## Ordination Questions

The structuring of the evangelistic message of the New Testament (Peter, Stephen, Paul) is based on the unconditional covenants --what is that structure?

What is the session of our Lord Jesus Christ? The time from ascension to Second Advent, while Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Is Adam the federal head of the human race? If so, what does that headship signify?

What is the sin unto death? Illustrate it with people who died under it. Is it functioning today?

Distinguish between the two advents of Jesus Christ.

What is the difference biblically between fornication and the sin of adultery?

What is an ambassador?

Define the Angelic Conflict.

Is anger always sin?

Why do conservative organizations often go anti-Semitic?

What significance do the Levitical offerings have today?

Do you believe in limited or unlimited atonement? Explain.

Is Jesus Christ a defense attorney or prosecuting attorney? Give some details on the doctrine of the Attorneyship of Jesus Christ.

What authority does a pastor have? Is it scriptural to have a check and balance system on him? Explain.

How many baptisms are there in scripture? Is there such a thing as a dry baptism?

What is the baptism of the cup?

What is the baptism of fire?

What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? When does it happen?

Give the six categories in the barrier. Six doctrines that take care of it as well.

In interpreting the sermon on the mount, to which dispensation does it apply?

Why did Christ get baptized?

Does John the Baptist, the herald of Christ’s first advent, have any further ministry on earth during the Tribulation?

Who are the two witnesses of the Tribulation in Revelation 11?

Does a believer have a new nature? Describe it.

What is your position on drinking, smoking, as it pertains to a minister of the Gospel?

Why is overt activity curtailed on the part of a stronger brother in regard to a weaker brother?

What is the basis of unity among believers?

What does it mean to “live in the Word?”

What significance do the bones of Joseph have?

Do you believe in capital punishment? Why?

What significance does vocabulary have in the Christian Way of Life?

What is a Christophany?

Why did Christ become true humanity?

What is the hypostatic union?

Define the Church Universal and the Church local.

What is the significance of circumcision?

Do you believe in infant baptism? Infant dedication?

How much of a threat is socialism / communism today? Catholicism? The cults?

How do you confess sin biblically at the point of salvation? At the point of being out of fellowship in the Christian way of life?

How does the Communion ordinance illustrate absolute spirituality?

Give the chronology of creation.

In the doctrine of rewards, what is the significance of crowns?

Distinguish between the spiritual death of Christ and the physical death of Christ.

What is the significance of the blood of Christ?

Discuss briefly the doctrine of dying grace.

What is demon possession? Can a believer be demon possessed?

What is divine discipline? Give the different categories of divine discipline.

Do you believe in dispensationalism? Give the four divisions of the Bible dispensationally.

Is there a difference in the plan of salvation in the Old Testament when compared with the New Testament?

How were people saved in the Old Testament? Give examples.

What is the difference between Church Age spirituality and Old Testament spirituality’?

Does the animal system of sacrifice become reinstituted during the Tribulation and Millennium? Why?

What is the significance of the Millennial temple and priesthood in Ezekiel 40-48?

How would you handle those with mental health issues in your congregation?

Give some principles from the Bible on divine guidance.

What is your understanding of the doctrine of drinking in the Bible?

Give some principles applicable to “doubtful things.”

What is the edification complex of the soul?

What is the emotional revolt of the soul?

What is reversionism in a believer? In an unbeliever?

What is the Grace Apparatus for Perception?

What are the doctrines of election and predestination? How are they related?

Do you believe in eternal security?

Give some proofs of eternal security.

Doesn’t belief in eternal security lead to lawless living?

How important is the doctrine of Divine Decrees? What is that doctrine?

For evangelism, what is the responsibility of the local church?

Diagram the doctrine of divine essence and illustrate the Trinity.

Distinguish between faith inhale and exhale.

Is it proper to say that there is a union of grace and faith?

What is the significance of fasting in the Bible? Is fasting valid today?

How many Jewish feasts were there? What in shadow did the feasts portray?

Discuss the word incarnation.

What is Operation Footstool?

What is your understanding of foreknowledge?

Do you personally believe that Genesis 6 was an angelic infiltration into the human race?

Give a detailed description of the doctrine of grace.

Do you believe in tithing? What will you do when the church financial statement is in the red?

Give your whole concept of grace giving.

Contrast the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment.

What are the original languages of the Bible? How important are they? Are they related to any particular doctrine?

There are at least four reasons why people appear to be or are healed. Give several.

Distinguish between Hell and the Lake of Fire.

Distinguish between the filling of the Holy Spirit and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to grieve and or to quench the Holy Spirit?

What is the doctrine of intercalation?

What process does the Holy Spirit go through in making the Gospel clear to an unbeliever when he has no human spirit?

Distinguish between human good, divine good, and morality.

How many civilizations are there recorded in the Word of God? What are they?

What is the biblical concept of humility?

In what way are we to imitate God?

Distinguish between imputation and justification.

Does one learn Bible doctrine on the basis of human I.Q., spiritual I. Q., or both?

What is the woman’s occupational hazard?

What is the significance of inner beauty in a woman?

What is internationalism? Does it violate doctrinal passages? In what way?

Briefly describe the essence of each of the five cycles of divine discipline in Leviticus 26.

What is involved in the doctrine of isolation of sin?

What is the significance of Israel in returning to the Land today?

When will the official regathering of Israel occur?

What relationship does the Tribulation have to the Old Testament Age of Israel?

Is it possible that the mental attitude sin of Jealousy is worse than other mental attitude sins?

What is the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21?

Is the believer to judge other believers? What about discernment?

What is the holiness bypass?

Distinguish between killing and murder.

What is the significance of the term “kiss” in Scripture?

Distinguish between the Law and Grace.

What does the term legalism connote to you? Are you legalistic? Do you believe that certain laws are to be kept?

Does libido pose a threat to a single person in the pursuit of identifying their potential wife or husband?

Name some tools you would use in Bible Study.

How was Jesus Christ sustained on the Cross?

Was the Virgin Birth necessary in the case of Jesus Christ? How so?

Explain the Impeccability of Christ.

Did Jesus Christ function under the Grace Apparatus for Perception?

Give three Greek words for love, and distinguish between them.

What is the essence of man?

Are there any bona fide reasons for divorce in the Bible?

Distinguish biblically between divorce and separation.

What in marriage precedes sexual love?

How would you counsel a husband or wife who came to you and said they were not meant for each other by God?

What are the five priorities of any married believing woman?

What are the four priorities as taught for a pastor-teacher?

What is the greatest problem in marriage?

Distinguish between the soul of a woman and the soul of a man.

Is long hair becoming a man?

Should a woman wear a hat to church?

How is Jesus Christ our mediator?

In the doctrine of mental attitudes, how are thoughts controlled or brought into captivity?

Distinguish between the two lobes of the mentality.

What three things are in the right lobe of the soul – the heart?

What do you understand about the subconscious mind?

What is the military responsibility of a believer?

Are you a military pacifist?

When is war justified? Not justified?

What chapter in the Bible gives the length of the Millennium?

Distinguish between the Church Age and the Millennium in the matter of war.

Who goes into the Millennium? Who is destroyed at the end?

What should the local churches attitude be toward missions?

What is your thinking concerning deputation? Mission boards? Going to the field as an “independent?”

What spiritual gifts should a missionary have?

What do you understand about the doctrine of the mystery?

What is a believer’s responsibility to his country in the area of taxes, keeping law, involvement in the community, marriage laws, and funeral laws?

Would you recommend cremation to a family in your church? Why?

Would you recommend a funeral service with the casket viewing of the body? Would you permit this in the church if the family persisted?

Do you believe in graveside ceremonies?

What about the sanctity of the body after the soul and spirit have left it (believer)?

Where do babies go who die before the age of accountability?

Describe the essence of the old sin nature.

What is the remedy to the old sin nature? Eradication? Dominance over it? Coexistence? Nullification? Ignoring it?

What do you understand about the essence of God?

What is a parable?

Why did Christ use parables in his earthly ministry?

Do you believe in the literal interpretation of the Bible? What then do you do with figurative speech?

Do you believe that every word (in print) of the King James Bible is inspired?

When did the Church start? Was the Church in the Old Testament?

Are Old Testament saints members of the “Body of Christ?”

Define retroactive positional truth and current positional truth.

Relate your appreciation of the doctrine of prayer.

Is it bona fide to have group prayer meetings? Prayer cells?

Prove that you have a completed Canon of Scripture in your hand. Why only 66 books? What about the extra books in some Catholic Bibles?

What is pride? Explain beyond it being a mental attitude sin.

The doctrine of privacy is based on the priesthood of the believer. What other functions does a believer-priest perform and why is privacy needed to do this?

Was the prodigal son saved or lost? What is the point of the parable?

Prove that there are degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire.

Distinguish between the doctrine of propitiation and reconciliation.

The spiritual gift of administration is very important. Should a pastor-teacher be an administrator?

Should the pastor-teacher have say-so in the musical department? How much?

Who has final authority regarding procedure in church board meetings?

Is it proper for a church board to give permission for the pastor to do so and so?

Who decides on the temperature of the physical plant, the seating, the quietness of the people to concentrate?

Is a pastor a dictator? If not, where does he stop short of being a dictator?

Should the pastor be concerned about the dress of the people coming to his church?

Should people be permitted to smoke in the church building?

What is your position on Bible institutes and seminaries? Is there any place for them today in your thinking?

Should all giving be directed through the local church? What percentage is to be given under the concept of grace?

Define the difference between religion and Christianity?

Is the Rapture a distinct event, apart from the Second Advent? Does this mean that you believe that the Second Coming of Christ has two distinct phases?

What is the difference between relationship and fellowship?

Briefly discuss the doctrine of fragrance of memories.

Give the four stages of the resurrection unto life. (Christ the first-fruits, etc.)

Can you think through the highlights of the Old Testament and New Testament geographically and individually? Use certain people to describe these highlights.

Diagram emotional revolt of the soul.

Give your view on revolution, good or bad.

Why don’t we worship on Saturday today? In eternity, what will be the day of worship?

Discuss the three concepts of sanctification in Scripture. The term “sanctification” has a root concept, what is it?

In the Angelic Conflict, Satan heads up the opposition. How has he structured his demonic powers?

What is Satan’s purpose in the Angelic Conflict?

In Matthew 25, what does the parable of the Ten Virgins teach?

What is your basic thinking concerning separation of church and state?

Does the Holy Spirit convict of personal sin in the life of the unbeliever? The believer?

Did God create sin? What use has sin in the plan of God?

Are there degrees of sin?

What is scar tissue of the soul?

Give at least four causes of scar tissue of the soul.

How is scar tissue removed?

When does one receive a spiritual gift?

Distinguish between a temporary spiritual gift and a permanent spiritual gift.

Is the present day Tongues movement genuine?

What stand do you intend to take in your church regarding tongues?

How would you prove that tongues are not genuine after 70 AD, when the Canon of Scripture was completed in 96 AD?

Do you believe in “faith-healers?”

What about the radio, podcast, and internet preachers today? How do they fit within the plan of God?

What about Campus Crusade, Navigators, Child Evangelism, and other organizations? Is their operation supported by the Scriptures?

Give some prevalent perversions of Spirituality.

What is biblical spirituality?

Define the doctrine of reversion for both believer and unbeliever.

In the principles of Christian courtship, what is the main priority in courtship?

Explain why category 3 love must precede category 2 love (generally) in courtship and marriage.

Does a believer lose his salvation as a suicide? How would you explain a believer suicide to the deceased loved ones?

Will you be performing marriage ceremonies? If so, whom will you marry, and not marry?

Give three of the 26 laws of Study.

Relate scientific discoveries with Scriptural data.

In what way is Christ superior?

Do you believe in a Friday crucifixion or a Wednesday crucifixion?

In the Great Tribulation, distinguish between the beast and the false prophet.

What is the significance of the term Armageddon?

Give the very important place of Daniel’s 70 weeks in prophecy and break down your answer into a threefold division.

Who are the first-fruits of the Tribulation?

Give the four-fold wave of evangelism in the Tribulation.

At one time Israel in the Tribulation (believers) are told to see and another time to fight. Distinguish.

Is Matthew 24 primarily Church Age or Tribulation?

Why does the Lord pour out so much judgment during the Tribulation?

When is Satan denied all access to heaven?

What are some misconceptions prevalent today in the USA?

Is there a conspiracy abroad today in the United States? What type?

How much salary do you believe a church should pay you so you could be full-time? Or would you work part-time to support yourself?

What will you do when someone crosses you, stabs you in the back, in the ministry?

Do you ascribe to volitional theology? Are you Calvinist in your doctrinal position or Armenian?

How much freedom does a man have?

Describe a “worldly Christian.”

How much privacy do you expect to have in the parsonage?

What is your wife’s duty to the church? What will she be expected to do (by you) in Christian work?

Do you know your wife’s spiritual gift?

Do you believe in a daily quiet time?

Do you believe in daily Bible study as a family?

Is welfare to be carried on by the government or by the local church or by a combination of both?

Give a brief account of the stages of spiritual growth.

Can you know if you have your Edification Complex of the Soul?

How much Greek and Hebrew do you need to know in order to “effectively” pastor a local church?

Discuss the doctrine of yielding and its relationship to spirituality.

Give the priorities of old age. First when does it start, the ministries of old age, and the hazards of old age.

What is the doctrine of prosperity?

In what ways can a believer be prospered? Does it have its hazards? Elaborate.

Why do believers suffer?

Describe an “emotional seizure.”

Do you expect better or worse times in the United States of America?

Do you keep up on current events? Do you read the daily newspaper?

Do you believe that personal cleanliness has anything to do with your Christian testimony?

How should a Christian dress?

How important is knowing Old Testament Introduction, New Testament Introduction, Hermeneutics archeology, and other related subjects in ministering the Word?

How much study time (when you are not working) will you be doing to maintain your teaching ministry?

Do you believe that teaching the Word of God daily is commanded of a pastor-teacher?

What is your stand on the church’s attitude toward your children, if any?

What is the Biblical attitude that you should have toward the younger women in your congregation?

Do you intend to be a pastor-teacher for the rest of your life?

## Pastor-Teacher Priorities

**The Pastor and His Study**

Be sure you are pastoring your right church. 1 Cor. 14:40; 1 Tim. 2; 2 Tim., Titus.

“But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.” (1 Corinthians 14:40, NASB)

Be sure you are in an area of positive volition. Be sure you are convinced of the doctrine of daily teaching. This will discipline you to study daily. Acts 16:2-13.

Procedure in study: Study in books, series, or categories. Study through a book or category using available recorded Bible doctrine lessons. Start in an area of personal interest or need. Learn more Bible doctrine and as your spiritual capacity grows, disseminate Bible doctrine on a daily basis.

Evangelistic Home Bible Classes are always in order. You will gradually replace these by Bible doctrine classes. Daily study. What about taking the day off? This does not work for me so I do the following:

Set your study time in the morning and afternoon assuming you will have interruptions. At least three hours of study. When the children are all in school, take some time to have some time with your wife. This can be the best time to talk. Relaxing until time to teach. Unplanned time following teaching. This provides about four hours of leisure time each day. For recreation, try to get away one major time per year with the children and one without the children, if possible.

**The Pastor and His Teaching**

The discipline of daily teaching. The divine prerogative of daily Bible teaching. The content of daily teaching. Evangelism, grade level doctrine (babe, adolescent, mature), original languages. The method of daily teaching. Authoritative lecture. No dialogue. You are the expert. Know your subjects. Systematic series. Categorical development, ICE, progressive development, goals, short and long range.

Baby congregation can handle a little Greek. Adolescent congregation can handle a moderate amount of Greek. Mature congregation should have the Greek written out, illustrate. Plugging class, relaxation class. Several times a year shut down completely. The right pastor is hard to replace.

The mastery of the original languages as a development of the doctrine of verbal inspiration. Doctrine of human IQ versus spiritual IQ. Divine enablement for a pastor-teacher to learn an original language. Use of the Greek in daily teaching.

The consistency of daily teaching. No time for sickness. Keep your body healthy. Exercise on a daily basis, keep your weight down as a barometer of your self-discipline. You hit it every night. This is top priority. If you get behind, the recorded Bible lessons will give you seven league boots. You must know more about Bible doctrine than anyone in the church.

The services and classes of daily teaching. Everything bows to the daily teaching of Bible doctrine.

Sunday services; Explanation of first and second sessions. Philosophy of the Sunday school. Teaching is a reflecting spiritual gift. Sunday school should be optional for third-fourth graders for the advanced families in the church.

No choir. Why? Talents do not edify, they are a fruit of the capacity to enjoy Bible doctrine. Prepare the congregation by relaxing them. Illustration: David’s harp playing in regard to Saul.

No youth directors or sponsors. Parents are responsible for entertainment, not the local church. The stand on dancing, movies and what not should, be explained. Children need the finest qualified teaching in the local church and that comes from the pastor-teacher.

No Christian education director. This has come to mean program... hustle without doctrine. If he could detail for the pastor, fine, but he may become a “get them to work” type. Answer: Assistant to the pastor who has no authority and who is 100% reflecting the viewpoint of the Word of God as taught by the pastor-teacher.

Morning service format: First session: two stanzas of one hymn, offering, teach. Second session: Invocation, hymn, Scripture, prayer, special music (or hymn before), radio greeting, message, hymn, offering, benediction. Announcements should be brief. Mine are five minutes before the service begins. Public prayer should be brief as should the invitation and song service.

The offering is at the end. Why? “Freely ye have received, freely give.” Shaking hands afterward is up to you. Evening service format: Hymns, offering (or at end), teaching, close. No song at the end usually. Weekday Bible classes: Simply have prayer and teach...no promotion.

**The Pastor and His Troubleshooting**

This determines your ability to discern, to keep the air clear, to properly administer the proper message at the proper time, being able to nourish the babe and mature believer and dust off the adolescent. This will test your maturity to the ultimate.

The principles of troubleshooting. Keep in fellowship and never lose your poise. Gal. 6:1. Don’t procrastinate. Matt. 6:34. Be fair (doctrine of the essence of God). James 2. Be impartial and objective. No bullying. Don’t over-react or under-react. Let the punishment fit the crime. Titus 1:12-13.

“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1, NASB)

“"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34, NASB)

“One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,” (Titus 1:12-13, NASB)

Once having done the unpleasant task never look back. Don’t be a Monday morning quarterback, “Did I do what was right?” You can’t change history. The shepherd protects his sheep. Keep their spiritual welfare in sight at all times but use common sense.

Do not bring pastoral pressures into your home. Do not discuss stupid sheep in front of your children. If you have to say, “Don’t repeat this to anyone,” you really don’t trust them and shouldn’t tell the information to them anyway. Constantly protect your wife and children. They are not to be examples to the flock. The illustration of the New Testament Troubleshooter: Titus, digest and master Titus.

**The Pastor and His Family**

The husband in regard to the wife. He protects her: σωτήρ (sōtēr) preserves her, delivers her. He is her freedom. She has surrendered her freedom to him. Eph. 5:23. He loves her: Eph. 5:25 an unconditional mental attitude love. She is to please him. She is his happiness. She is his entertainment. A very happy satisfied woman will center her whole life around her husband.

“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.” (Ephesians 5:23, NASB)

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,” (Ephesians 5:25, NASB)

The wife in regard to her husband. Her priorities: Daily function under Grace Apparatus for Perception, please her husband, manage the household, responsibilities to the children, and prayer. Her life is her husband. Even her children are not her life, only a reflection of the loins of her husband.

She is always available to her husband. This means no premarital sex in courtship. If there was, confess the sin and get rid of the guilt complex. Get the scar tissue off. This means not rushing into having children or not having a lot of them if in the pastorate. This means plenty of time alone for the husband and wife. A well-adjusted child includes having daddy and mommy out of sight. Example: Samuel and Timothy who were raised without a father. An example of a graced-out family is when the wife does not have to work, is completely relaxed and available. She sure as hell is not a pastor’s wife, she is your wife. Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 12. See the woman’s role in the spiritual gift of helps.

“Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."” (Genesis 2:18, NASB)

Her practicality: Prov. 31. Look from the home. She does sell from the home. Her Poise: 1 Peter 3. Her behavior pattern: when a woman can call her husband “Lord” as in 1 Peter 3:6. She is very relaxed lady. Her inner beauty: 1 Tim. 2 “Shamefacdedness” inner mental attitude of compassion and grace. “Sobriety” is stability of the thought pattern.

“just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.” (1 Peter 3:6, NASB)

The parents in regard to the children. Rule them. 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1:6. Train them and that includes discipline. Prov. 22:6. Teach them. Deut. 6:4-9. Divine Institutions, basic doctrine, adolescent doctrine.

“namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.” (Titus 1:6, NASB)

“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6, NASB)