

Questions for SLBC Missionaries

1. Explain your views on the Scriptures.
 - A. The authority of the Scriptures
 - B. The inerrancy of the Scriptures
 - C. The inspiration of the Scriptures
 - D. The perspicuity (clarity) of the Scriptures

Please include all four of these doctrines in your answer.

2. Do you believe in a literal or normal interpretation of the entire Bible? Explain.
3. State your views on early Genesis.
 - A. The age of the earth
 - B. The length of the creation days
 - C. The beginning of death
 - D. The extent of Noah's Flood

Please include all the views above and any others that you would like to add.

4. If Jesus Christ was at the gate of Heaven and He asked you "Why should I (Jesus Christ) let you into My Heaven?", what would you say to Him?
5. If you were going to present the gospel to a lost sinner, tell how you would do it. Please use your exact words and try to be complete in your presentation of it. Include everything you think is necessary to be saved.
6. Once a person is saved, is there any action or sin that the believer could do, or any action the believer could fail to do, to have his or her salvation revoked by God?
7. Can a true believer look like an unbeliever, fall away from the faith, commit horrible sins, and still remain saved from hell? Please answer yes or no and clarify your beliefs about this issue.
8. Does a person need to commit his or her life to Jesus Christ to be saved? Why or why not?
9. Is it possible to know for sure that you are saved? Why or why not?
10. Describe the three phases or tenses of salvation in the life of the believer in Christ.
11. What do you believe is God's part in salvation (justification)?
12. What do you believe is a human being's part in salvation (justification)?
13. What do you believe is God's part in the believer's sanctification?

14. What do you believe is the believer's part in sanctification?
15. Do you believe in limited atonement or in unlimited atonement? Why? Give scripture references.
16. What is your understanding of the doctrine of election?
17. Must all true believers endure until the end to be saved? Why or why not?
18. Define your understanding of biblical repentance. What part does repentance play in the salvation (justification) of a person?
19. What part does repentance play in the sanctification of a person? Is it possible for a true believer to be "carnal," walking in the flesh? Why or why not?
20. Does the old sin nature exist along with the new nature simultaneously in each believer, or does the sin nature no longer exist after salvation in the believer (justification)? Explain your views on this.
21. When does glorification, the third tense of the believer's salvation, occur? This question does not refer to receiving the glorified body. What can a believer look forward to upon glorification?
22. What part does the church play in the kingdom reign of Christ?
23. What is your view on the presence of the kingdom? Is the kingdom now or not yet or both?
24. Is there a difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming? If so, then when does the Rapture take place relative to the coming seven-year Tribulation period.
25. What do you believe about water baptism (its purpose, necessity, who should receive it, and when) and about the Lord's Supper (its purpose, necessity, who should receive it, and how often)?
26. What do you believe and teach about water baptism to new converts? Is water baptism an absolute necessity for a new convert, and if so, why?
27. Do you believe that infants should be baptized, and if so, under what conditions is it acceptable to do so?
28. How does water baptism differ from Spirit baptism?
29. Do you believe there are any other ordinances (other than baptism and Lord's supper) that should be observed by the church today? Please answer yes or no and explain your answer if necessary.
30. Do you believe that ancient liturgical practices, such as icons, statues, the use of holy water, eucharistic transubstantiation or real presence, and the walking of the labyrinth should be restored to contemporary-Christian church life? Please answer yes or no and explain your answer if necessary.

31. How do you hold the writings of the early church fathers relative to the Scripture? Are they higher, lower, or on par with Scripture?
32. Outline what you believe to be the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are active for the church age in our current time. Do you believe that ALL the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible are for today?
33. If you believe that some of the spiritual gifts in the Bible have ceased since the apostolic period, which ones do you believe are no longer in force, and why?
34. State and clarify your attitudes toward the modern "Charismatic Movement," including your beliefs on faith healing and tongue speaking.
35. At what point did the church age officially begin, according to the Bible?
36. Is God finished with the nation of Israel, and has God replaced Israel with the church? Why or why not?
37. What do you believe about "contextualization"? When, if ever, is it appropriate to alter the truths of Scripture so as not to offend members of a host culture so that they can more easily be won to Christ?
38. Is it ever appropriate to change the biblical name of God the Father to the name Allah so that Muslims can be more easily won to Christ?
39. Do you embrace the social gospel or the idea that the primary function of the church is to provide physical and humanitarian relief to bring collective salvation to nations at the expense of preaching the Gospel that brings individual salvation?
40. Do you agree with the current push among advocates of the emergent church to return to the mystical practices of pre-reformation Monasticism and the Desert Fathers to allow modern believers to have a full or complete experience with God?
41. Please give your views on the following practices or similar practices. Some examples are sacred reading (*Lectio Divina*), contemplative prayer, visualization, meditation, spiritual formation, spiritual disciplines, solitude and silence, Enneagrams, and fasting and spiritual direction? Is there a right use and wrong use of these practices?
42. Name three Christian authors you have read recently and would recommend to others.
43. While you are on the mission field, explain how you remain accountable to the following, as applicable: sending church, sending agency, supporting church.
44. Do you believe that women should be allowed to teach the Bible to men? If so, please provide biblical reasons.



Name of Applicant _____

Date of Application _____