

# **Avoiding False Teachers**

Survey to Evaluate a Pastor or Teacher

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# Introduction

This survey could be used to evaluate a pastor or a teacher or a church without them ever seeing it. Simply go through their teachings from their website or YouTube channel and mark the answers according to what you find.

Another way to use this survey is to give it to the pastor or teacher and ask them to complete it according to what they believe, practice, and teach. Give him a reasonable time frame in which to complete it. If he agrees and asks for another week, allow it. If he asks for yet another week, consent. But if after that he continues asking for more time to complete it you have your answer. He does not consider these matters important. For if he had then he would have known the answers to these questions for himself as a leader and could have readily completed it in a matter of 10 minutes. You can move on to another at that point and mark him off.

Every question here is of great importance. There are other important issues as well, but these are the issues that will weed out nearly all false teachers today.

## **1. Can a Christian stop sinning?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yes, it is possible, though not probable and not necessary for salvation.
- b) Yes, it is possible and strongly recommended in Scripture.
- c) Yes, it is necessary, though not for salvation.
- d) Yes, it is necessary for salvation, or you will be damned eternally.
- e) Yes, but it is a process and takes time.
- f) Yes, it is a process that will never finish in this life.
- g) No, it is impossible to stop sinning completely.

## **2. How strongly do you agree/disagree with this statement? "I cannot help but sin as long as I am in the body."**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Kind of agree
- c) Kind of disagree
- d) Strongly disagree
- e) I'm not sure.

## **3. How many people share the nature of God?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) There is one God!
- b) There is one God in three persons (The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit).
- c) There is one God presenting himself in three ways at various times.
- d) It is a mystery we cannot know.

#### **4. Can a Christian lose his salvation?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Perhaps

#### **5. When can the Gathering of the Saints (aka Rapture) happen?**

(Mark all that apply)

- a) Pre-Tribulation
- b) Mid-Tribulation
- c) Post-Tribulation
- d) It is not literal
- e) It refers to death

#### **6. Nature of Faith for Salvation**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Faith alone
- b) Faith & Works - real faith will automatically produce works
- c) Works alone determines the ultimate destiny, though you need faith to do those works of God

#### **7. The Bible is called**

(Select only one choice)

- a) The Word of God
- b) The Testimony of God
- c) Only the Bible (never referred to as The Word of God)

## **8. Tongues, Healing, Prophecy**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Cessationist
- b) Continuist

## **9. Christians face judgment on**

(Mark all that apply)

- a) Eternal Life
- b) Rewards

## **10. Jesus and Paul preached**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Same Gospel
- b) Different Gospels (to the Jews vs. to the Gentiles)

## **11. Christians speaking English as their native language should call Jesus**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yeshua
- b) Jesus

## **12. Baptism and Salvation**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Necessary for salvation
- b) Not necessary, but good
- c) Unimportant for the Christian

## **13. Communion (aka Mass)**

### **i What is the nature of the elements?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Just a symbol
- b) Actual body and blood of Jesus
- c) Unsure

### **ii Type of elements**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Cup and bread
- b) Only bread

### **iii Type of beverage in the cup**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Cup has actual wine
- b) Cup has grape juice

## **14. Women in the church**

### **i Ministry Offices**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Can hold ministry offices
- b) Cannot hold any ministry offices

### **ii Can be a pastor?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Can be a pastor, not over men
- b) Can be a pastor even over men
- c) Cannot be a pastor at all

### **iii If you answered a. on i. which offices?**

(Mark all that apply):

- a) Can hold ministry offices under men and over women and children
- b) Can lead choir (even over men in mixed choir)
- c) Can be an elder
- d) Can be a deacon

### **iv Speaking**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Can speak in church just as men can
- b) Cannot speak in church, except sometimes
- c) Must remain silent in church

### **v If you marked b. on iv. then in what ways is a woman allowed to speak in church?**

(Mark all that apply)

- a) Can preach in church
- b) Can read aloud from Scripture
- c) Can read a poem aloud in church
- d) Can prophesy aloud in church
- e) Can sing in church
- f) Can request aloud prayer in church



## **vi Head covering**

(Select only one choice)

- a) At all times in church
- b) At all times in church and when praying or prophesying elsewhere
- c) Only when praying or prophesying in church and not when doing them outside of church
- d) Only when praying or prophesying (anywhere)
- e) Optional, but not necessary.
- f) No, because it would be disruptive to other women not wearing one.

## **15. Should a Christian caught in sin be disciplined by the church?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) No, never.
- b) It is a personal matter and not the business of the church to even know about our sins.
- c) Sometimes, if the sin is public.
- d) Sometimes, if the sin is a big sin.
- e) Only if the person repeats the sin many times.
- f) Yes, but the punishment must fit the crime.

## **16. Should a Christian be told not to come to church, either temporarily or permanently?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yes, there are circumstances for this, though rare.
- b) Yes, sometimes it should happen.
- c) Yes, in many cases.
- d) Yes, in every case.
- e) No, let everyone manage themselves on this matter.

## **17. Where does the pastor acquire the money to support his family?**

(Mark all that apply)

- a) Tithing from the congregants
- b) Regular giving from the congregants
- c) Outside work he does on his own
- d) The denomination deposits his salary
- e) Donations from congregants
- f) Donations from non-congregant Christians
- g) He is independently wealthy and takes no money for pastoring
- h) Selling books to congregants
- i) Selling merch (i.e. on a YouTube channel or the church website/Online store) to congregants
- j) Selling coffee in the foyer
- k) His family and friends support him in the ministry.

## **18. Did Jesus die in our place?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Jesus died in our place.
- b) Jesus died instead of us, but not in our place.
- c) Jesus' death was not a substitution for us.
- d) Unsure

## **19. Jesus and our sins**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Jesus died in place of our sins
- b) Jesus died because of our sins
- c) Jesus died and is now over (covering) our sins
- d) I don't know.

## **20. Jesus and God's wrath**

### **i Jesus took on the wrath of God which was supposed to fall on whom?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Us
- b) The whole world
- c) Those crucifying him
- d) Jesus himself
- e) Jesus suffered the wrath of man not God

### **ii Jesus is what for us?**

(Mark all that apply)

- a) Passover Lamb
- b) Substitution
- c) Penal Substitution (substitution for criminal penalty)
- d) Ransom
- e) Lutron (a tool to loosen from sin)
- f) Antilutron (a tool to prevent loosening from proper behavior)
- g) The stimulus for sympathy in our hearts

## **21. How many books are in the Bible?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) 66 books only
- b) 66 books and books like Enoch
- c) 66 books, but the Apocrypha is worth reading
- d) 66 + Deuterocanonical (aka Apocrypha) books

## **22. Which manuscript should the Old Testament translation be based on?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) The Septuagint (LXX)
- b) The Masoretic Text (MT)
- c) Both the LXX and MT

## **23. Is the Christian required to obey Jesus' teachings to receive Eternal Life?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Unsure

## **24. Is the Christian required to obey the Ten Commandments to be saved?**

(Select only one choice)

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Unsure

## Answer Key

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|------------|-------------------|
| 1) d       | ii) c             |
| 2) d       | iii) a, b         |
| 3) b       | iv) b             |
| 4) a       | v) b, c, d, e, f  |
| 5) c, d, e | vi) b             |
| 6) c       | 15) f             |
| 7) b       | 16) b             |
| 8) b       | 17) c, d, f, g, k |
| 9) a, b    | 18) c             |
| 10) a      | 19) b             |
| 11) b      | 20)               |
| 12) a      | i) e              |
| 13)        | ii) a, e, f, g    |
| i) b       | 21) d             |
| ii) a      | 22) a             |
| iii) a     | 23) a             |
| 14)        | 24) a             |
| i) a       |                   |