	56. Titus
14. II Chronicles	36. Zephaniah	57. Philemon
15. Ezra	37. Haggai	58. Hebrews
16. Nehemiah	38. Zechariah	59. James
17. Esther	39. Malachi	60. I Peter
(Poetic)		61. II Peter
18. Job	(Gospels)	62. I John
19. Psalms	40. Matthew	63. II John
20. Proverbs	41. Mark	64. III John
21. Ecclesiastes	42. Luke	65. Jude
22. Song of Solomon	43. John	66. Revelation

### How is the Bible divided? Two ways:

- 1) Chronologically: Old Testament and New Testament
- 2) Theologically: Law and Gospel

### What is the purpose of the Law and of the Gospel? (SOS Principle)

The Law: Shows Our Sins

The Gospel: Shows Our Savior

### What are the Ten Commandments?

- 1) You shall have no other gods.
- 2) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- 3) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- 4) Honor your father and your mother.
- 5) You shall not murder.
- 6) You shall not commit adultery.
- 7) You shall not steal.
- 8) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- 9) You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10) You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### **How is the Christian faith summarized in the words of the Apostles Creed?**

- 1) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- 2) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- 3) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **How did our Lord teach us to pray?**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **What three things make a sacrament?**

- 1) A visible element plus God's Word
- 2) Instituted by Christ Himself
- 3) Which offers the forgiveness of sins

### **What is Baptism?**

- 1) Water plus the Word
- 2) The forgiveness of sins
- 3) Adoption into God's family

### **What is this written?**

Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

### **What is the Office of the Keys?**

The authority of the Church to forgive and to retain sins.

### **Where is this written?**

John 20:23, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### **What is involved in confession?**

To confess our sins  
To receive forgiveness  
To live a God-pleasing life

### **What is Holy Communion?**

The true body and blood of Christ  
In, with, and under the bread and wine  
Instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink

### **Where is this written?**

The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke, and also St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **How is a person worthy to receive this Sacrament?**

When they believe the words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

### **Why did Martin Luther start the Reformation?**

- 1) Church leaders had too much power
- 2) Indulgences offered the forgiveness of sins for money
- 3) Salvation was attributed to Faith plus Works

### **How did Luther start the Reformation?**

- 1) He posted the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, protesting the sale of Indulgences
- 2) These were distributed throughout Europe, and many people agreed
- 3) He wrote many other books, which were widely accepted

### **What kind of church resulted from the Reformation?**

- 1) Church leaders are elected
- 2) There are pastors and deacons
- 3) Justification by Faith Alone is taught
- 4) There are two Sacraments
- 5) The church is generous in its mission work

### **What are the seasons of the Church Year?**

Advent – Christmas – Epiphany – Lent – Easter – Pentecost

### **What are the Major Canticles of the Historic Liturgy?**

Kyrie – Gloria – Credo – Sanctus – Agnus Dei