Seeking the Truth

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” - John 8:32

Answer Key

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Introduction

The following pages contain the answer key to the seven lesson Bible correspondence course, *Seeking the Truth*. All quotations from Scripture are from the New King James Version.

When a student answers a question incorrectly, make sure to supply him with the correct answer and an explanation as to why it is correct. The purpose of the course is not to be the grade achieved but rather for the student to come to an understanding of what he is to know, believe and do in relation to his soul’s salvation.

Keep your explanations simple and back them up with Scripture. Always remember our teachings must rest upon the inspired word of God.

A Bible correspondence course can be an effective tool to bring people to Christ. At the Centerville Road congregation in Tallahassee, Florida, we have found a number of ways to distribute it. We offer it on our daily “Bible Call” telephone message service. We advertise it in our teaching bulletin. We put an ad for it in our tracts. We have used it in a prison ministry, distributed it door-to-door, and offered it to our listeners on our live, call-in radio program. I am sure you can find other inventive ways to get it in the hands of people.

However you use it, pray that the gospel message might touch the hearts of those who need salvation and that in all things God will be glorified.

Answer the following questions by using the lesson text and your Bible.

1. What two sources provide information as to the existence of God?
   - The universe - God’s creation.
   - The Bible - God’s revelation.

2. Which is eternal, matter or intelligence?
   - Matter
   - Intelligence

3. Which is superior, mind or matter?
   - Mind
   - Matter

4. Does the universe show purpose and design?
   - Yes
   - No
   Do you believe “design demands a designer?”
   - Yes
   - No
   Do you believe the universe had a designer?
   - Yes
   - No

5. According to Genesis 1:1, how did the heavens and the earth come into existence?
   - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

6. According to Psalm 19:1, what do “the heavens” declare?
   - The glory of God.
   - The firmament shows His handiwork

7. Can the existence of God be proven by empirical means, i.e., by our senses (touch, taste, sight, etc.)?
   - Yes
   - No
   Does that prove He does not exist?
   - Yes
   - No

8. Psalm 14:1 says, “The fool has said in his heart ‘There is no God.’”

9. Hebrews 11:6 says, “…He who comes to God must believe that He is.”

10. When all the evidence is fairly and honestly considered, does God exist?
    - Yes
    - No

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Answers for Lesson Two

Answer the following questions by using the lesson text and your Bible.

1. Why is it important to know whether or not the Bible is from God or man?
   If it is from God, it must be obeyed. If it is from man one must not include it in his religion for the doctrines of men make worship vain. (Matthew 21:25)

2. If the Bible were a product of mere men, what kind of men would have written it?
   They would be wicked liars who offered empty promises. They would be stupid men because they suffered tragic consequences.

3. How many men wrote the Bible? **About 40**
   Approximately how many years did it take to write the Bible? **About 1,600 years.**

4. What happened to most of the men who wrote the Bible?
   **Nearly all of them died a martyr’s death.**

5. What is inspiration?
   A supernatural influence exerted on the writers of the Bible by the Holy Spirit which gave their writings Divine trustworthiness.

6. Who inspired the men who wrote the books of the Bible?
   **The Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21)**

7. Does the Bible claim to be inspired?
   ☑ Yes   ☐ No

8. What is prophecy?
   A declaration of future events which no human has the ability to make but belongs exclusively to the omniscience (all-knowing nature) of God.

9. Who is the source of all true prophecy?
   **God.**

10. Has any archaeological discovery ever disproved any portion of the Bible?
    ☐ Yes   ☑ No

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1. What is the fundamental message of the Bible?  
   **Jesus is the Son of God.**

2. According to John 20:30-31, why did John write a record of the life of Jesus?  
   **So readers would believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name.**

3. Did Jesus commit any sins while on earth?  
   ☐ Yes ☒ No  
   Has any other responsible person other than Jesus ever lived without sinning?  
   ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. What power did Jesus use to perform miracles?  
   **The power of God. (John 3:2)**

5. How many of the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament did Jesus fulfill?  
   **He fulfilled all of them.**

6. Who did John the Baptist, the apostle Peter, Nathanael, and the centurion who crucified Him believe Jesus to be?  
   **The Christ, the Son of God.**

7. According to the angel Gabriel, to whom did Mary give birth? (Luke 1:35)  
   **The Son of God.**

8. What, according to Romans 1:4, does His resurrection from the dead show Jesus to be?  
   **The Son of God with power.**

9. On what two occasions did the Father speak from heaven and identify Jesus as His Son?  
   **At the baptism of Jesus and on the Mount of Transfiguration.**

10. Why is it important to believe that Jesus is the Son of God? (John 8:24)  
    **If you do not believe, you will die in your sins.**

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Answers for Lesson Four

Answer the following questions by using the lesson text and your Bible.

1. Give the definitions of sin found in each of the following passages.
   - 1 John 5:17 __________ Unrighteousness.
   - 1 John 3:4 __________ Lawlessness.
   - Romans 14:23 __________ What is not of faith.
   - James 4:17 __________ Not doing good.

2. What results of sin are seen in the following passages?
   - Isaiah 59:1-2 __________ Sin separates one from God.
   - Romans 6:23 __________ The wages of sin is death.

3. Though God has made salvation available to all people, not all will be saved. From the following passages identify those who will.
   - Matthew 7:21 __________ Those who do the will of God.
   - Hebrews 5:8-9 __________ Those who obey Jesus Christ.

4. According to Jeremiah 10:23 and Proverbs 14:12, can a person, apart from God, save himself?
   - Yes __________ No __________

5. What does Romans 1:16 say the Gospel is?
   __________ The power of God unto salvation.

6. To have the truth on any spiritual matter, how much of what God’s word says on that subject must be taken into account?
   __________ All of what the Bible says.

7. What does Matthew 5:17 say that Jesus did in regard to the Old Law?
   __________ He fulfilled the Old Law.

8. Seeing it was fulfilled by Jesus (Matthew 5:17), are people of today to obey the commands of the Old Testament?
   - Yes __________ No __________

9. According to Matthew 28:18, who possesses all authority in religion today?
   __________ Jesus Christ.

10. According to Colossians 3:17, in whose name are all things to be done in religion today?
    __________ The Lord Jesus Christ.

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Answers for Lesson Five

Answer the following questions by using the lesson text and your Bible.

1. What is the fate of one who does not believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
   He will die in his sins.

2. What does Hebrews 11:6 say that a person must believe before He can be pleasing to God?
   That God is and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

3. According to Hebrews 11:1, what is faith?
   Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

4. How does a person get the faith that is necessary for salvation? (Romans 10:17)
   Faith comes by hearing the word of God.

5. Is faith the only thing one must have to be saved? (Before answering, read Hebrews 5:8-9; Matthew 7:21; and James 2:24-26)
   □ Yes   ☒ No

6. According to Acts 17:30-31, what does God require of all men?
   God requires all men to repent.

7. What is repentance?
   A change. A change of heart in turning from sin and turning to God.

8. What should be first in the life of every individual (Matthew 6:33)?
   The kingdom of God and His righteousness.

9. If one is going to please God, can he continue in sin after his repentance?
   □ Yes   ☒ No

10. According to Romans 10:10, is confession essential to salvation?
    ☒ Yes   □ No

11. What is one to confess? (Acts 8:37 and Matthew 10:32)
    His belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

12. What is the fate of one who does not confess Jesus before men? (Matthew 10:32-33)
    Jesus will deny him before His Father.

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Answers for Lesson Six

Answer the following questions by using the lesson text and your Bible.

1. According to Mark 16:15-16, who is going to be saved?  
   He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

2. What, in Acts 2:38, did the apostle Peter command those guilty of crucifying Jesus to do in order to have their sins remitted?  
   Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

3. According to 1 Peter 3:21, what is one of the things that now saves us?  
   Baptism now saves us.

4. From what you have read in the Bible, is the mode, i.e. the Scriptural method, of baptism:  
   ✓ Burial in water?  
   □ Sprinkling of water?  
   □ Pouring of water?

5. According to Colossians 2:12 and Romans 6:4, is baptism a burial?  
   ✓ Yes  □ No

6. Why was John the Baptist baptizing in Aenon? (John 3:23)  
   There was much water there.

7. Which of the following requires “much water?”  
   □ Sprinkling.  
   □ Pouring.  
   ✓ Immersion.

8. What do the following Scriptures say that the purpose of baptism is?  
   Acts 2:38 The remission of sins.  

9. From the following passages, name some of the results of baptism.  
   Acts 2:38 The remission of sins.  
   John 3:5 Entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

10. In what is one to abide? (John 8:31)  
    In the word of Jesus Christ.

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1. According to Matthew 16:18, to whom does the church belong?
   **Jesus Christ.**

2. Is the body of Christ the same as His church? (Ephesians 1:22-23).
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Is Christ the Savior of the body? (Ephesians 5:23)
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Since Christ is going to save the body (Ephesians 5:23), must one be in that body to be saved?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Since the church is Christ’s body (Colossians 1:18,24), must one be in the church to be saved?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Acts 2:47 states that the Lord adds the saved to the church.
   ☐ True ☐ False

7. Has the kingdom of heaven been established? (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:1-4)
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. According to Galatians 3:27, how does one get into Christ?
   **One is baptized into Christ.**

9. According to 1 Corinthians 12:13, how does one get into the body, the church?
   **One is baptized into the body.**

10. Using your answers to questions eight and nine to respond, can one be in Christ without being in the one church?
   ☐ Yes ☒ No

11. How many bodies are there? (Ephesians 4:4)
    **One.**

12. Since the body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23), how many true churches are there?
    **One.**

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