

# DISCOVERY

## Grace Church Doctrinal Study Guide

1. The basic storyline of the Bible can be summed up with the following:
  - a. Creation >> Exodus >> Redemption >> Consummation
  - b. Creation >> Fall >> Redemption >> Justification
  - c. Creation >> Fall >> Redemption >> Consummation
  - d. Creation >> Fall >> Sanctification >> Revelation
  - e. None of the above
  
2. Which of the following statements is true according to a basic Christian understanding?
  - a. The doctrine of the Trinity states that God is one person, yet three gods.
  - b. The doctrine of the Trinity states that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share the same role.
  - c. The doctrine of the Trinity states that the Father and the Son are unequal in power and worth.
  - d. The doctrine of the Trinity states that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as one God, yet three persons.
  - e. None of the above
  
3. According to Christianity, which of the following is false?
  - a. God can be known.
  - b. God has been revealed.
  - c. God is infinite.
  - d. God is unknowable.
  - e. None of the above
  
4. Which of the statements below concerning Bible translations are consistent with Grace Church's position?
  - a. All English translations of the Bible are without error.
  - b. Only English translations of the Bible are without error.
  - c. The Holy Spirit only inspired the Authorized Standard Version (ASV) of the Bible.
  - d. The Holy Spirit authorized the autographs, or original copies of the scriptures.
  - e. None of the above
  
5. The doctrine of the Incarnation of Jesus teaches the following:
  - a. He was born of the Holy Spirit and conceived by Mary and Joseph.
  - b. He was partially divine and partially human.
  - c. He was fully divine and partially human.
  - d. He was fully divine and fully human.
  
6. Complete the following statement: "Christianity maintains that the second person of the Trinity came into being when..."
  - a. Jesus was born.
  - b. Jesus was raised from the dead.
  - c. At the beginning of creation.
  - d. Long before creation occurred.
  - e. None of the above

7. Concerning Jesus' early life, Grace Church teaches which of the following?
  - a. Jesus lived an obedient life with the exception of his childhood, because he was just a kid.
  - b. Jesus lived a completely obedient life even during childhood and young adulthood.
  - c. Jesus lived an obedient life except for his teenage years, because rebellion is essential to human nature.
  - d. Jesus lived an obedient life, but he had an illicit relationship with Mary Magdalene.
  
8. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the mediator between whom?
  - a. Angels and God
  - b. Demons and God
  - c. Humans and God
  - d. Angels and Humans
  
9. Grace Church's Foundational Doctrines teach which of the following regarding Jesus' resurrection?
  - a. Jesus was resurrected in our hearts.
  - b. Jesus was resurrected physically.
  - c. Jesus was resurrected spiritually.
  - d. Jesus was resurrected metaphorically.
  
10. Which of the following statements agrees with Grace Church's Foundation Doctrine concerning Jesus?
  - a. Jesus is the invisible image of the visible God.
  - b. Jesus is the infinite image of the visible God.
  - c. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God.
  - d. Jesus is the visible image of the visible God.
  
11. Identify the statement regarding Jesus' death that agrees with the teaching of Grace Church:
  - a. Jesus only apparently died.
  - b. Jesus purposefully pretended to die.
  - c. Jesus' disciples proclaimed that he died to make his story more dramatic.
  - d. Jesus actually, physically died.
  - e. All of the above
  
12. Which of the following statements reflect our teaching regarding the Holy Spirit?
  - a. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and Son for all eternity.
  - b. The Holy Spirit is un-equal with the Father and Son for all eternity.
  - c. The Holy Spirit is almost equal with the Father and Son for all eternity.
  - d. The Holy Spirit is just another name for God the Father.
  
13. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word: The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ believers to the image of Christ.
  - a. confirms
  - b. conforms
  - c. relates
  - d. reveals
  
14. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word: The Holy Spirit helps believers \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.
  - a. confuse
  - b. misinterpret
  - c. reinterpret
  - d. understand

15. According to Grace Church's teaching on Mankind/Humanity, humans have hope for redemption because they:
- Can help themselves; just as the Bible says, "God helps those who help themselves."
  - Are ultimately good people but need re-education to rehabilitate their relationships with God and each other.
  - Have a God who has initiated radical intervention to restore their relationship to him and each other.
  - Can try their best to live a good life and in the end that's really all God wants.
16. Which of the following statements is false according to Grace Church's statements on salvation?
- Salvation is a free gift of God
  - Salvation is by grace through faith, and the intercession of saints who have gone before us.
  - Salvation is accompanied by turning from sin and a changed life.
  - Salvation is founded on the work of Jesus Christ in concert with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
17. In order for a Christian to be a member at Grace Church, their complete agreement with our Foundational Doctrines is \_\_\_\_\_ and their complete agreement with our Structural Doctrines is \_\_\_\_\_.
- required; required
  - required; not required
  - not required; required
  - not required; not required
18. Grace Church teaches that the church is which of the following two descriptors:
- Universal and Regional
  - Local and Transcendent
  - Universal and Local
  - Unitarian and Universalist
19. In what way does Grace Church teach that spiritual gifts serve the church?
- Promoting the extraordinariness of an individual believer
  - Facilitating the mystical experience of a believer
  - Extending the influence of the church's leadership
  - Equipping of other believers
20. Concerning 'rewards' in the Christian afterlife, Grace Church teaches which of the following:
- Christians will not be rewarded in any way, because 'reward' reinforces selfish motives here on earth.
  - Christians will be rewarded according to varying degrees of faithfulness, whereas their salvation is unmerited.
  - Only saints from the time of the Bible will receive rewards after death.
  - Only male Christians will receive rewards after death.
21. According to the Grace Church Structural Doctrines, \_\_\_\_\_ is/are equipped to spread the gospel- message of Jesus. (Choose the most appropriate response to complete the sentence).
- Muslims
  - Seminary Graduates
  - Only the 12 Apostles
  - Any Christian

22. Regarding baptism, which of the following would be false according to Grace Church's Structural Doctrines?
- Baptism is for believers.
  - Baptism is for infants.
  - Baptism does not make you a believer.
  - Baptism is a symbol of the believer's unity with Christ and his people.
23. Grace Church teaches that baptism should be ideally performed on a Christian...
- each year
  - once
  - whenever the Christian feels like being re-baptized
  - every baptism service at Grace Church
24. Regarding communion, which of the following would be false according to Grace Church's Structural Doctrines?
- The Lord's Supper (communion) is a one-time act observed by Christians in remembrance of Jesus.
  - The Lord's Supper (communion) is a repeated act observed by Christians in remembrance of Jesus.
  - The Lord's Supper (communion) is a celebration in expectation of Jesus' return.
  - The Lord's Supper (communion) is a representation of Jesus' body and blood through material elements.
25. Identify the statement that disagrees with the Christian doctrine concerning Satan:
- Satan is not a 'good guy' in the Bible's story.
  - Satan is a 'fallen' angel who was once a messenger of God.
  - Satan is a mythical invention created by organized religion to control people.
  - Satan was defeated at the cross, but has yet to face final judgment.
26. Concerning Satan's ability, what does Christianity teach is true?
- Satan's ability is unlimited.
  - Satan's abilities are equal to God's abilities.
  - Satan cannot do anything apart from God's permission.
  - Satan's abilities are less than the average human being's.
27. Concerning the return of Jesus Christ, what does Grace Church maintain to be true in its doctrine?
- Jesus will never return.
  - Jesus has already returned a second time.
  - Jesus will return spiritually, but not physically.
  - Jesus will return in a bodily and visible manner.
28. Grace Church's doctrine teaches that which of the following is true concerning Christ's return?
- He cannot appear right now.
  - He can appear at any time (imminently).
  - He will bodily appear during this weekend at one of the services.
  - When Jesus appears, only people who are members of Grace Church will know it.

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## Grace Church Doctrinal Study Guide Answer Key

1. C
2. D
3. D
4. D
5. D
6. E
  
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. D
  
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. C
19. D
20. B
21. D
  
22. B
23. B
24. A
25. C
26. C
27. D
28. B