

Theological Questionnaire

1. Have you read the Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechism? Do you feel you are familiar with them?
2. What do we mean by “creation ex nihilo?”
3. Describe the federal headship of Adam.
4. Describe the self-authenticating and self-interpreting nature of the Scriptures.
5. Explain the doctrine of the Sabbath. Where do you stand?
6. What view does the WCF reject when they say that God created “in the space of six days” (4.1)? What is your view?
7. Describe the historicity of the creation account.
8. What is the relationship between special and general revelation?
9. What is the covenant of works?
10. What is the covenant of grace? How are the old and new covenants related?
11. The word “righteousness” is used in a variety of ways in the Bible. Give a brief synopsis of how it is used, and then describe how righteousness is used in the context of justification.
12. Describe the nature of union with Christ.
13. Define “faith.”
14. Define “justification.”
15. What do we mean by “imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ?” Do you affirm both?
16. How about, “How are justification and sanctification related? How are they different from each other?”
17. What is the nature of the sacraments as signs and seals of the covenant?
18. Is the following statement true: “The Bible is a record or witness to God’s revelation.” Why or why not?
19. Define the “*analogia fidei*.”
20. Is sinless perfection possible in this life?
21. What is the relationship between saving faith and assurance of salvation? Should all believers have assurance?
22. Is the supernatural gift of tongues for today? Why or why not?
23. Explain from Scripture and scriptural principles why dancing or drama should or should not be part of public worship of the church.
24. What are the three marks of the church? Why are they essential?

25. What happens to the Christian after death?
26. Do you believe hell is a place of eternal conscious torment? Why or why not?
27. What is prayer? Why pray if God has already planned what will take place?
28. Briefly define the following: dispensationalism, historical premillennialism, amillennialism, postmillennialism. Which do you hold and why?
29. What is the role of the law of God in a Christian's life today?
30. What is the ministry of Holy Spirit in a Christian's life today?
31. Should Christians seek the baptism of the Spirit?
32. What is the role of a minister in the church?
33. What is the single most important qualification for a minister?
34. What is the proper subject matter for a preacher's sermons?
35. What book has affected your life the most (besides the Bible)?
36. With which theologian would you say you are most familiar?
37. What books are you currently reading?
40. What is Second Temple Judaism and how does an understanding of that period help us understand the ministry of Jesus and the apostles?
41. What does it mean to say that the Son is "homoousios" with the Father.
42. Did Jesus have two wills? Explain to the best of your ability the relationship between the human and the divine in the person of Christ.
43. Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to our salvation?
44. What do we mean when we say that we believe in "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church"?
45. What is your view on subscription? To what extent does the system of doctrine in the Westminster Standards bind you?
46. (Some in) The Emerging Church movement claims that practice is what's important while doctrine is not essential. Critique this.
47. If your Session brought a motion to require congregants to refrain from dancing and drinking how would you respond?
48. Can you justify the Reformation? The existence of the OPC? Is there tension between the teaching of the unity of the Church and of the purity of the Church?
49. What is the relationship between law and gospel?