

STUDY QUESTIONS

Ryrie, Charles Caldwell. A Survey of Bible Doctrine. Chicago: Moody Press, 1972, Pp. 191.

These study questions are meant to help you read with comprehension. Doubtless, many of you do not need them; and doubtless, many of you do! If you gain information that is not on these study questions it is to your advantage. But please take advantage, at least, of these questions. The numbers at the end of the questions represent the pages where the answers may be found. If you wish to copy an answer from the text you may, but you will learn better by stating things in your own words. Keep your answers short and simple. Keep in mind that you are required to read the book with reasonable comprehension--not just answer these questions.

YOU ARE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS BY YOURSELF--WITHOUT ANYONE ELSE'S HELP. I will ask you if that has been the case at the time that the reading and study questions are due. At that time you will be asked to turn in a card stating that you have read the book with comprehension (reasonable) and I will give a short quiz which will consist of five selected study questions. You may use your study question answers (already done) to answer the questions. So, if you have done the reading and the questions there should be no problem!

Dr. Ryrie writes simply and succinctly. Reading his book will give you a valuable overview of theology. It will make things clearer later on and hopefully whet your appetite for more!

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AN IMPORTANT WORD TO BEGIN WITH

1. Who is Dr. Charles Ryrie?
2. What is this book about? (5)
3. Define the word "doctrine." (5)
4. What "important matter" does Ryrie begin with? (6) Why is it important?
5. State the evangelical Christian's basis of authority. (8)
6. List seven areas in which God has revealed Himself. (8)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
7. What is the primary source of our knowledge of God's revelation? (8)
8. Does God mean for you to understand the Bible? (9)

Chapter 1 WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

9. What are the two lines of evidence used to demonstrate the existence of God? (11-15)
 - a.
 - b.

10. List and explain very briefly the four main naturalistic arguments used to demonstrate God's existence. (11-15)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
11. The Bible does not argue for the existence of God; it only assumes such. True or False (15)
12. State several characteristics and the content of general revelation. (16)
13. The two avenues of special revelation are _____ and _____. (17)
14. What is holiness? (19)
- Negatively:
- Positively:
14. To say that God is just means _____ . (19)
15. How does Ryrie finally define love? (21)
16. Is God aware of a succession of events? Is He limited by time? (23)
17. What is the difference between omnipresence and pantheism? (24)
18. What are a couple practical ramifications of the doctrine that God is omnipresent? (24)
19. What is meant by saying that God is sovereign? (25)
20. What does the name Elohim indicate? (26)
21. What are two connotations of the name Yahweh? (27)
22. In the larger paragraph of page 30 Dr. Ryrie states well why we come to hold the doctrine of the trinity. Note this carefully. What word does he feel is better to describe this doctrine? (30)
23. What NT passages teach the oneness of God? (31)
24. What passage in the OT probably intimates most clearly the doctrine of God's trinity? (32)
25. Show how Matt. 28:19 teaches so clearly the doctrine of trinity. (32)

26. Why can we know God? (35)

27. How does a proper understanding of God help us in other areas of doctrine? (35)

Chapter 2 IS THE BIBLE INSPIRED?

28. As you witness to people about Christ it is often helpful to show them what a phenomenal book the Bible is. Over what length of time and by how many human writers was it written? (36)

29. Do you find Ryrie's illustration on page 37 helpful?

30. What does II Tim 3:16 tell us about Scripture? (38) (I am not looking for the word "inspired.")

31. Define biblical inspiration. (38)

32. Did men or the Holy Spirit author the Bible? (40,41) (careful!)

33. Where does the Bible claim inerrancy? (41,42)

34. What is meant by the term "canonicity?" (42,43)

35. List the three tests of canonicity which Ryrie gives. (43)

- a.
- b.
- c.

36. What is the best-attested document in all of ancient literature?
How many manuscripts of it are extant?
How many years separate the writing of Caesar's Gallic War from its oldest extant manuscript? How many manuscripts?
(46)

37. Revelation relates to the Bible's _____. (47)
Inspiration relates to the _____ that content. (47)
Illumination relates to the _____. (48)

38. Ultimately, who must teach the Bible for it to be understood? (48)

39. Read carefully the guidelines on biblical interpretation. (48-50)

Chapter 3 JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

40. Why does the Christian faith describe Jesus Christ as the God-man? (51)

41. Christ did not exist before Bethlehem. True or false (51)

42. Did Christ claim to be God? If so, where? (53)

43. What four lines of evidence point to the deity of Christ? (53,54)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
44. The incarnation was God becoming man. What was the means of this? (55)
45. Why did God become man in Christ? (56)
46. What four lines of evidence point to the humanity of Christ? (56,57)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
47. What has orthodox Christianity held regarding (re) the union of ~~xxx~~ deity and humanity in Christ? (57)
48. In my judgment Dr. Ryrie's discussion on the kenosis problem is excellent. What three items does he include in a statement of the kenosis? (59)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
49. Was the temptation of Christ a real one? (60)
Christ was tempted to prove that He could not sin. True or false
50. List the passages that show that Christ was a prophet, priest, and king. (61,62)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
51. The quote on page 62 beautifully blends the truth of Christ's offices together.
52. Over _____ people saw Christ in person after His resurrection. (63-I Cor)
53. What is the greatest single evidence to the resurrection of Christ? (62,63)
54. What is the significance of the resurrection? (64)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
55. How do you respond to the knowledge that Christ is ministering for us now? (65,66)

Chapter 4 THE HOLY SPIRIT

56. Do you believe that the Holy Spirit is a person? If so, then why? (68,69)

57. You are in Germany visiting the city of Erlangen. Someone on the street-corner tries to sell you a copy of Wachturm. Since you speak German well you engage the person in conversation and give her the tract Vier Dinge, die Gott Dir sagen will. She does not believe that the Holy Spirit is God. What passages of Scripture would you point her to substantiate your belief? (70)
58. Of what use have some of the theological debates of early years been? (72)
59. What does John 14:17 tell us about the ministry of the Spirit in the OT and NT times? (73)
60. What is meant by the "convicting work of the Holy Spirit?" (75)
61. Read carefully the first full paragraph on p. 76. John 16:8-11 should help us formulate a presentation of the Gospel.
62. What happens when a person is regenerated? Where does Scripture tell us about this (one passage)? (76)
63. Every believer today is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. True or False. (77)
64. _____ is a key passage relating to the baptism of the Spirit. (78)
65. What ministry of the Spirit guarantees our salvation? What verse describes this? (79)
66. After a discussion on spiritual gifts Ryrie lists three suggestions for discovering your spiritual gift. What are they? (81,82)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
67. What does the "filling of the Spirit" mean? (82)
68. List the four results of the Spirit-controlled life. Then evaluate your life in light of these. You might ask the Lord to give you growth in these areas, too! (84,85)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Chapter 5 THE WORLD OF ANGELS

69. What are angels like? (90) Are they organized?

- 70. Eight-year-old Johnny asks you in class what angels do. What would you say? (91)
- 71. Describe briefly the character of the "slandering adversary." (93)
- 72. What was Satan's sin? (94)
- 73. Why do you think Satan keeps trying to thwart the plan of God in every area?
- 74. What is a good explanation for the origin of demons? (96)
- 75. Could a demon do the will of God? (97)
- 76. What is the destiny of demons? (99)

Chapter 6 THE NATURE OF MAN

- 77. Why is it important to have a correct view of the origin of man? (100,101)
- 78. In what way does an evolutionist exercise faith (poor faith)? (101)
- 79. What passages outside of Gen 1-11 teach as historical fact the creation account? 104
- 80. How does man mirror God? 105
- 81. What is the function of the conscience? (106)
- 82. Why did Eve eat the tree's fruit? (109)
- 83. Give an inclusive definition of sin. (110)
- 84. What does the term "total depravity" mean? (111)

85. What is imputation? (111,112)

86. What three parties does sin always affect? (114)

Chapter 7 CHRIST'S SALVATION.

87. "The doctrine of salvation is both simple and complex." Remember that!

88. Evaluate the statement, "All men are created equal." (116)

89. How does Ryrie define biblical election? (116)

90. What is the ultimate aim of election? (117)

91. Election nullifies human responsibility. True or false (118)

92. What is the central facet to the meaning of Christ's death? (118)

93. What is meant by the doctrine of redemption? (122)

94. In reconciliation it is _____ who is changed and not _____. (122)

95. On what basis was God's wrath at man and his sin averted?
What is this called? (123)

96. Under what law is the believer presently? (125)

97. To whom is limited the personal application of the death of Christ? (128)

98. What is justification and what is its means and ground (basis)? (128,129)

It means:

It comes through the channel of _____.

It can take place because:

99. Have you ever considered the thrill of seeing Christ and then being like Him?
(131 I Jn 3:1-3)

The more clearly we see Him in the Bible the more we will become like Him.
You may want to look up II Cor 3:18 and read it carefully.

100. What passage describes with sublime eloquence the security of the believer?! (132)

101. Belief in Christ + _____ = SALVATION!!! (134-37)

102. There is an error in the second full paragraph of page 138, lines 5 & 6.
Instead of "arise, having been baptized;" it should read (with the Greek),
"be baptized, having arisen;" I believe Dr. Ryrie's explanation here is the best.
You should make this change in your book.

103. In regard to salvation what does repentance mean? (139)

Chapter 8 WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

104. Without question _____ is that organization through which God primarily does His work. (140)

105. Give Ryrie's definition of a local church. Do you like it? (141)

106. The principle leaders of NT churches were _____. 143

Are the men leading in your home church qualified to lead (if you have a home ch.)?

107. _____ are really servants to the church. (144)

108. Which forms of proposed church government can lay claim to being biblical? 148

Do you agree with Ryrie's conclusion re church government? Why?

109. What four purposes are involved in the celebration of the communion service? 150

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

110. Is it a matter of importance to you to practice the correct mode of baptism?

Why or why not?

Keep in mind that throughout Scripture, seemingly small things are important.

111. Is rebaptism Scripturally precedented? 154

112. What is the basic purpose of the church? 154

113. What is the universal church? 154

114. What does Matt 16:18 tell us re the time of the church's inception? 157

Chapter 9 WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

115. Why is it important to note that the promises made in the Abrahamic covenant have been fulfilled literally? 160-61

116. What is the basis for belief that the Abrahamic covenant was unconditional guaranteed by God? 161

117. Do you think that the events in the church and world today would be encouraging to a postmillennialist? 162-63
118. Would an amillennialist be likely to agree with Hal Lindsey's book, The Late Great Planet Earth (which sees the Abrahamic cove. happening literally)? 164
119. Why do people end up being premillennialists according to Ryrie (I agree)? 165
120. Briefly describe the rapture. 166-67
121. A posttribulationist expects the rapture at any time. True or False 168
122. A pretribulationist believes he will be happy in heaven during the tribulation. True or False 170
123. How will the tribulation period of 7 years be unique? 172
124. Name four books of the Bible that describe parts of the tribulation. 173-74
125. Why - the Tribulation? 174
126. What will be the capitol of the earth's government during the millennium? 175
127. Just enjoy reading about the millennium. Thank God that as a believer you will participate in its blessings. 175-78
128. Will Christians' works be judged? How do you know? 178
129. What would be evidenced by a Gentile's good treatment of a Jew during the tribulation? 180
130. Who is judged at the Great White Throne? 181
On what basis are they judged?
131. What will we do in heaven? 183

These questions have been many. But Dr. Ryrie's book has been packed with information. If you know little about theology this should be a good beginning for you. If you know plenty about theology then this will be good review. In any case, learning theology should be viewed as a means to knowing God better through His Word and of more clearly understanding God's view and His will on various subjects. II Tim 3:17