Name: Dallin Williams SG Article of Faith #4: First Principles & Ordinances

* (1) What is faith? (2) What is the single most important thing you learned about faith? Reference & describe your answer. Explain in 4-5 sentences what your thoughts are on what you learned about faith. (3) What is one question you have about faith?

1. Faith is having hope in something that cannot be observed or objectively proven.
2. In religion, it is believed to enable the faithful to “command the elements, heal the sick, and influence any number of circumstances when occasion warrants.” And also, to “obtain a remission of sins and eventually can stand in the presence of God.” (Jacob 4:4-7). If the faith one has is not based “upon correct knowledge”, it will not have an effect. The religious use faith as a compass to keep them on their practiced path, and as a conduit to receive blessings in their lives.
3. Can two parties, one using objective reasoning and the other subjective belief or faith, reach an agreement on truth that is measurable?

* (1) What is repentance? (2) What is the single most important thing you learned about repentance? Reference & describe your answer. Explain in 4-5 sentences what your thoughts are on what you learned about repentance. (3) What is one question you have about repentance?

1. Repentance is the act of forsaking “sins” or mistakes and replacing them with different actions or behaviors.
2. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints teaches that all accountable people are guilty of sin. Consequently, all accountable people need to repent of and renounce their sins. This makes repentance non-optional for salvation. There is a “repentance process” that is outlined in the General Handbook (32.1).
3. If repentance is the forsaking of sins, and Yeshua is the only being capable of forgiving sins, why shouldn’t the repentance of sins be between man and Yeshua alone?

* (1) What is baptism? (2) What is the single most important thing you learned about baptism? Reference & describe your answer. Explain in 4-5 sentences what your thoughts are on what you learned about baptism. (3) What is one question you have about baptism

1. Baptism is the introductory commitment ritual to a Christian denomination.
2. Baptism is the first of the five or four ordinances for men or women respectively. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are taught that they must be baptized as Yeshua was baptized; by immersion in a body of water by a man with the appropriate priesthood “keys”. The act of being “buried” in the water and lifted out again is symbolic of Yeshua’s life, death, and resurrection. Like repentance, baptism is not optional for salvation. However, unlike repentance, baptism can be done by proxy after one dies, allowing the receiving party to choose whether to accept the ordinance. (John 3:3-5, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4)
3. Why would the restored gospel of God the Father practice the Corinthian church ordinance of baptism for the dead?

* (1) What is the gift of the Holy Ghost? (2) What is the single most important thing you learned about the gift of the Holy Ghost? Reference & describe your answer. Explain in 4-5 sentences what your thoughts are on what you learned about gift of the Holy Ghost. (3) What is one question you have about the gift of the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit is the only member of the Godhead that does not have a physical body. Supposedly, he affects the judgement of all men, but members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints claim his “gift” and believe themselves to be guided more attentively when they are worthy.
2. After baptism by water, there is the baptism “by fire”, which is the conferring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. To access the gift of the Holy Spirit, one must be worthy as described by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is referred to as a “fire” because of its ability to purify and sanctify the soul from all sin. Without the gift of the Holy Spirit, it would be difficult to find and understand the subjective truth taught by the church. (Matthew 3:11, 2 Peter 1:21, 1 Corinthians 12:3)
3. How can one objectively distinguish the “voice of the Holy Spirit” and their own thoughts and impulses, endocrine system, and other subliminal messaging systems?