

1. IS THERE A GOD?

Laws of Thermodynamics

1st law: Conservation of Energy **Gen. 2:2**

2nd law: Entropy (all goes to chaos) **Gen. 1:31**

Law of Nature

Complexity of natural things **Job 40:6**

Chance vs. Design **Job 42:3**

The Spiritual Need

Humans want religion **Eccl. 3:11**

Science can't answer all the ?'s **Acts 17:22-23**

The Issue of Hopelessness

No one wants to die & be forgotten **1 Cor. 15:32**

The Human Spirit

Imagination, beauty, & guilt **Pr. 20:5**

The uniqueness of humans **1 Cor. 2:11**

2. IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?

Science

Isa. 40:22 Earth is round

Job 36:27-28 Water Vapor Cycle

Lev. 17:11 Life(breath) is in the blood

Prophecy

Babylon - **Isa. 13:19-22, 14:23**

Tyre - **Ezekiel 26:3-21**

586 BC-Nebuchadnezzar

322 BC-Alexander the Great

Present -Fisherman

Harmony – **1 Cor. 1:10**

Over 40 authors

•1500 years apart, different ages, classes, regions of the world, etc...

Accuracy – **Matt. 5:18**

•Dead Sea Scrolls & Septuagint 1000 yrs. apart.

Circulation – **Acts 13:47**

•Billions of Bibles sold, in over 2500 languages.

Endurance – **Rom. 8:31**

•Survived Persecution & Criticism

3. IS THE BIBLE OUR ONLY MORAL AUTHORITY?

Chain of Authority

Authority is the right to lead **Ax. 19:11-16**

God has all authority & knowledge **Gen. 1**

Old Testament authored by God **Heb. 1:1**

Jesus had authority from God **Heb. 1:2, Jn. 8:27-30, Lk. 4:18, Matt. 28:18, Jn. 12:48-49**

Jesus gave authority to apostles **Jn. 20:21, Ax 20:24, Jn. 13:20**

Holy Spirit is with apostles **1 Cor. 2:7-13, Jn. 14:26**

Apostles & prophets wrote NT **Eph. 3:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:14-15**

Only The Bible

Bible is Complete **Jude 1:3, 1 Cor. 13:8-13**

Don't add or subtract **Rev. 22:18-19, Deu. 4:2**

Don't need anything else **2 Pet. 1:3, Gal. 1:8**

4. DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN FOR US?

The Problem- **Gen. 3:22-24, 1 Cor. 15:20-22**

Sin Grows Even More- **Gen. 6:1-7**

The Promise to Help- **Gen. 8:20-22**

Abraham chosen – **Gen. 12:1-4**

Jacob becomes Israel – **Gen. 32:24-32**

Israel becomes great- **Ex. 1:1-14**

Moses leads Israel– **Ex. 3:1-9, Ex. 14:29-31**

The Old Law– **Ex. 19:3-6, Gal. 3:15-25**

The Judges- **Judges 3:9-12**

King David – **2 Sam. 7:8-17**

Increasingly Bad Kings – **1 Ki. 16:29-33**

Repeated Captivity – **Jer. 4:14-18, Dan. 2:31-45**

John The Baptist- **Jon. 1:19-28**

Jesus Christ- **Luke 7:18-23**

The Divine Kingdom- **Ax. 1:4-8, Ax. 2:14-24**

5. IS IT FAIR FOR GOD TO HAVE TERMS FOR SALVATION?

Seek & Hear

Must desire God's ways.

Matt. 12:39-42, Matt. 17:1-5, Mk. 6:8-11,

Lk. 11:9-13

Believe

Belief that God's Word is complete and perfect.

Mk. 16:9-14, Heb. 3:12-19, Jon. 3:16-18

Repent

If our lifestyle and Truth conflict, the lifestyle changes.

Lk. 13:1-9, Lk. 15:3-10, Matt. 21:28-32

Confess

Must pledge allegiance to God before unbelievers.

Matt. 10:32-40, Jon. 12:42-43, Rom. 10:8-14

Baptized

Full immersion to begin your new life

Acts 2:32-41, Mk. 16:15-16, Rom. 6:1-11, 1 Pet 3:21

6. IS THERE ONLY ONE TRUE CHURCH?

Define "Church"

Jon. 10:3-10

Jesus Taught

Jon. 10:16, Matt. 23:8-12, Matt. 24:4

Apostles Taught

2 Pet. 1:20-2:3, Rom. 5:15-17, 1 Jon. 5:10-12

Example Given

Ax. 9:31, 1 Cor. 1:2, Ax. 11:22-27

United under Bible

Ax. 17:11-12, Gal. 2:11-14, Jon. 5:39-42

7. IS YOUR CHURCH QUALIFIED?

Open to Examination – **2 Cor. 13:5-6**

It's Founder (Christ) – **Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23**

It's Doctrine (NT) – **Acts 2:42, Eph. 2:19-20**

It's Membership (Saved) – **Acts 2:38, 1 Pet. 3:21**

It's Worship

- Communion- **1 Cor. 11:20-30, Acts 20:7**
- Singing- **Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16**
- Praying- **Acts 2:42, 1 Thess. 5:17**
- Giving- **1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:1-7**
- Teaching- **Acts 2:42, 1 Tim. 4:13**

It's Work

- Preaching to the lost- **Phil. 4:14-18, 1 Thess. 1:8**
- Providing for it's poor- **Acts 4:34, 1 Tim. 5:16**
- Building up the saved- **Eph. 4:11-16**

It's Organization(Independent) – **Acts 14:23, 1 Pet. 5:1-4**

It's Universality(all times & people) – **2 Tim. 3:16-17, Gal. 3:26-29**