

SAMPLE THEOLOGICAL EXAM QUESTIONS

1. What is the Bible?
2. Are the Scriptures authoritative in all matters of faith and life?
3. What is meant by *sola Scriptura*? Why does the Confession of Faith insist that neither new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men should ever be added to the Scriptures?
4. Are the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments without error in matters of science and history?
5. What is the difference between general and special revelation?
6. What is God?
7. What is the trinity? Is the God of Scripture three Gods?
8. What is meant by the sovereignty of God? How far does his sovereignty extend?
9. Do you believe that God created all things of nothing in the space of six days, and all very good?
10. Is Jesus Christ fully God?
11. Did Jesus exist in eternity past?
12. Is Jesus Christ really and truly man?
13. Does Christ still have a human body in his state of glorification?
14. What is Christ doing now in heaven?
15. Did Jesus Christ sin?
16. Defend the deity of each person of the trinity, with Scripture proofs.
17. Defend the personality of the Holy Spirit.
18. Explain the active and passive obedience of Christ.
19. What is sin? Is it accurate to say that God is angry with sin?
20. Are we responsible for all our actions, or do the events of our life excuse some of our actions?
21. Is it accurate to say that God loves the sinner but hates the sin?
22. What is meant by original sin?

23. Briefly define the five points of Calvinism and defend them from Scripture.
24. What is total depravity?
25. Does the doctrine of total depravity mean that every human being is as evil as he could possibly be?
26. Is fallen man able savingly to believe in Jesus Christ?
27. What is the covenant of grace?
28. Who are the parties in the covenant of grace?
29. What did Christ accomplish on the cross?
30. Did he do this for every man, woman and child who has ever lived?
31. How definite is Christ's atonement?
32. How would you answer the inquirer who asks, "Did Jesus die for me?"
33. At the final judgment, will anyone be cast into hell for the reason that Christ did not die for him?
34. What is repentance unto life?
35. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
36. Is assurance of the essence of saving faith? Is it possible for the true Christian to lack assurance of salvation?
37. Should the Christian live with certainty or uncertainty about his salvation?
38. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life?
39. Does faith precede regeneration or regeneration precede faith?
40. Is the offer of the Gospel a bona fide offer?
41. What is justification?
42. What is adoption?
43. What is sanctification?
44. What is the *ordo salutis*?
45. Does God ever lower his standards in order to save any man?
46. Should Christians seek a second blessing?
47. Is sinless perfection possible in this life?
48. Should Christians seek the baptism of the Spirit?

49. What happens to the wicked at death?
50. Is hell a place of conscious eternal torment?
51. What is the standard by which the Christian lives his life before God?
52. What is the usefulness of the law in preaching to the unconverted?
53. What is the role of the law of God in the Christian life?
54. What is the difference between dispensationalism and covenant theology? Which is the better framework for understanding Scripture?
55. How were Old Testament saints saved? Use an example from Scripture.
56. Is the Christian under obligation to keep the ceremonial law? Why or why not?
57. With what general subjects is the ceremonial law concerned?
58. Why does the church observe the first day of the week as the Christian sabbath? What is the biblical warrant for this practice?
59. How is the Sabbath to be observed?
60. What is the church?
61. What are the three marks of the church?
62. Is every church member in a state of grace?
63. What is the role of the minister in the church of Christ?
64. What is the proper subject matter for the preacher?
65. Are the offices of elder and bishop the same?
66. What is the office of deacon?
67. Is there a difference between the teaching and ruling elder?
68. May the church ordain a woman to the office of elder or deacon? Why not?
69. What is prayer?
70. What is baptism?
71. Does baptism regenerate anyone?
72. What is the purpose of infant baptism? Does it guarantee salvation?
73. Is a child who was baptized in more trouble if he is unfaithful to the covenant than one who is not a covenant child?
74. What is the Lord's Supper?

75. What is the difference between the Reformed and Roman Catholic understanding of the Lord's Supper?
76. When believers partake of the bread and wine of communion, do they really partake of Christ? In what sense does the believer feed upon Christ?
77. In what sense is Christ present in the sacrament of the Lord's supper?
78. How should the Lord's table be fenced?
79. Do you expect a literal 1000-year reign of Christ upon this earth?
80. Do you expect a seven-year tribulation before the second coming?
81. Is the gift of tongues for today? Do tongues have any place in the worship of the church? Do you speak in tongues?
82. Should the church permit speaking of tongues in the worship of God? Why or why not?
83. What is the regulative principle, and how does it apply to the worship of the church?
84. What are the proper elements of worship? What is the problem with having drama or an altar call in a worship service?
85. Have you read the Westminster standards and OPC Form of Government? Do you take any exceptions to the Standards?

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