

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged; the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

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the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

10 **Greatness of the Lord**

48 **A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo! the kings were assembled, they passed by together,

5 They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou brestest through the tops of Tarshish with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of our God: he will establish it forever.

9 We have thought on thy kindness, O God, in the temple.

10 According to thy righteousness, O God, so is thy praise in the earth: thy righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion be glad, because of thy righteousness, O God.

12 Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy righteousness, O God.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

15 **Trust Not in Riches**

49 **To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.** Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means ransom his brother, nor give a ransom for him:

8 For the redemption of their souls is precious, and they shall not be able to pay it.

9 Therefore shall they be as the chaff which the wind driveth away.

10 Their inward strength shall be as a reed which is shaken with the wind: they shall be as a chaff which the wind driveth away.

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after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly; yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased:

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

21 **God the Righteous Judge**

50 **A Psalm of Asaph.** The LORD governeth the righteous: he keepeth them as the apple of his eye.

2 The LORD keepeth them all his days: he shall not be troubled.

3 He shall be as a fire which shall consume the stubble: and he shall be as a fire which shall consume the stubble.

4 He shall call to the heavens

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Hey friends!

We are a people of faith. Our faith matters deeply. We are saved through faith.

This is why it's incredibly important that we understand our beliefs. We need to know *what* we believe, and we need to know *why* we believe it.

I created this workbook to help you do just that. For each major area of doctrinal beliefs, you will work through what you believe, reading scripture, researching, and ultimately determining your own personal statement of faith.

I recommend that you follow a few steps:

1. First, get your church's statement of faith and print it out. You'll use it throughout this whole process as the springboard to write your own personal statement of faith.
2. Second, locate some trusted friends to go through this process with you and help keep you accountable. You will be able to work through questions together.
3. Third, find some good resources to listen to or read to help answer your questions. Books, sermons, podcasts, and articles are helpful.

Keep 2 tips in mind as you go through this process:

- You aren't trying to deconstruct your faith. This shouldn't be a time where you focus on criticizing and tearing down beliefs. Instead, just determine the why behind them. You may not change any of your beliefs, but you can clarify them and make them clearer to you.
- As you research beliefs and feel unsure of what an answer to a question is, make sure you listen to both sides of the argument from the perspective of someone who believes in that side. Don't fall for the strawman fallacy.

I pray that this process strengthens your faith. I pray that it equips you in your ministry. I pray that through this process you are brought closer to the wonders of God.



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What is doctrine?

DOCTRINE:

a specific statement describing what you believe about a certain topic.

Doctrinal Beliefs:

1. **Doctrine of God: *Theology proper*** - The study of the nature of God and His works (sometimes also called ***Paterology***)
2. **Doctrine of the Bible: *Bibliology*** - A study of the doctrine laid out in the Bible and Scripture
3. **Doctrine of Angels: *Angelology*** - Investigations of angels and angelic appearances
4. **Doctrine of Man: *Theological Anthropology*** - Study of the human relationship with God, including investigations of body, soul, and spirit
5. **Doctrine of Evil: *Hamartiology*** - The study of the doctrines of sin and morality
6. **Doctrine of Christ: *Christology*** - The broad scope of studies surrounding Jesus Christ, including his life, nature, teachings, and legacy
7. **Doctrine of Salvation: *Soteriology*** - A study of the doctrines of salvation and redemption
8. **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: *Pneumatology*** - Investigating the nature and role of the Holy Spirit
9. **Doctrine of the Church: *Ecclesiology*** - Studies of the church and its origins and historical and current roles
10. **Doctrine of the End Times: *Eschatology*** - A study of the end times and the Apocalypse

THEOLOGY:

the more general study of God and the bible

Types of theology

1. **Biblical Theology:** The study of the bible's teachings, both individually and as a unified whole
2. **Historical Theology:** The study of the accumulated teachings of the Church over time. This branch traces the development of doctrine over time.
3. **Systematic Theology:** Systematic Theology tries to arrange doctrines in an orderly fashion in order to make a 'self-consistent whole'. Most statements of faith draw on systematic theology.
4. **Practical Theology:** Practical theology focuses on the living out of doctrines and study in action. Practical Theology includes sub-fields such as Applied theology, Church growth, Administration, Homiletics, Spiritual formation, Pastoral theology, Spiritual direction, Spiritual theology, Political theology, Theology of justice and peace. Basically, practical theology bridges the gap between knowledge and ministry.

How to write your personal statement of faith:

1. Figure out the beliefs of your church or denomination.
2. Examine those beliefs to understand them and determine whether you agree or disagree with them.
3. For any beliefs that you are unsure of, listen to sermons, podcasts, and read books concerning that topic. Do a deep dive and learn about perspectives from all sides.
4. Write out your personal beliefs.

Doctrine of God *Theology. or Paterology*

What is it? The study of the nature of God and His works

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

Further Research

1. Describe the Existence of God.
2. What are the Incommunicable Attributes of God?
3. What are the Communicable Attributes of God?
4. What is the nature of God? (Unity vs. Trinity of God)
5. Describe God as the creator. (Old Earth vs New Earth views)

Verses to Reference

1. Exodus 34:6-7
2. Deuteronomy 6:4-5
3. Numbers 23:19
4. Psalms 84:11-12
5. Genesis 1:1

My questions

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Doctrine of the Bible

Bibliology

What is it? A study of the doctrine laid out in the Bible and Scripture

My church believes:

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Further Research

1. What is the specific revelation of God versus the General Revelation of God?
2. Describe the Inspiration and Canonization of the Bible.
3. Why is Scripture inerrant?
4. What is scripture Self-sufficient? (*Sola scripture* versus *Prima Scriptura*)
5. Describe your biblical hermeneutical framework. (Exegesis, Synthesis, and Application; Covenant Theology vs. Dispensationalism)

Verses to Reference

1. 2 Timothy 3:16–17
2. Romans 15:4
3. Isaiah 55:11
4. Hebrews 4:12–13
5. 2 Peter 1:19–21

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Doctrine of Angels

Angelology

What is it? Investigations of angels and angelic appearances

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

Further Research

1. What are angels?
2. What is the Origin, Nature, and Number of Angels?
3. What is the Appearance and personality of Angels?
4. What is the Function and ministry of angels?
5. What are the different types of angels?
6. What is your understanding of fallen angels and demons?

Verses to Reference

1. Hebrews 1:13–14
2. Isaiah 6:1–3
3. Revelation 12:7–9
4. Jude 5–6
5. Matthew 24:29–31

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Doctrine of Man

Theological Anthropology

What is it? Study of the human relationship with God, including investigations of body, soul, and spirit

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

My questions

Further Research

1. Describe how humanity is a created being, made in the image of God.
2. Describe what it means that we are created male and female (Complementarianism vs. Egalitarianism, Gender studies) and how this affects Marriage.
3. Describe humanity's relation to Work, Vocation, and Rest.
4. How should we view the relationship between body and soul?
5. Describe how the Sovereignty of God works. (Free will vs Predestinationism; Calvinist, Arminian, Open)

Verses to Reference

1. Genesis 2:15-18
2. Genesis 1:26-28
3. Psalm 144:4
4. Psalm 33:13-15
5. 1 Corinthians 15:48

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Doctrine of Evil

Hamartiology

What is it? The study of the doctrines of sin and morality (and Satanology - the doctrine of Satan)

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

Further Research

1. Describe the existence and origins of Satan. What is his (its) role today?
2. Discuss the problem of evil. (Theodicy vs. Inscrutability)
3. What is sin? What are the Origins of Sin?
4. What is Sin's affect on Creation?
5. Describe the Total depravity of Mankind.
6. Describe the different types of Sin. (Inherited vs. Imputed vs. Original)

Verses to Reference

1. Genesis 3:14-15
- 2.1 John 3:7-10
3. Ephesians 6:10-12
- 4.1 Peter 5:8
5. Romans 3:23

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Doctrine of Christ

Christology

What is it? The broad scope of studies surrounding Jesus Christ, including his life, nature, teachings, and legacy

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

My questions

Further Research

1. What is the nature of Christ? (Questions of Preexistence, Deity, and Humanity. Virgin Birth.)
2. How did Jesus fulfill the law and the prophets as Messiah?
3. Describe the Offices of Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King.
4. What is Jesus' relationship to sin? (Impeccability)
5. Describe the death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation of Jesus.

Verses to Reference

1. John 14:6–11
2. Colossians 1:15–20
3. John 3:16
4. Luke 22:66–71
5. 1 Timothy 2:5

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Doctrine of Salvation

Soteriology

What is it? A study of the doctrines of salvation and redemption

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

My questions

Further Research

1. Why is salvation necessary? What are the barriers between us and God?
2. What is the work of salvation and how has it been (or being) accomplished? (Doctrines of reconciliation, expiation, redemption, substitution, regeneration, justification, and imputation)
3. What are the 3 phases of salvation? (Past, present, and future; Justification, Sanctification, Glorification)
4. Describe the purpose and views on baptism. (Immersion vs sprinkling, Paedobaptist vs Credobaptist)

Verses to Reference

1. Acts 4:12
2. Matthew 7:21
3. Ephesians 2:8-9
4. Romans 10:9-10
5. Luke 3:8

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Doctrine of the Holy Spirit *Pneumatology*

What is it? Investigating the nature and role of the Holy Spirit

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

Further Research

1. What is the nature of the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? (In-dwelling and regeneration)
3. What are spiritual gifts?

Verses to Reference

1. 1 Corinthians 6:19
2. Acts 2:38
3. John 14:26
4. Romans 8:26
5. Galatians 5:22-23

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Doctrine of the Church

Ecclesiology

What is it? Studies of the church and its origins and historical and current roles

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- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

My questions

Further Research

1. What is the difference between the universal church and the local church?
2. What is the purpose(s) of the Church? (Discipleship, Fellowship, Evangelism, Service, Worship)
3. What are the ordinances of the Church?
4. How should a church be structured?
5. Who are the leaders in the church and what are their qualifications?

Verses to Reference

1. Acts 2:42–47
2. 1 Timothy 3:14–15
3. Romans 12:4–5
4. Colossians 1:17–20
5. Hebrews 10:24–25

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Doctrine of the End Times

Eschatology

What is it? A study of the end times and the Apocalypse

My church believes:

- I agree
- I disagree
- I'm not sure

My questions

Further Research

1. What is the difference between personal eschatology and prophetic eschatology?
2. What are your views on personal eschatology? (Kingdom, Heaven, and Hell)
3. Describe your views on the following events: Tribulation, Second Coming, Millenium, and Final Judgement)
4. What do you believe about the timeline of end-times events? (Amillienalism, Postmillennialism, Premillienalism, Dispensationalism)

Verses to Reference

1. John 14:3
2. Revelation 20:10
3. Matthew 24:1-51
4. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
5. 2 Peter 3:10

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