

Answer Key for Students

What Is a Biblical Christian? Course WBC

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You have been encouraged to use your own words while formulating answers from the reading text. It is OK when you occasionally quote directly from the text; but you should not be doing so often. We are looking for your own thoughts and words in order to demonstrate your understanding of what you have read. In this answer key, we have often quoted from the text directly. This has been done in order to have an accurate standard of comparison for your answers in your own words. Therefore, your answers are acceptable whenever they are a reasonable representation of the general gist of the text; we do not require or want an exact match with our answers provided herein.

There are many questions that ask for a personal response. We suggest you review these with your pastor or other mature, Bible-believing Christian that you know. Answers or words not from the reading text are set in brackets.

Lesson One: Our Problem

1. A false conclusion at this point is tragic [because you may think you are going to heaven, and in fact are going to hell!]
2. a. ...Christianity is essentially and fundamentally a sinner's religion.
b. [By "sinner's religion" the author means a religion that is designed to save people from the just penalty of their sins.]
 "...thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Mat 1:21).
 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1Ti 1:15).
 "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luk 5:31-32).
3. ...the doctrine of human guilt because of sin.
 "by one man sin entered into the world...and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom 5:12).
4. a. We all sinned in Adam.
b. He was appointed by God to represent all of the human race. When he sinned, we sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression...we too were charged with guilt.
5. a. ...[through] our own personal transgressions...and every single sin incurs additional guilt.
b. Almighty God measures the totality of our human experience by a standard that is absolutely inflexible. This standard touches...our external deeds [and] also our thoughts and the very motions of our hearts.
6. a. ...a detailed record [of our sins and works]...which will be opened in the Day of Judgment (Rev 20:12).
b. ...every thought, every motive, every intention, every deed, and every dimension of human experience that is contrary to the standard of God's holy Law, either failing to measure up to its standard or transgressing it.
7. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
8. ...what we are...defiled and polluted in [our] nature.
9. a. Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"
b. Mark 7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders."
c. Romans 8:7 "...the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."
10. - as a clenched fist raised against the living God.
- a heart that loves sin,
- a heart that is the fountain of sin,
- a heart that is enmity against God.
11. Personal answer
12. [Because Christ said he only deals with those who know themselves to be sinners.]
 "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mat 9:13).

Lesson Two: God's Solution

1. a. ...where you patch yourself up with the aid of God.
b. ...all of our true help comes down from above and meets us where we are. We cannot pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps; God in mercy breaks in upon the human situation and does something that we could never do for ourselves.
2. ...the divine remedy for human sin...is not in a set of ideas, as though it were just another philosophy, nor is it found in an institution; but it is bound up in a Person.
3. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (Joh 3:16)
 "...thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Mat 1:21).
 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Joh 14:6).

4. ...the eternal Word Who became man, uniting a true human nature to his divine nature...both God and man, the two natures joined in the one Person forever.
5. The sinner in all his need, united to the Savior in all the fullness of His grace; the sinner in his naked need, and the Savior in His almighty power, brought directly together in the gospel.
6. a. John 1:29 [Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, a sacrifice for His people—a reference to the Old Testament Passover, where the lamb was sacrificed to deliver the Hebrew people (Exo 12:5, 13).]
- b. Matthew 20:28 [Jesus] “came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
- c. 1 Corinthians 1:18 “the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
- d. 1 Corinthians 2:2 “For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”
7. The cross was the place where God, by imputation,¹ heaped the sins of His people upon His Son. On that cross there was substitutionary curse-bearing. [Christ redeemed us by taking our curse onto Himself] (Gal 3:13). “...he [Father] hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2Co 5:21).
8. At the cross, God, having imputed the sins of His people to Christ, pronounces judgment upon His Son as the representative of His people. [In order to remain holy, sin had to be punished. The only way not to punish guilty sinners for their sins, was to lay then upon a worthy Substitute.]
9. ...[God] plunged His Son into the outer darkness of the hell that your sins and my sins deserve...He is causing Jesus to feel in the depths of His own soul all of the fury of the wrath that should be vented upon us.
10. [We respond with conviction that we deserve God’s wrath.]
11. [All would be lost forever.]
12. a. Isaiah 55:1 [Salvation is free.] “without money and without price.”
- b. John 6:37 [When we come to Christ without anything to offer Him, He accepts us completely.]
- c. Matthew 11:28 [God’s offer of the gospel is an unfettered offer of mercy.]
13. The divine terms are two: repent and believe.
14. a. Mark 1:14-15 [Repent and believe were the way that Jesus preached the gospel.]
- b. Luke 24:47 [To preach repent and believe is Christ’s command to us.]
- c. Acts 20:21 [Repent and believe is Paul’s gospel message too.]

Lesson Three: Complying with God’s Terms

1. “Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension² of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.” [*Note: you should have put this in your own words, like all answers.*]
2. He came to his senses in the far country. When he recognized his sin, he realized he had sinned against heaven and against his father. Then “he arose, and came to his father” (vs. 20). He left those companions who were his friends in sin; he abhorred everything that belonged to that life-style and turned his back on it.
3. [Nothing! Because these things do not necessarily evidence repentance and faith.]
4. The Father meets me in reconciling love and mercy; He smothers repenting sinners in forgiving and redemptive love.
5. a. To be in the arms of harlots, wedded to the world, love the world’s ways. In impure personal life or relationship to your parents, or social life where you take so lightly the sanctity of the body. In fornication, moral impurity, looking at the kind of stuff on television and in the movies that feeds your lust.
- b. Repentance is being sorry enough to quit your sin. You will not know God while you are still wedded to your sins.
6. Faith is the casting of the soul upon Christ as He is offered in the gospel. [To come to God, we must receive Christ and trust in Him] (Joh 1:12).
7. In my soul-thirst I “drink” of Christ, look to Christ, follow Christ, and flee to Christ...In the nakedness of my need *I cast myself upon the Savior, trusting Him* to be to me all that He has promised to be to needy sinners. Faith brings nothing to Christ but an empty hand, by which it takes Christ and all that is in Him.
8. [Christ’s] perfect obedience is put to my account. His death is counted as mine. The gift of the Spirit...adoption,³ sanctification,⁴ and ultimately glorification are all in Him; and faith, by taking Christ, receives all that is in Him. You are “in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1Co 1:30).

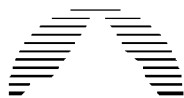
¹ **imputation** – being charged to one’s account.

² **apprehension** – laying hold.

³ **adoption** – Adoption is an act of God’s free grace whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.—*Spurgeon’s Catechism*, Q. 33, available from CHAPEL LIBRARY. Benjamin Keach (1640-1704) had adapted the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* as a Baptist catechism, and Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) further adapted it for use in his own congregation.

⁴ **sanctification** – Sanctification is the work of God’s Spirit whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die to sin, and live to righteousness.—*Spurgeon’s Catechism*, Q. 34. See Free Grace Broadcaster 215, *Sanctification*, available from CHAPEL LIBRARY.

9. [Repentance and faith are] as the hinge on which the door of salvation turns. The hinge has two plates, one that is screwed to the door and the other that is screwed to the jamb. They are held together by a pin, and on that hinge the door turns. Christ is that door, but none enters through Him who does not repent and believe.
10. a. Repentance that is not joined to faith is a legalistic repentance...
b. [Because without faith, then repentance] terminates on yourself and on your sin.
11. a. Professed faith that is not joined to repentance is a spurious faith...
b. ...for true faith is faith in Christ to save me, not in, but from my sin.
12. a. Acts 26:20 [Repentance leads to obedience (doing good works).]
b. Ephesians 2:8-10 [same as above]
13. [Faith implants God's love in the soul; and where there is love to Christ, there will be obedience to Christ...A trust that does not produce love and obedience is not true saving faith.
14. [True faith works by motivating you to do what is right; you are not ashamed of Christ, but joy to stand for Him and His righteousness (Mar 8:38).]
15. a. Personal answer
b. Personal answer
c. Personal answer
16. a. Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith...Lord...shall enter into...heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father."
b. Hebrews 5:9 "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."
c. 1 John 2:4 "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."
17. a. *Personal answer*
b. *Personal answer*
c. *Personal answer*
d. *Personal answer*
e. *Personal answer*
18. a. *Personal answer*
b. *Personal answer*



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