

BASIC DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

(Simplified Edition)

These study notes have been prepared to assist you in understanding the basic teachings of the Bible. This study is arranged in 17 sections and these 17 sections correspond to the 17 sections as found in the *Statement of Faith* in the Constitution of the Middletown Bible Church.

Please don't be in a hurry as you do these worksheets! It will take time and you will need to look up and study scores of verses from the Bible (please use a KING JAMES BIBLE or a SCOFIELD BIBLE, King James Edition). But when you are done, it will be worth it all! The Lord will teach you many wonderful things as you search the Scriptures to answer these questions, if your heart is open to Him.. Don't forget to pray and to ask the Lord to help you as you study His Holy and Precious Word.

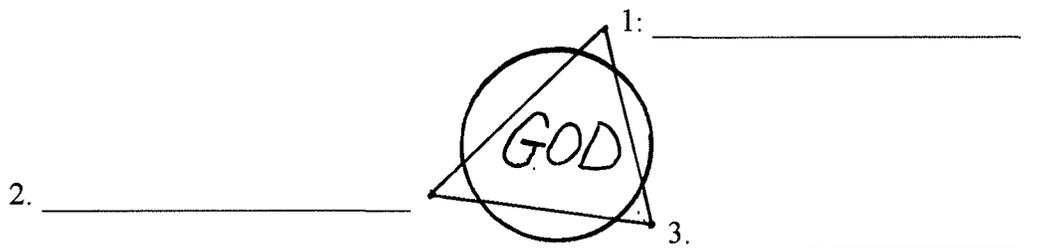
Here are some examples of the kinds of questions that will be found on these worksheets: (These have been answered for you)

1. True or False: All things were created by Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16).
2. True or False: To be saved a person must try to keep the 10 commandments (Acts 16:30-31).
3. MATCHING
 - 1) B Jesus is the light of the world A. John 6:35
 - 2) C Jesus is the door of salvation B. John 8:12
 - 3) A Jesus is the bread of life C. John 10:9
4. According to Matthew 1:23, the name "Emmanuel" means GOD WITH US.
5. How many people have sinned (Romans 3:23)? ALL
6. Will God ever leave or forsake the believer (Hebrews 13:5)? NO
7. What must a person do to be saved (Acts 16:30-31)?
 - a. Go to church every week.
 - b. Give money to the poor.
 - c. Try to live a good life.
 - d. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - e. Be baptized in water.
 - f. Say a prayer.

Now we are ready to begin the first section!!

Work hard and study well!!

2. There is ONE GOD, but this Great God exists in THREE PERSONS. Can you name the three Persons of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19)?



3. Is the Father GOD (John 6:27)? _____

4. Is the Lord Jesus GOD (Hebrews 1:8; Titus 2:13; John 20:28)? _____

5. Is the Holy Spirit GOD (Acts 5:3-4)? _____

Summary Statement: God tells us who He is and what He is like in His Word, the Bible. Without the Bible a person cannot really know God or what He is like—His holiness, His love, His mercy, His grace, and His wonderful ability to save lost sinners.

3. The Person and Work of Christ

1. John chapter 1 teaches us many important facts about Christ. Please do the following MATCHING problem:

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| 1) _____ | He is the Creator of all things. | A. John 1:1 |
| 2) _____ | He became a man. | B. John 1:3 |
| 3) _____ | He is God. | C. John 1:14 |

2. When Jesus became a man, did He stop being God (John 5:18; John 10:30)? _____

3. The child which came forth from the virgin Mary was (read Luke 1:35 and circle the correct answer):

- a. just an ordinary baby
- b. John the Baptist
- c. the Holy Son of God
- d. the son of Joseph

10. To be saved, a person must not only believe that Jesus died for his sins, but he also must believe that _____ (Romans 10:9). Do you believe this? _____
Do you serve a living Saviour or a dead Saviour (Revelation 1:18)? _____
Where is the Lord Jesus today (Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 1:3; 9:24)? _____

Summary statement: If I do not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died and became alive again for me, I cannot be saved. There is no other person who can save me. There is no other way to be saved and to know God except by the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only way!

4. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. Acts 5:3 says Ananias lied to _____. Acts 5:4 says Ananias lied to _____. Therefore the Holy Spirit is here identified as _____.

2. John 16:13-14: “Nevertheless, when _____, the Spirit of truth is come, _____ will guide you into all truth; for _____ shall not speak of _____ but whatever _____ shall hear, that shall _____ speak; and _____ will show you things to come. _____ shall glorify Me; for _____ shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.” (All of these personal pronouns show us that the Holy Spirit is a real PERSON, not just an “influence” or an “it” or a “force” or a “power” as some people believe.)

3. Please complete this MATCHING problem:

- 1) _____ The Holy Spirit gives new birth (“regeneration”) and new life to a person the moment he receives Christ as his Saviour.
- 2) _____ By one Spirit, all believers are baptized into the body of Christ and become members of Christ’s church.
- 3) _____ The Holy Spirit indwells (lives inside) each and every believer.
- 4) _____ The Holy Spirit is the Seal whereby each believer is sealed by God unto the day of redemption.

A. 1 Corinthians 12:13

C. Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30

B. John 3:5; Titus 3:5

D. 2 Timothy 1:14; 1 Cor. 6:19-20

4. If a person does not have the Holy Spirit, is he really a Christian (Romans 8:9)? _____

10. READ Mark 7:14-23. The Lord Jesus clearly taught that man's basic problem is (circle the correct one):
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| a. pollution (filthy air and water) | d. wars |
| b. corrupt government | e. an evil and polluted heart |
| c. poor housing (slums, etc.) | f. parents |

Summary Statement: A person cannot change his or her relationship to God (to know Him) or to sin (to be set free from sin) by himself or by the help of others. This is something only God can do. Man is in a helpless and hopeless condition of separation from God until he realizes his lost condition and lets God change it.

6. Salvation

1. According to Ephesians 2:8 and Romans 6:23, SALVATION (or eternal life) is the G _____ of God. Who paid for this precious gift (1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 6:20)? _____
2. Do all men receive God's gift of salvation (John 1:11-12; John 3:18; John 3:36)? _____. According to John 3:16, those who reject God's gift will _____
3. Does God offer His gift of salvation to all men (1 Timothy 2:4-6; 1 Timothy 4:10)? _____ Do most men receive this gift or do only a few people receive it (Matthew 7:13-14)? _____
4. Who is the only way of salvation (John 14:6; John 10:9)? _____
5. Can a person be saved by being good and trying to live a good life (Ephesians 2:8-9)? _____

Summary Statement: Salvation is something God has done and is doing. It is God's plan to deliver us from sin and from punishment. It is God's plan to deliver us from a life without God to the Life of God, even to the God of Life.

7. The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers

1. A person who believes on Christ HAS _____ (John 6:47). Who said so? _____ Does He ever lie? _____

8. The Two Natures of the Believer

1. Is it possible for a saved person to sin (I John 1:8,10)? _____
2. What was dwelling in Paul according to Romans 7:17 and Romans 7:20? _____
3. In Romans 7:24 Paul described himself as (circle the correct answer):
 - a. a good man
 - b. an unsaved man
 - c. a wretched (miserable) man
 - d. a joyful man
4. When a believer sins, what must he do (1 John 1:9)? _____
When the believer does this, what two things will God do (1 John 1:9)? 1) _____
_____ 2) _____
5. Who is able to deliver us from the power of sin in our daily lives (Romans 7:24-25)? _____

Summary Statement: The believer has the living God in his heart. Because the Holy Spirit lives within, the believer can say no to thoughts and actions that do not please God. God is there to help the believer so that he can have God's supply (for every need): God's strength, God's understanding, God's wisdom, God's ability, etc. The believer must choose to please God and to say "yes" to God. Otherwise pride and the old sin nature will control his words, his thoughts, the things he does and how he does them.

9. Separation

1. True or False: The believer is not in the world (John 17:11. Philippians 2:15-16).
2. True or False: The believer is not of the world (John 17:14-18).
3. True or False: The believer should expect to be treated well by the world (1 John 3:13).
4. Did the world love the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:18)? _____ If we truly belong to Christ will the world love us (John 15:18-19)? _____

11. The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts

1. What is the greatest gift that any person could ever have (Romans 6:23)? _____

2. Does every Christian have the gift of eternal life (1 John 5:12)? _____

3. As you consider the following gifts, write the letter "A" if ALL believers have this gift and write the letter "S" if only SOME believers have this gift:

- 1) _____ The gift of everlasting life (John 10:28).
- 2) _____ The gift of being a Pastor (Ephesians 4:12).
- 3) _____ The gift of forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43).
- 4) _____ The gift of peace with God (Romans 5:1).
- 5) _____ The gift of being a Teacher (1 Corinthians 12:28-29).
- 6) _____ The gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

4. True or False: According to 1 Corinthians 14:19, the Apostle Paul would rather preach just five words ("CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS" or "I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE") than preach 10,000 words in an unknown tongue (a language which is not understood by the people in the church).

5. Paul predicted that some day tongues would C_____ (1 Corinthians 13:8). (This means that some day God would stop giving this gift).

Summary Statement: God the Holy Spirit is in charge of placing the believer in the right place in the Body of Christ. He also is in charge of making believers able for all that God has for them to be and to do. The believer should be confident and comfortable with God's working.

12. The Church

1. In Ephesians 1:22-23, the Church is called the _____ of Christ.

2. Read Acts 2:41. After these people heard Peter preach the gospel and after they believed his message, they were _____

3. According to Acts 8:36-37, what is necessary before a person can be baptized? _____
_____ Why then is it wrong to baptize babies? _____

4. Who instituted (established) the Lord's Table or Communion (Matthew 26:26-28)? _____

5. Bread is a symbol (a picture) of _____ (Matthew 26:26).

The cup is a symbol (a picture) of _____ (Matthew 26:27-28).

6. Read 1 Corinthians 11:24-25. When we take communion we are

a. crucifying Christ

c. remembering Christ and what He has done for us on the cross

b. eating Christ

d. making ourselves holy by eating the bread and drinking the cup

7. Read 1 Corinthians 11:26. When we observe the Lord's Table (Communion) we should think back to what great historical event? _____ What great event should we look forward to? _____

Summary Statement: Believers should be baptized as a witness of their new life in Christ. Believers should take the Lord's Supper together as a witness that Jesus is the Saviour and Lord of their new life.

14. The Personality of Satan

1. Did the Lord Jesus believe in a real Devil (John 8:44)? _____

2. HELL (the everlasting fire) was prepared for whom (Matthew 25:41)? _____

3. True or False: Satan is no longer active in the world today (1 Peter 5:8).

16. The Second Advent (Coming) of Christ

1. What did the Lord Jesus promise His disciples (John 14:3)? _____

2. What should every Christian be looking for (Titus 2:13)? _____

3. Please do the following MATCHING problem:

- 1) _____ The rapture of the church, when Jesus returns to take His believers to heaven
2) _____ The Great Tribulation period which will be the greatest time of trouble and difficulty that the world has ever known
3) _____ The second coming of Christ when Jesus returns to the earth as KING OF KINGS
4) _____ The 1000 year kingdom of Christ
- A. Matthew 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-16 C. Revelation chapter 20
B. Matthew 24:15-21; Daniel 12:1 D. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Summary Statement: God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, created the universe. He WAS, IS and SHALL BE the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. The whole world will see and understand this when He comes again to rule and reign over all the earth.

17. The Eternal State

1. Name the two resurrections (John 5:28-29):

- 1) _____ 2) _____

Which resurrection will you be a part of? _____

2. The Sadducees believed that there was no _____ (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:8). Did the Lord Jesus agree with the Sadducees (Matthew 22:29-33)? _____

1. The Holy Scriptures

1. The Lord Jesus said that God's Word (the Bible) is _____ (John 17:17).
2. The Lord Jesus also said that the Scripture cannot _____ (John 10:35) and that the Scripture must be _____ (Mark 14:49).
3. WHO was it that moved the writers of the Bible (such as Moses and Isaiah and David and Matthew and Luke and Paul) and helped them so that what they wrote was exactly what God wanted them to write, without any mistakes and without any errors (2 Peter 1:21)? _____
4. Many people do not believe what the Bible says, and they do not believe in many of the great miracles which the Bible tells us about. Did the Lord Jesus believe in the creation of Adam and Eve (Matthew 19:4-5)? _____ Did the Lord Jesus believe that a flood destroyed the whole world in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39)? _____ Did the Lord Jesus believe that the prophet Jonah was really swallowed by a whale (Matthew 12:40-41)? _____ The Lord Jesus, God's Son, said that these things really happened. Did the Lord Jesus ever lie (John 8:44-45)? _____ Does He know more than you do? _____ Do you believe what He says? _____
5. We know that the books of the Bible were written by men. However, is the Bible just the word of men or is it more than that (2 Timothy 3:16; I Thessalonians 2:13)? _____
6. What is one thing that God will never do (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19)? _____

Summary Statement: The Bible is God's Word. When a person turns to God and trusts in who God is and what God has said, that person begins to realize that God has said what He means and God means what He has said!!

2. The Godhead

1. How many Gods are there (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:8)? _____

4. Why did the Lord Jesus come into the world (1 Timothy 1:15)? _____

5. Why did the Lord Jesus die on the cross? Please do the following MATCHING problem:

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| 1) _____ | Christ died for our sins. | A. Isaiah 53:5 |
| 2) _____ | Christ bore (carried) our sins in His own body on the tree. | B. Romans 5:6 |
| 3) _____ | Christ was wounded for our transgressions (sins). | C. Romans 5:8 |
| 4) _____ | Christ died for us. | D. I Cor. 15:3 |
| 5) _____ | Christ died for the ungodly. | E. I Peter 2:24 |

6. How many times did Jesus die on the cross (Romans 6:10; Hebrews 9:28; Hebrews 10:12)? _____

Will Jesus ever need to die again (Romans 6:9; Revelation 1:18)? _____

7. The Lord Jesus Christ was SINLESS (without sin)! He was the perfect and holy Son of God who never did anything wrong and who never sinned or broke God's law. Study these 4 verses:

- 1) 2 Corinthians 5:21 2) Hebrews 7:26 3) I Peter 1:18-19 4) 1 Peter 2:22.

Which verse says that Christ did no sin? _____ Which verse says that Christ knew no sin? _____ Which verse says that Christ was as a lamb, without blemish and without spot? _____ Which verse says that Christ was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners? _____

8. For whose sins did Christ die (John 1:29; 1 John 2:2)? _____

Did Jesus die for all men or for just some men (1 Timothy 2:6)? _____

Does God want some men to go to hell (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)? _____ The gospel (good news about Christ) should be preached to whom? (Read Mark 16:15 and circle the correct answer):

- a. only those who go to church
- b. only to grown-ups (those 21 years old or older)
- c. to every person

9. What is the great sin that will keep a person out of heaven (John 3:18; John 3:36; John 16:9)?

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| a. getting drunk | d. stealing |
| b. murder | e. lying |
| c. not believing on Christ | f. disobeying parents |

5. Who is the believer's Perfect Teacher (1 Corinthians 2:9-14)? _____

6. What two verses in Galatians chapter 5 describe the "FRUIT" that the Holy Spirit will produce in the life of the believer who is filled with the Spirit? Verses _____

Summary Statement: God the Holy Spirit should be remembered and counted on for help. He will always honor the Lord Jesus and make God's Word be true.

5. The Total Depravity of Man

1. Did God create man from ape-like creatures or from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7)? _____
_____ Was man created as a sinner (Genesis 1:26-27)? _____

2. Which early chapter in the book of Genesis tells us about man's fall into sin? Chapter _____

3. True or False: "It's too bad Adam sinned, but that doesn't have anything to do with me"
(Romans 5:12-21).

4. Who was the only Person who was never born as a sinner (Luke 1:35)? _____

5. How many people are sinners (Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23)? _____

6. Was Mary a sinner in need of a Saviour (Luke 1:46-47)? _____

7. Before a person is saved he is said to be _____ in sins (Ephesians 2:1,5). The moment he is saved he passes out of _____ into _____ (John 5:24).

8. Man's heart is _____
_____ (Jeremiah 17:9).

9. How many righteous and good people are there in God's sight (Romans 3:10)? _____

How many are there that do good in the eyes of God (Romans 3:12)? _____

2. Will Christ ever cast out a believer who comes to Him (John 6:37)? _____

3. How many believers will be lost (John 6:38-40)? _____

4. What does Christ give to His sheep (John 10:28)? _____ Will they ever perish (John 10:28)? _____ Are the sheep safe and secure in the hands of God (John 10:28-30)? _____ Are you one of God's sheep (read John 10:27)? _____

5. If God be for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)? _____

6. What shall separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35-39)? _____

7. Is it possible for a person to KNOW that he is saved (1 John 5:11-13)? _____

8. Please do this MATCHING problem:

IF A PERSON IS REALLY SAVED THEN

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| 1) _____ he should desire to study God's Word. | A. 1 John 3:14; 1 John 4:7,20 |
| 2) _____ he should obey God's commandments. | B. 1 John 2:29; 3 John 11 |
| 3) _____ he should love his brothers and sisters in Christ. | C. 1 John 2:2-3 |
| 4) _____ he should do good and live a righteous life. | D. 1 Peter 2:2 |

9. True or False: Since we are saved and going to heaven we can live any way we please.

(Titus 2:11-15; Romans 6:1-2)

10. The true believer in Christ will never:

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| 1) _____ perish | A. John 3:18; 5:24 |
| 2) _____ die | B. John 6:37 |
| 3) _____ be condemned | C. John 8:51; 11:25 |
| 4) _____ be cast out | D. John 3:16; 10:28 |

Summary Statement: Eternal security (being safe and secure in Christ forever) is how God sees the believer (God is sure of Himself and His word; He is sure of what He has done and what He has said). Assurance is the sureness the believer has as he trusts and obeys what God has said.

5. Whoever becomes a friend of the world also makes himself an _____
_____ (James 4:4).

6. The world is headed for destruction; the believer is headed for heaven! While the believer is IN the world, he is to be

1) _____ a witness A. Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15

2) _____ an ambassador B. Acts 1:8; Isaiah 43:10

3) _____ a light C. 2 Corinthians 5:20

7. Does God want us to join together with unbelievers and work with them or does He want us to separate from them (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)? _____

Summary Statement: Separation (being set apart by God and for God) means that I must obey God's word. God gives us promises and rules on how to do certain things and how not to do certain things. By studying God's Word we learn when to work with others and how to work with others.

10. Missions

1. The Lord Jesus told His disciples to preach the gospel (the good news about Christ) to _____
_____ (Mark 16:15).

2. What is the good news that we have (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)? _____

3. How often should we be ready to give an answer and tell others about the Lord (1 Peter 3:15)?
_____ Do you want to tell others about Christ and His so-great salvation? _____

Summary Statement: Missions, or establishing local churches, is God's movement among men and women and boys and girls to bring them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. The believers are then to assemble together according to God's Word, to be a local church in the area where they live.

2. Study Ephesians 5:22-30. Who is the head of the wife? _____ Who is the Head of the Church? _____ Who is to be subject (obedient and submissive) to the husband? _____ Who is to be subject (obedient and submissive) to Christ? _____ Who gave Himself for the Church? _____ Who is to love the wife and give himself for her? _____ Therefore, in these verses, who does the HUSBAND represent? _____ What does the WIFE represent? _____

3. Who is the BUILDER of the church (Matthew 16:18)? _____

4. Who is the FOUNDATION of the church (1 Corinthians 3:11)? _____

5. True or False: It is very important for believers to assemble together and meet together in a local church where Christ is honored and where the Word of God is taught (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42).

6. Do you think it is important for believers to come to church on Prayer Meeting night and on Sunday night as well as on Sunday morning? _____

Summary Statement: The local church is God's choice to make Himself known to the world. The local church is the center of God's witness and His working in the world today. The believer must be rightly connected to a good Bible believing local church.

13. Ordinances

1. Correct the following verses (mark through anything that is not correct):

JOHN 3:16 - "that whosoever believeth in him and is baptized should not perish, but have everlasting life" **JOHN 3:36** - "He that believeth on the Son and is baptized hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son and is not baptized shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." **JOHN 6:47** - "He that believeth on me and is baptized hath everlasting life" **JOHN 5:24** - "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, and is baptized, hath everlasting life." **LUKE 8:12** - "then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and get baptized and be saved." **MARK 16:16** - "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned (judged)." **ACTS 16:31** - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized and thou shalt be saved."

According to these verses, what is the ONE THING that a person must do in order to be SAVED and to have EVERLASTING LIFE? _____

4. In what chapter in the book of Genesis does Satan first appear (read 2 Corinthians 11:3)? Chapter _____

5. According to Luke 8:12, Satan does not want people to _____ and be _____

6. According to Revelation 12:9, what are four titles (names) of Satan:

1) _____ 3) _____

2) _____ 4) _____

7. Does the believer need to fear Satan (1 John 4:4)? _____ Why or why not?

Summary Statement: Satan is a very real enemy as can be seen by the attitude of people toward the Lord Jesus and His Word. Sin is very real also as can be seen by the actions, thinking, and speaking of people. The believer must keep his heart right with God and His Word to be protected from the power and plans of the devil.

15. Dispensationalism

1. List the three divisions of mankind as found in the world today (1 Corinthians 10:32):

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

(Unsaved Jews) (Gentiles or Unsaved non-Jews) (Saved Jews and saved non-Jews)

Which of these three groups do you belong in? _____

2. Today people are saved by _____, through _____ (Ephesians 2:8).

3. Was Abraham saved by works or by faith (Romans 4:1-3)? _____

Summary Statement: God has carefully worked out His plans so that all men, no matter when they live on earth, have the opportunity to know God. As time progresses God makes known more of His written Word and God outworks each condition which mankind lives under in every age so that ALL mankind is without excuse. If man rejects God, it is his own fault!

3. True or False: The Apostle Paul dreaded and feared the day of his death (Philippians 1:23).

According to Philippians 1:23, the moment Paul died he went to _____
which is _____.

4. To be “absent from the body” is to be _____
(2 Corinthians 5:8).

5. According to Luke 23:43, the Lord Jesus promised this saved criminal that he would be with Him in _____.
When did Jesus say this would take place? _____

6. Read Luke 16:23-24. Did the Lord Jesus teach that people really suffer in hell (hades)? _____

7. What did Christ promise to those who believe in Him (John 11:25-26)? _____
Do you believe this? _____

8. Read Matthew 25:41 and Matthew 25:46. Did Jesus ever teach that some people would be punished forever (everlasting punishment)? _____

9. Where will unbelievers spend eternity (Revelation 20:15 and Revelation 21:8)? _____
How long will this fire burn (Jude 7)? _____

10. What must a person do to escape this terrible place of eternal punishment (Acts 16:30-31)?

Have you done this? _____

Summary Statement: The Eternal State is the final condition of the universe, the final state of people and angels. Everything and everyone is put in the right order in the right way -- some in heaven and some in hell. All are where they should be because of God’s Holiness and God’s Love. Those who go to heaven have only God to thank; those who go to hell have only themselves to blame.

Did you find these worksheets helpful in understanding what the Bible teaches? _____ Did you find these worksheets too simple? _____ Too difficult? _____ Just about right? _____

Other comments that you might have: _____