

CHAPTER XXII

A QUESTIONNAIRE

For use in Senior Classes and Study Groups

GENERAL

1. Why is our Church described as United?
2. What is the policy of our Church with respect to all Protestant and Evangelical Communions in Canada?

DOCTRINE

1. What is the foundation upon which the Church of Christ is built?
2. What is meant by calling Jesus Christ the "Chief Corner Stone" of His Church?
3. What is the standard by which we may test what is true in doctrine, and required in character and conduct?
4. Name the great Creeds of the Christian Church.
5. State the great Christian verities which are set forth and emphasized in each of these Creeds respectively.
6. State and explain the following evangelical doctrines of the Reformation, as held in common by the three uniting Churches before Union and now maintained by The United Church:
 - (a) The nature of Faith.
 - (b) The experience of Justification.
 - (c) The nature and authority of the Word of God.

ARTICLE I.—OF GOD

1. What moral qualities are, in this Article, attributed to God? Consider the special significance of each.

2. Show how Christian experience leads believers to confess their faith in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

ARTICLE II.—OF REVELATION

1. By what means has God made Himself known to men?
2. What does Faith find in the Holy Scriptures?
3. How is the Christian Life enriched by them?

ARTICLE III.—OF THE DIVINE PURPOSE

1. Does the redeeming purpose of God cover all the events in the history of the race, and in the life of the individual?
2. Does this conception of the sovereignty of God destroy the freedom of man, or make God the author of sin? Discuss this.
3. How are Creation, Providence and Redemption related to the fulfilment of God's sovereign design, and the manifestation of His Glory?

ARTICLE IV.—OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

1. How is the supremacy of God manifested in the universe?
2. In what relation does God stand to the works of His hand?
3. What are the spiritual and moral capacities, the possession of which distinguishes man from the other creatures of God on the earth?

ARTICLE V.—OF THE SIN OF MAN

1. What is its nature?
2. What is its origin?
3. What is its penalty?
4. What is the condition into which sin has brought the human race and all individual members of it?

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE GRACE OF GOD

1. What is the gift of God's love for the world?
2. State what is offered in the Gospel, on what terms, and to whom.
3. To what great ends do the recipients of the Gospel stand committed according to the saving purpose of God?

ARTICLE VII.—OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. What is the position which the Lord Jesus Christ occupies in relation to God and to man?
2. How is His Person constituted in order that He may be able to fulfil His mediatorial work?
3. What two great needs of ignorant and sinful men does He meet in His Person and work?
4. In reference to the second of these, note the terms "Sacrifice," "Satisfaction," "Propitiation" and consider carefully their precise significance.
5. How is His Redemptive work completed by His Resurrection and Ascension?
6. What relation does the Risen Lord sustain towards believers? and what work does He discharge on their behalf?
7. In what sense do we ascribe to our Risen Lord the offices of prophet, priest and king?

ARTICLE VIII.—OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. What work does the Holy Spirit perform on behalf of mankind generally?
2. How does the Holy Spirit operate in the hearts of men, in order to their full appropriation of the Divine Salvation?
3. Note certain of the signs of the indwelling of the Spirit in the Church and in every believer.

ARTICLE IX.—OF REGENERATION

1. Explain
 - (a) Its necessity.
 - (b) Its origin and cause.
 - (c) Its ordinary means.

ARTICLE X.—OF FAITH AND REPENTANCE

1. What is Faith?
2. What is Repentance?

ARTICLE XI.—OF JUSTIFICATION AND SONSHIP

1. What is Justification? Note carefully
 - (a) Its nature.
 - (b) Its ground.
 - (c) The condition under which it becomes ours.
2. How do the sons of men enter upon the standing of sons of God?
3. Suggest some of the privileges of this sonship.

ARTICLE XII.—OF SANCTIFICATION

1. How do regenerate and forgiven men grow in the likeness of Christ?
2. What is the relation between holiness of life, and saving faith?
3. What is the ground of a believer's hope of continuance in the Christian life?

ARTICLE XIII.—OF PRAYER

1. What is our confidence as we approach God in prayer?
2. What are the proper parts of prayer?
3. Does God answer every prayer offered to Him in faith? Are there any cases of unanswered prayer? Discuss this.

ARTICLE XIV.—OF THE LAW OF GOD

1. How is the moral law related to faith in Christ, and to the blessed experiences which flow from faith?

2. Note certain Scriptural summaries of the law of God.
3. What issues in the history of mankind are to be expected from the fulfilment of the will of God?

ARTICLE XV.—OF THE CHURCH

1. What is meant in Scriptures by "the body of Christ"?
2. Who are the members of this body, and how are they related to their Head, and to one another?
3. Of whom does the Church of Christ visible on earth consist?
4. What purpose is the Church visible intended to serve?
5. Explain the phrase used in the Article: "Every particular Church throughout the world."
6. What are the notes, whereby a "particular Church" is known to be a genuine part of the universal Christian brotherhood?

ARTICLE XVI.—OF THE SACRAMENTS

1. What purposes do the two Sacraments instituted by Christ serve in the experience of the Christian fellowship, and of individual believers?
2. Why is the threefold name of God employed in administering the Sacrament of Baptism?
3. What is the special value of Baptism in the experience of believers?
4. Why does The United Church continue the practice of infant baptism?
5. What ought to follow upon infant baptism in the home and in the Church?
6. What is the special value of the Lord's Supper as celebrated within the Christian fellowship?
7. What is the condition to be fulfilled by participants in order that they may receive the blessing of the ordinance?
8. In what sense is the body and blood of Christ received in the ordinance?

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9. In guarding the sanctity of the Lord's Table, what moral and spiritual qualities should the Church expect and require of candidates for admission to full Communion?

ARTICLE XVII.—OF THE MINISTRY

1. Are "ministers" within the Church indispensable to its life and work?
2. What does ordination confer upon the minister as he enters upon his vocation?

ARTICLE XVIII.—OF CHURCH ORDER AND FELLOWSHIP

1. To whom does the Church owe absolute loyalty as its supreme and only Head?
2. Consider in this connection the relation which ought to exist between the Church and the State?
3. What offices has the Church to discharge, according to the will of its King and Lord?
4. What is the primary duty of members of the Christian fellowship towards one another?
5. What is meant by "schism" in Scripture and in Church History?

ARTICLE XIX.—OF THE RESURRECTION, THE LAST JUDGMENT AND THE FUTURE LIFE

1. What has a believer to expect in the unknown future that awaits him in time and in eternity?

ARTICLE XX.—OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE FINAL TRIUMPH

1. Name the leading departments of Service which the Church and her members must pursue in loyalty to Christ our King and Lord.
2. How may we expect the final victory of Christ's cause and Kingdom to be effected?