

TELEIOS RESEARCH - BELIEF SURVEY RESULTS

244 participants

Q7 - What is salvation?

Answer	Percent
I am unsure	3.7%
Knowing I will go to heaven because my good works outweigh my bad	0.4%
Knowing I will go to heaven because God forgives me because of my good works	2.0%
Knowing I will go to heaven because God will give me grace as I have tried to do good	3.7%
Knowing I will go to heaven because I am saved from my sins by faith alone in the forgiveness provided by Jesus' death on the cross	87.3%

Best answers are identified by green highlighting

The correct answer is 'knowing I will go to heaven because I am saved from my sins by faith alone in the forgiveness provided by Jesus' death on the cross' (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Q8 - To become a Christian I also need to:

Answer	Percent
Believe in creation	63.7%
Believe in the resurrection of Christ	92.2%
Believe that abortion is sin	39.6%
Be water baptized	40.0%
Believe every word of the Bible	58.4%
Believe Jesus is God	79.2%
Believe heaven and hell are real places	78.4%
Believe in the trinity (i.e., Father, Son and Holy Spirit)	87.3%
Believe the devil is real	65.3%

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Like Q7, grace by faith alone is sufficient for salvation and no works or extra beliefs are required. However, from the supplied list two answers are inherent to salvation:

- *Christ resurrected from the dead* - Scripture indicates in Romans 10: 9-10 and in I Corinthians 15:17 that if there is no resurrection there is no new life and we are still dead in our sins. Consequently, part of our faith to salvation is the belief that Christ's death provides us a new life in Him that is righteous and acceptable to God. This life is eternal (Romans 6:2-9, Ephesians 1:13-14)
- *Christ is God* – Some might argue this point; however, it is God who supplied Christ as a sufficient holy and righteous sacrifice that satisfied Him as a payment for our sins. A man alone, who is inherently sinful, could not satisfy our holy God (Romans 3:10-12, 23). Therefore, Christ had to be God (and man as well) to provide salvation as a satisfactory sacrifice for sins.

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Q9 - Can we be secure in our salvation?

Answer	Percent
No, not if we commit too many different varieties of sins	1.2%
No, not if we commit the same sin too many times	0.4%
No, not if we commit a really bad sin (for example, sexual sin or murder)	1.7%
No, any combination of the above 3 responses	5.0%
No, not if we do not follow scripture	2.9%
No, not if we do not make Jesus Lord of our lives	24.4%
Yes, salvation by faith in Christ cannot be lost	59.9%

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Scripture indicates that salvation by faith is secure both by direct statements, by our position in Christ, that God perseveres us to salvation, and that we are not to demean Christ by insisting some sin was so bad as not to be covered by his sacrificial death See blogs dated March 1-15, 2017 at <http://teleiosblog.blogspot.com/> for more information.

Q10 - What is sharing the Gospel?

Answer	Percent
Living as a good example	34.8%
Encouraging others	9.4%
Inviting others to church	7.4%
Verbally telling a nonbeliever the specific message of salvation	38.9%
Praying for others	8.2%

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Although our lifestyle is a key for sharing the gospel we must verbally express the plan of salvation (Romans 10: 14-17). Each of us as Christians should learn to explain the gospel within 30 to 50 words in an efficient, clear fashion so the listener knows exactly what to do to become a Christian (see salvation blog <http://teleiosblog.blogspot.com/2016/11/wow-what-great-salvation.html>).

Q11 - What do you believe about the Bible?

Answer	Percent
The Bible may be true but is not relevant today or for my personal life	1.6%
Parts of the Bible are true but it contains errors	2.1%
The Bible may be true but it is obviously prejudiced and bigoted	0.4%
The Bible is the true, inerrant word of God and is relevant for today and my life	61.3%
**The Bible is the true, inerrant word of God but I find it hard to understand	29.2%

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The Bible's purpose is to present the unified plan of salvation of God through Jesus Christ. It is true in all information it provides. The inerrancy of scripture is too long a topic to discuss here but a good book, and there are many, is Josh McDowell's 'The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict' (<https://www.amazon.com/Evidence-Demands-Questions-Challenging-Christians/dp/0785243631>).

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If you do not know how to study scripture, ask an older Christian colleague for help. Alternatively, a good book that is simple to understand is Oletta Wald's 'The New Joy of Discovery in Bible Study' (https://www.amazon.com/New-Joy-Discovery-Bible-Study/dp/080664429X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1497991376&sr=1-1&keywords=joy+of+discovery).

Q12 - What is Christian discipleship?

Answer	Percent
Being in a small group Bible study led by a more mature Christian	36.0%
Verse by verse study of the Bible led by a more mature Christian	31.8%
An accountability group	18.0%
Watching videos or reading books about the Bible	10.9%
Receiving godly advice from a more mature Christian	46.4%
Participating in a one year Bible reading plan	7.1%
Just seeking God as I think best	57.3%
Attending church	64.0%

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The word 'discipleship' is used in the Bible, but not defined specifically. It is related to the Greek word, μαθητής (mathētēs), 'to learn'. Therefore, any activity that has a student learning the word of God (by themselves, using a proper study technique, studying with a mentor, or participating in a Bible study group) in my view is discipleship.

Teleios does not encourage simply reading the Bible, watching videos, or reading books about the Bible, all of which can be beneficial, but recommends actual verse by verse study. It is easy, enjoyable and provides immeasurable benefits! Teleios' research has shown that verse by verse study causes greater knowledge acquisition than simply reading text.

Q13 - What is praise?

Answer	Percent
Commending God anywhere for His righteous character and action	69.0%
Thanking God anywhere for His righteous character and actions	95.9%
**Singing hymns or Christian choruses in church or student groups	64.5%
**Listening to hymns or Christian music in church	46.3%
**Reading liturgy in church	29.8%
**Listening to Christian radio	34.7%
Just being me	17.4%

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All these answers might involve praise. However, scriptural praise recognizes our holy God's actions and character in whatever manner you choose to acknowledge them.

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Q14 - What is Bible study?

Answer	Percent
Being in a small group Bible study led by a more mature Christian	60.7%
Verse by verse Bible study led by a more mature Christian	43.0%
Being in an accountability group	12.8%
Watching videos or reading books about the Bible	16.9%
Receiving godly advice from a more mature Christian	23.6%
**Reading books about the Bible	16.1%
Participating in a one year Bible reading plan	12.0%
Reading the Bible on your own	46.3%
Studying the Bible on your own	60.7%
Memorizing Scripture	23.6%

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Please see commentary about Q12.

Q15 - What is prayer?

Answer	Percent
Telling God our requests	66.7%
Thanking God	96.3%
Praying according to His word and with requests that might glorify Him	79.0%
Praising Him	89.3%
Asking for forgiveness	94.2%
**Confessing our sins	89.3%
Asking for anything at any time	51.9%
**Letting God know how we feel	88.1%
Praying for others	90.5%

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This may be controversial but scripture presents prayer as involving the following:

- Requests to God for ourselves and others
- Praise
- Thankfulness

Many would include confessing our sins or asking for forgiveness. However, for the New Testament believer this is not mentioned specifically in the Epistles. We are forgiven already but a person may wish to acknowledge regret for their sin in their prayers (unfortunately, I must do this frequently☹)

Model prayers are available in scripture in Ephesians 1:15, Ephesians 3:15 and Colossians 1:9-15.

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