

Q3 Who is God?

***(GENESIS 1:1;
PSALM 47:7-8)***

A3 God is the Creator of everything and the Ruler of the universe. When we say “God” sometimes we mean our Heavenly Father, and sometimes we mean the Trinity.

***Q12 How does
God make himself
known to us?***

***(HEBREWS 1:1-2; 1
CORINTHIANS 2:13; ACTS
18:28)***

A12 God makes himself known to us in many ways but most importantly, through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible

***Q13 Who is
Jesus Christ?
(JOHN 3:16; MATTHEW
16:13-16)***

A13 Jesus Christ is the only
Son of God and the Savior of
the world.

***Q25 Who is the
Holy Spirit?***

***(JOHN 14:26; ROMANS 8:9
(NRSV))***

A25 The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Christian's Helper who comes to us when we believe in Christ. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is also known as the Spirit of Jesus or the Spirit of Christ.

**Q36 *What is the
Bible?***

(2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17)

A36 The Bible is a collection of books that teach us the truth about who God is, what he has done for us, and how he wants us to live.

***Q46 What did
Jesus say were
the greatest
commandments?
(MATTHEW 22:34-40)***

A46 Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
mind. Love your neighbor as
yourself.

***Q52 How did sin
enter the world?
(GENESIS 3:6)***

A52 Sin entered the world
when Adam and Eve rebelled
against God and disobeyed
his command.

**Q96 *What is the
Church?***
(ROMANS 12:4-5)

A96 The Church is all the people whose sins have been for-given and who trust Jesus as their Savior. It includes all Christians living now and in the past.

***Q97 Who is a
Christian?
(ROMANS 10:9)***

**A97 A Christian is a person
whose sins have been
forgiven and who has
received Jesus Christ as
Savior and Lord.**

***Q114 What is
prayer?***

(PSALM 3:4a; ISAIAH 65:24)

A114 Prayer is talking and
listening to God.

***Q26 Is the Holy
Spirit God?***
***(2 CORINTHIANS 13:14;
GENESIS 1:1-2)***

**A26 The Holy Spirit is God,
the third Person of the Trinity.
He has always lived and
always will live.**

***Q37 How were
the books of the
Bible written?***

(2 PETER 1:20-21)

A37 The 66 books of the Old and New Testaments were written by human authors who wrote as God, through the Holy Spirit, inspired them.

***Q40 Why did
God give us the
Bible?***

(ROMANS 15:4; JOHN 20:31)

A40 God gave us the Bible to reveal what he is like and to guide us to a true and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

***Q48 Why did
God create
people?***

***(PSALM 37:4;
REVELATION 4:11)***

**A48 God created people to
enjoy a loving relationship
with him and to honor him
with their lives.**

***Q53 What
happened to Adam
and Eve as a result
of the first sin?***

***(ROMANS 5:12; GENESIS
3:13, 16-19)***

A53 When Adam and Eve sinned, their relationship with God was broken. They became separated from him and death entered human life.

***Q55 What do we
call this first sin
and its effect on
all creation?***

(ROMANS 5:12, 14)

A55 We call this sin “the fall” because humanity fell from a state of holiness into bondage to sin.

***Q64 For whom
did Jesus die?
(LUKE 13:3b; JOHN 3:18)***

A64 Jesus died for every person, but only those who repent of their sins, believe, and receive him as Savior will be saved.

***Q99 What does
God want the
Church to do?
(MATTHEW 28:19-20)***

A99 The Church's mission is to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey God's commands. God wants Christians to show that he, through the Holy Spirit, changes people so they love him, love others, and live for him.

***Q108 How are
Christians to
live?***

***(AMOS 5:14-15a; JOHN
13:35; EPHESIANS 5:1-2)***

A108 Christians are to be imitators of Christ. Christians are to do good, avoid evil, and love one another.

***Q109 What does
it mean to do
good?***

***(LUKE 10:27; 1 JOHN 5:3;
HEBREWS 9:14)***

A109 For Christians, to do good is to love, obey, and serve God as he has taught us in the Scriptures.

Q5 What is the Trinity?

***(DEUTERONOMY 6:4;
MATTHEW 28:19; 2
CORINTHIANS 13:14;
GALATIANS 4:6)***

A5 Trinity means “three in one.” There is only one God, but he exists and reveals himself in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

***Q9 How do we
describe God's
nature and
character?***

***(ISAIAH 6:3; 1 JOHN 4:16;
DEUTERONOMY 7:9)***

A9 We describe God's nature and character as "holy love."

***Q14 Is Jesus
Christ God?***

***(COLOSSIANS 2:9; JOHN
1:1-2)***

A14 Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity. He has always lived and always will live.

***Q21 What
happened after
Jesus died on the
cross?***

***(1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4;
ACTS 1:3; LUKE 24:50-51)***

A21 After Jesus died on the cross, God raised him from the dead on the third day. Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days and then ascended into heaven.

***Q41 What is the
major message
of the Bible?***

(JOHN 3:16)

A41 The major message of the Bible is that God loves us and has made a way for us to be saved from sin through his Son Jesus Christ.

Q51 What is sin?

(1 JOHN 3:4; JAMES 4:17)

A51 Sin is rebellion against God, that is, a person placing his or her own will above God's will and choosing to disobey God.

***Q56 How did the sin
of Adam and Eve
affect people who
were born later?***

***(PSALM 51:5; ROMANS
7:18a)***

A56 Since Adam and Eve, all people are born without a personal relationship with God and with a drive to turn away from him. This drive is known as *original sin*. Every part of who we are has been damaged by sin.

***Q60 What did God do
to make it possible for
people to be saved
from sin and live in
fellowship with him?***

(1 JOHN 2:1-2)

A60 God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to make atonement for sin.

***Q68 What makes
it possible to
repent and turn
to God?
(JOHN 6:44)***

A68 The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives makes repentance possible. He helps us feel sorry about our sins, and gives us the ability to choose to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

***Q100 How does the
Church carry out the
mission God gave
it?***

***(1 PETER 1:15-16; ACTS 1:8;
ACTS 2:46-47; ROMANS
12:6-8)***

A100 The Church carries out its mission by living holy lives, by telling others about Jesus, by worshiping together, by helping fellow Christians grow spiritually, and by serving others in Jesus' name.

***Q10 What do we
mean when we
say God is holy?***

(DEUTERONOMY 32:4; 2

SAMUEL 22:31;

ISAIAH 55:8-9)

A10 God is different from all other beings, and everything about him is good and perfect.

***Q17 Why do we
say Jesus is our
Savior?***

(1 PETER 2:24)

A17 Jesus is our Savior because his life, his suffering and death on the cross, and his resurrection made it possible for us to be forgiven of our sins and live for God. He saves us from a life of sin and from hell.

***Q18 Why could
only Jesus be
our Savior?***

***(COLOSSIANS 2:9; JOHN
3:16-17; JOHN 17:20-27)***

A18 Only Jesus is both completely God and completely human.

Because of this, only he could be the perfect sacrifice needed for the forgiveness of our sins. Only Jesus joined divinity and humanity in himself so he could bring God and humans together in a deeper way.

***Q35 How does
the Holy Spirit
teach us?***

(JOHN 14:26, 16:13)

A35 The Holy Spirit teaches us by helping us understand the Bible, by guiding others to speak the truth to us, and by giving us a sense of peace with God or conviction of sin.

***Q49 What do we
mean when we say
people are created
“in God’s image?”
(GENESIS 1:26)***

A49 Because human beings are created in God's image, they are free to make choices about right and wrong. Also, they can live in fellowship with God and reflect God's nature of holy love.

***Q63 What is the
only way a
person can be
saved from sin?
(ACTS 4:12)***

**A63 The only way a person
can be saved from sin is by
trusting in Jesus and the
atonement he made.**

***Q80 How can a
person be sure he
or she has been
saved?***

***(ROMANS 8:15-16;
ROMANS 5:1-2)***

A80 The Holy Spirit assures those whom have trusted Jesus as Savior that they are in right relationship with God. This is called the “witness of the Spirit.”

***Q85 When should
a Christian begin
to live a holy life?***

***(1 CORINTHIANS 10:13;
HEBREWS 10:10; HEBREWS
12:14)***

A85 Christians are to begin living holy lives as soon as they receive Jesus as Savior.

***Q86 What makes
it difficult for
Christians to live
holy lives?***

(JAMES 1:13-15A)

A86 The tendency to want our own way, rather than God's way, makes it hard for Christians to live holy lives.

***Q123 What is
Christian
baptism?***

***(ROMANS 6:3-4; HEBREWS
10:22)***

A123 Christian baptism is the sacrament that uses water to help symbolize dying with Christ, being buried with him, and being resurrected as a new person in Christ. It shows that the believer has received Christ's promised salvation and has begun to live a new life with God. It also symbolizes having our sins washed away.

***Q126 What is the
Lord's Supper?
(1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26)***

A126 The Lord's Supper is the sacrament that uses bread and wine (grape juice) to symbolize Christ's death for our sins. It is also a means by which Christ strengthens and helps us spiritually. When we participate in the Lord's Supper, we celebrate with thanksgiving that Christ has saved us, and we look forward to his second coming.

***Q1 Where can
we find a
summary of the
basic beliefs of
all Christians?***

A1 The Apostles' Creed and
the Nicene Creed sum up
Christian beliefs.

***Q11 What do we
mean when we
say God is love?
(1 JOHN 4:10; 1 JOHN 4:7)***

A11 God wants the highest good for every person and he continually works to bring this about. God especially showed his love to us by sending Jesus Christ into the world to be our Savior. He is the source of all love.

***Q24 Where is
Jesus now and
what is he doing?***

***(MARK 16:19; EPHESIANS
2:6; HEBREWS 7:25;
EPHESIANS 1:20-22)***

A24 Jesus is now in heaven,
at the right hand of God the
Father. His ministry is to be
our representative before God
the Father (interceding for us).

He also reigns as King,
guiding and directing the
Church.

Q30 What does the Holy Spirit do in the lives of Christians?

(ROMANS 8:16; JOHN 16:13-14; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23; JOHN 14:26)

A30 The Holy Spirit helps
Christians know they are
God's children, teaches them
the truth of Christ, helps them
live as Christians, and leads
them into the experience of
entire sanctification

***Q34 How does the
Holy Spirit lead us to
entire
sanctification?***

***(2 CORINTHIANS 3:18;
1 PETER 2:2)***

A34 The Holy Spirit helps us grow spiritually. This helps us realize our need to be freed from our sinful drives. He gives us the ability to place ourselves completely in God's hands and trust him to entirely sanctify us.

***Q42 How can we be
sure the message
of the Bible is true
and trustworthy?***

***(PSALM 33:4; 2 TIMOTHY
3:15)***

A42 By faith we can be sure the message of the Bible is true and trustworthy because the Spirit of God inspired all of the writings of the Bible and faithfully uses them to bring us to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

***Q54 How did
Adam and Eve's
sin affect the rest
of creation?***

***(ROMANS 8:20-21;
GENESIS 3:17-18)***

A54 Adam and Eve's sin caused the rest of creation to fall too. Creation doesn't work quite right anymore. The parts of creation decay and damage one another and people. People now have to struggle against creation in many ways.

***Q72 What words
describe what
happens when a
person believes and
is saved?
(TITUS 3:4-7)***

A72 The words *justification*,
regeneration, and *adoption*
describe what happens when
a person believes and is
saved.

***Q73 What is
justification?
(JOHN 5:24; ROMANS 5:1;
ROMANS 3:21-26)***

A73 Justification is God's action to forgive sinners who repent, free them from guilt and punishment for their sins, and make them right with him.

***Q74 What is
regeneration?
(2 CORINTHIANS 5:17;
JOHN 3:3-7)***

A74 Regeneration is God's action to give spiritual life to a repentant sinner, so the person can stop sinning and live the Christian life.

***Q75 What is
adoption?
(1 JOHN 3:1)***

A75 Adoption is God's action to make the repentant sinner his very own child.

***Q84 What do we
mean when we say
Christians are to live
holy lives?***

***(MATTHEW 22:37-39;
EZEKIEL 36:25-27; TITUS
2:11-14; 1 PETER 1:15-16)***

A84 Christians are to love God completely, love others as themselves, and show this love by obeying and serving God in everything. A Christian's character and desires should reflect God's more and more.

***Q102 What is a
denomination?***

A 102 A denomination is a group of churches that have joined together under one authority because of shared beliefs and in order to serve God together.

***Q105 What do all
denominations
have in common?***

***(1 CORINTHIANS 1:10;
GALATIANS 1:6-8)***

A105 All denominations believe in the same God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They accept The Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed.

***Q106 What are
the guiding
principles of the
Church of the
Nazarene?***

A106 The guiding principles of the Church of the Nazarene are expressed by three core values. We are *Christian* because we put Christ at the center of our lives. We are a *holiness* church because we seek to be holy people in all areas of our hearts and lives. We are *missional* because we are committed to worshiping God, learning, growing, witnessing, and serving others.