CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS:

WHAT WE BELIEVE

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Part 2: WHY WE BELIEVE

Coming Spring 2021

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1. Christian Ordinances
2. Baptism:
3. The Mode and Meaning of Baptism
4. Meaning of Baptism
5. Baptism by Immersion
6. Immersion or Sprinkling?
7. Symbolism of Baptism
8. The Subjects of Baptism
9. What is the biblical prerequisite for getting baptized?
10. The Argument from the New Testament Narrative Passages on Baptism
11. The Argument from the meaning of Baptism
12. Answering the Roman Catholic View on Baptism
13. Answering the Protestant Paedobaptist View
14. The Necessity of Baptism
15. Why Baptism is not necessary for salvation
16. When we are justified
17. Baptism is necessary to be obedient to Christ
18. Baptism is a public proclamation of saving faith
19. Baptism typically follows salvation biblically
20. Remaining Questions Over Baptism
21. Appropriate age for Baptism
22. Division over Baptism?
23. Who Can Baptize?
24. Why should I get baptized?

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2. The Lord’s Supper:

1. Background of Communion
2. Old Testament Background
3. Jesus’s Instituting of the Lord’s Supper
4. What the Lord’s Supper represents for our past and future
5. The Meaning of the Lord’s Supper
6. Christ’s death
7. Our Participation in the Benefits of Christ’s death
8. Spiritual Nourishment
9. Unity of Believers
10. Christ Affirms His Love
11. Christ Affirms All the Blessings of Salvation are Reserved for Me
12. We affirm our faith in Christ individually and collectively
13. How is Christ Present in the Lord’s Supper?
14. Roman Catholic View on Transubstantiation and Problems with it
15. The Lutheran View and Other Protestant Views
16. A Symbolic and Spiritual Presence of Christ at Communion
17. Who should participate in the Lord’s Supper and How Should We Participate in the Lord’s Supper?
18. Believers only
19. Discerning the Body of Christ
20. Worthy Manner
21. Self-Examination
22. Other Debated Questions Over Communion
23. The Importance of the Lord’s Supper

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Biblical References on Baptism & Communion: *1 Peter 3:21, Acts 2:41, Colossians 2:12-13, Acts 16:31-33, 1 Corinthians 11:23-27, Matthew 26:26-28,*

Extra References: Systematic Theology-Chapter 49 “Baptism”, Chapter 50 “The Lord’s Supper”

Questions about Baptism & Communion:

1. Essential Christian Disciplines
2. Discipleship
3. After Getting Saved, What Must Come Next?
4. John 15:1-8/Colossians 2:6-8
5. What Often Happens
6. What Must Happen
7. What Gets In the Way
8. Essential Christian Disciplines for growing in our faith and relationship with Christ
9. Prayer Life
10. What Prayer is
11. What Prayer isn’t
12. Why Prayer is Essential to our faith
13. What role Prayer plays with God’s work in our lives
14. How we should pray
15. How often we should pray
16. Fasting
17. What is Fasting?
18. When should we fast?
19. Why should we fast?

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1. Word
2. Meditate
3. Living and Active
4. Mirror
5. Soul Food
6. Sword
7. Delight in the Word
8. How to get into God’s Word
9. Worship
10. Worship does involve singing songs
11. Worshiping in Spirit and Truth
12. Worship is a Lifestyle
13. Worship is a sacrifice
14. Fellowship with Other Believers
15. Christianity is not meant to be a solo journey
16. Accountability
17. Not Neglecting Assembling Ourselves
18. Why Church is Essential
19. Evangelism
20. Preach the Gospel
21. The Great Commission or the Great Omission?
22. What Holds Us Back the Most?
23. Ambassadors of God’s Message
24. How to Share Jesus with Others?
25. The Spirit’s role
26. Pray
27. Living and Loving Out Loud
28. Dialogue
29. Romans Road

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Biblical references on Christian disciplines: *Matthew 4:4, Psalm 1, Psalm 119, Matthew 6:5-15, James 5:16, Isaiah 58, John 4:20-26, Colossians 3:15-17, Hebrews 10:23-25*

Questions about Christian disciplines:

The Nicene Creed:

(AD 325/Revised at Constantinople AD 381)

A Christian statement of faith that is the only ecumenical creed because it is accepted by Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and most Protestant churches

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty; Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeded from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one universal and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen