

SOME COMMON FALSE DOCTRINES

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. Listed below are some statements that have been made by sincere religious people. Unfortunately these statements do not agree with Biblical truth.
- B. Blanks are left at the bottom of the list so that you may add other such statements and the needed scriptures.

II. SOME COMMON FALSE DOCTRINES.

1. There will be atheists in heaven, all that is needed is a good, moral life.
Reply: Heb. 11:6 without faith it is impossible to please God
Jn. 8:24 unless you believe in Christ you will die in your sins
2. One church is just as good as another, attend the one of your choice.
Reply: Mt. 16:18 Jesus only built one church
Eph. 4:4-6 Paul said there is only one body of Christ
Jn. 17:20-22 Jesus wanted all of the believers to be united--to be one in Him
3. A kind, loving God could not possibly send someone to hell.
Reply: Mt. 7:21 only those who do the will of the Father will go to heaven
Mt. 10:28 fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell
4. All religious writings, not just the Bible, are inspired and are from God.
Reply: 2Tim. 3:16,17 The Bible (Old & New Testaments) claim to be inspired
Gal. 1:8,9 We are not even to believe an angel about any other gospel
Rev. 22:18 must not add to or take away from what we have
5. Everyone is born in sin and needs salvation from the moment of birth.
Reply: Ezek. 18:20 the son will not bear the punishment for the father's sin or vice versa
Mt. 18:10 angels continually behold the Father's face for the children
6. I pray through Mary, or any of the other great saints of the church.
Reply: 1Tim. 2:3-5 there is only one mediator between God and man--Jesus Christ
7. The pope has all authority on the earth, and Jesus has all authority in heaven.
Reply: Mt. 28:18 Jesus has all authority in both heaven and on earth
8. The church was built on Peter, not Christ.
Reply: 1Cor. 3:11 no other foundation can be laid except for Jesus
1Pet. 2:5,6 Jesus is the precious cornerstone of the church
9. We shall be judged by our works--good against bad.
Reply: Jn. 12:48 we shall be judged by our works against the word of God
10. Some temptations are just too great for anyone to bear.
Reply: 1Cor. 10:13 all temptation is common to all people--we must learn the way out
11. I have faith and do not need works; I'm saved by grace.
Reply: Jas. 2:14,17,19 faith is not complete without works--must have both
12. Sin is not important today, Jesus took care of it at the cross.
Reply: Rom. 3:10,23 sin is still important because everyone is guilty of it
Isa. 59:1,2 sin in our fault--we have separated ourselves from God
13. Baptism does not save, we are saved by grace through faith.
Reply: 1Pet. 3:21 baptism saves us by the power found in the resurrection of Christ
Titus 3:3-7 repentance from dead works and washing of baptism saves by grace

14. I think I will follow the Old Testament, as I do the New Testament.
Reply: Gal. 5:4 if we seek to be justified by Law we have fallen from grace
Rom. 10:4 Christ is the end of the Law for all who believe
Mt. 5:17-20 the Law was fulfilled by Christ and take away--now we have a new one
15. The church is here now, but the kingdom is yet to come.
Reply: Ac. 20:28 Jesus purchased the church with His blood
Rev. 5:9,10 Jesus purchased the kingdom with His blood--they must be the same
16. The thief on the cross was not baptized, so I do not have to be.
Reply: Mt. 28:19 baptism had not yet been commanded when the thief died
Ac. 22:16 baptism is now in force for those who want their sins forgiven by Jesus
17. Jesus will return to the earth and set up His kingdom.
Reply: 1Thess. 4:13-17 Jesus will only return in the sky and take the faithful to heaven
18. Once I am saved, then I cannot be lost. I will always be saved.
Reply: Heb. 6:4-6 after receiving salvation, purposeful and willful sin will forfeit the prize
2Pet. 2:20-22 better not to have known that to have known and turn away
19. The Bible is outdated and not applicable today.
Reply: Mt. 24:35 the word of God will outlast the universe itself--it is eternal
20. The preacher is the head of the local church.
Reply: 1Pet. 5:1-3 Jesus is the Chief Shepherd and is head of each local church
21. Musical instruments in worship are authorized by God.
Reply: Eph. 5:19 music is to be made in the heart, not the harp
Col. 3:16 instrumental music cannot instruct or teach--but singing can
22. The Bible does not give us a command or example of how often to take the Lord's Supper.
Reply: Ac. 20:7 the example of how often to take the Lord's Supper is on the Lord's day
23. Women may be preachers and lead prayer in the assemblies of the church.
Reply: 1Tim. 2:11,12 in the assembly God specifically authorizes men to preach and pray
24. The pastor of the congregation is the preacher.
Reply: Eph. 4:11 pastor are elders or shepherds, the preacher is the evangelist
25. The preacher and other leaders are clergy and the other members are laity.
Reply: Eph. 1:11; 1Pet. 2:9 all Christians are clergy and laity--no distinction is made in NT
26. The Holy Spirit comes before baptism, to convict us of sin.
Reply: Ac. 2:38 Peter said the Holy Spirit is received at baptism, not before
27. The work of the Holy Spirit is superior to that of Christ.
Reply: Jn. 16:13,14 the ministry of the Holy Spirit is subservient to the ministry of Christ
28. Miracles were in the first century and also available today.
Reply: Ac. 8:18 only the apostles had the ability to pass on miraculous powers
1Cor. 13:8-12 now that the word is complete we have no need for miracles
29. Baptizing (sprinkling) infants is just as important as being baptized later in life.
Reply: Ac. 8:12 the example of the early church is adults being baptized--not infants
Mk. 16:16 infants cannot believe as to be saved--hence baptism is for adults
30. Adultery and violent abuse are valid reasons for a divorce.
Reply: Mt. 19:9 Jesus only have one reason for the innocent to get a divorce
31. Homosexuality is an alternate life-style and not a sin.
Reply: 1Cor. 6:9 homosexuality is a sin that can be repented of--some in Corinth did!
Rom. 1:26,27 God gave homosexuals over to their chosen lifestyle
32. Men may be saved through Buddha and Mohammed.
Reply: Ac. 4:12 according to the NT people can only be saved through Jesus Christ

33. Denominationalism allows for differences, but is in keeping with God's plan for the church.
Reply: 1Cor. 1:10 the ideal is no divisions in the church--not to be of men but of Christ
34. Sex outside of marriage is permitted as long as no one gets hurt physically or emotionally.
Reply: 1Cor. 6:19,20 Fornication is a sin against the body that must not be committed
Gal. 5:19,20 those who persist in fornication will not inherit the kingdom of heaven
35. We are waiting for more revelation of God's will, besides the Bible.
Reply: Jude 3 the faith (body of doctrine or teachings) had been once for all time delivered
36. We can use the book of Revelation and other passages to calculate the time of Christ's return.
Reply: Mt. 24:36 no one can use the Bible to calculate the return--only God knows
37. Jesus was a great man with very little sin in His life.
Reply: Heb. 4:15 Jesus was a great man who lived a perfect--sinless life
38. The church needs a separate priesthood like that of the Old Testament.
Reply: 1Pet. 2:5,9 every Christian is a priest of God in the church under the NT
Rom. 15:16 every Christian has priestly duties to perform as a child of God
39. I can acceptably worship God without the church on the Lord's day.
Reply: Heb. 10:24,25 no Christian will purposefully forsake the assembly of the body
40. Those who have never heard the gospel will be saved anyway.
Reply: 2Th. 1:8,9 God deals out retribution to those who do not know Him
Mk. 16:15 why preach the gospel to every creature if they can be saved without it?

III. MATCHING.

Based on this lesson and the scriptures discussed match the following phrase or central idea on the left with the appropriate scripture on the right. You may wish to review all the scriptures listed above before taking this test.

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| <u>D</u> | 1. Every Christian is a priest of God. | A. 1Tim. 2:11,12. |
| <u>G</u> | 2. Contend for the faith once delivered. | B. Jn. 16:13,14. |
| <u>J</u> | 3. Homosexuality is sinful before God. | C. Jas. 2:14,17,19. |
| <u>B</u> | 4. The Holy Spirit speaks Christ's words. | D. 1Pet. 2:5,9. |
| <u>A</u> | 5. Women may not usurp authority. | E. Ac. 20:28/Rev. 5:9,10. |
| <u>I</u> | 6. The word of God lasts forever. | F. Mt. 7:21. |
| <u>E</u> | 7. The kingdom is the church. | G. Jude 3. |
| <u>C</u> | 8. Faith without works is dead. | H. Mt. 28:18. |
| <u>H</u> | 9. Jesus Christ has all authority everywhere. | I. Mt. 24:35. |
| <u>F</u> | 10. Doing the will of the Father is essential. | J. 1Cor. 6:9. |

IV. NEXT LESSON.

The next lesson is the last lesson in this series, and is entitled, "The Second Coming of Christ." In preparation for this lesson you may want to read and study 1Th. 4 and 1Cor. 15.

V. **NOTES.**
