

## BIBLIOLOGY

### 1) CLEARLY DEFINE THESE TERMS USING APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE (where relevant):

**General Revelation:** God's disclosure of Himself to ALL men; it is NOT sufficient to save anyone.

*[Psalm 19:1](#) - "The heavens declare the glory of God."*

*[Romans 1 :20](#) - "since creation His invisible attributes are clearly seen"*

**Special Revelation:** God's disclosure of Himself or His will to specific individuals, through miracles, dreams, visions, prophecy, the Incarnation, and the Scriptures.

*[John 1:14](#) - "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . ."*

**Progressive revelation** helps one to understand that the whole counsel of God is rarely revealed in any one text. God gradually made known more of Himself and His plan over periods of time. Therefore, any given text must be understood in light of the whole Bible (its biblical context).

**Inspiration:** Literally "God-breathed"; Scripture is the breathed-out Word of God.

*[II Tim. 3:16](#) - "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ."*

**Verbal Plenary Inspiration:** All of the words (**verbal**) of Scripture are equally (**plenary**) God-breathed in the original autographs.

**Neo-orthodox** - errant view that the Bible **becomes inspired** (and therefore God's revelation to man) **when it is experienced**.

**Inerrancy:** The God-breathed autographs had no errors or mistakes. Scripture is without error.

*[John 17:17](#) - "Thy word is truth"*

*[Heb. 6:18](#) - ". . . it is impossible for God to lie"*

**Limited Inerrancy:** Scripture is without error in matters of faith, but **NOT necessarily in matters of origins, history, or science**.

**Infallibility:** God's promises will not fail.

*[Titus 1:2](#) - "God , who cannot lie . . ."*

*[John 17:17](#) - "Thy word is truth"*

**Autographs:** The **original manuscripts** which came from the pens of the authors of Scripture.

**Canonicity:** The process of determining whether the individual books of the Bible are God-breathed and accepted as Scripture, God's Word.

### 2) EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR GOD TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO MANKIND.

Man *only* has the ability to know general truths of God's existence and power through creation.

3) **DISCUSS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE HUMAN AUTHORS OF SCRIPTURE AS THEY WERE WRITING.**

The Holy Spirit superintended ("carried the writers along") as they wrote to ensure that NO ERROR entered into what they were writing.

The Holy Spirit did NOT dictate the words of Scripture to the human writers. He used the personalities, styles of writing, and terminology of each individual author as He "carried them along."

*II Peter 1:21 - ". . . holy men of God spoke as they were moved (or carried along) by the Holy Spirit."*

*II Timothy 3:16 - "All Scripture is given by inspiration (meaning God-breathed) of God."*

4) **USING SCRIPTURE FOR EVIDENCE, DISCUSS WHAT THE HUMAN AUTHORS UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE NATURE OF THEIR WRITINGS:**

They understood that the Spirit was speaking to or through them as they wrote.

*II Samuel 23:1-2 - "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by Me, and His word was on my tongue."*

*Ezekiel 2:2 - "Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me and I heard Him who spoke to me."*

*Eph. 3:2-6 - "as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets."*

*Rev. 2:7 - ". . . let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

*I Cor. 7:12, 40 - "But to the rest I, not the Lord say . . ."*

5) **DEFEND THE DOCTRINE OF THE VERBAL PLENARY INSPIRATION BY USING APPROPRIATE PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE THAT TEACH THIS DOCTRINE. HOW WOULD YOU DEFEND BELIEF IN THIS DOCTRINE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH APPARENT ERRORS OR CONTRADICTIONS?**

Scripture had its origin in the mind of God

**Verbal Plenary Inspiration:** All of the words (**verbal**) of Scripture are equally (**plenary**) God-breathed in the original autographs.

Scripture is NOT the product of man's mind.

*II Peter 1:21 - ". . . no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation . . . for prophecy never came by the will of man . . ."*

No "error" in the Bible is actually an error; all supposed "errors" can be explained logically AND accurately.

6) **DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE NEO-ORTHODOX AND BIBLICAL VIEWS OF INSPIRATION:**

**Neo-orthodox** - the Bible becomes inspired (and therefore God's revelation to man) when it is experienced-- the Bible was written in the mythological language of its day -- the Bible is NOT inerrant even in the autographs.

**Biblical** - the Bible **IS**, in and of itself, God's written Word.

7) **DEFEND FROM SCRIPTURE THE DOCTRINES OF INERRANCY AND INFALLIBILITY OF THE SCRIPTURE. EXPLAIN THE VALUE OF THIS DOCTRINE SINCE THERE ARE VARIATIONS IN THE EXISTENT GREEK MANUSCRIPTS AND SINCE WE DO NOT POSSESS THE AUTOGRAPHS.**

*II Tim. 3:16 - Scripture is breathed-out from God.*

*The character of God assures the inerrancy (contains no errors) and infallibility (incapable of error) of His Word.*

*II Peter 1:20-21 - The Holy Spirit "superintended" the writing of Scripture. The Holy Spirit's oversight of the writing of Scripture assured that no error entered into the writing of Scripture.*

- The textual variants are NOT in the areas of doctrine or theology, but are primarily word order and spelling issues. There are some word choice differences in the various texts however, no biblical doctrine is at risk because of these textual variants.
- Many of the KJV-only position wrongly believe that doctrine has been compromised, and some assume the inspiration of the KJV.

**8) DEFEND THE AUTHORITY OF OUR ENGLISH BIBLE IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION RELATES TO THE AUTOGRAPHS ONLY.**

The manuscripts of Scripture are the most attested of any piece of literature in the history of the world. In the Greek manuscripts, over 5,000 and counting are in existence. The Masoretic text (Hebrew) has been shown to be accurate by the Dead Sea Scrolls. Our translations, therefore, are authoritative to the extent that they accurately represent the manuscripts in existence.

**9) EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TRANSLATION AND A PARAPHRASE AND THE VALUE OF EACH.**

A **translation** seeks to transfer the words, idioms, or meanings of the original languages into equivalent words, idioms, or meanings of another language. Without knowledge of the original languages, translations are valuable as the prime source of study.

A **paraphrase** seeks to simplify an existing (in our case English) translation into a more readable or understandable form. Paraphrases are valuable as commentaries representing one editor's (or committee's) perception of the text. They serve different purposes than translations.

**10) EXPLAIN WHICH TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE YOU WOULD USE AND ENDORSE. DISCUSS THE ISSUES IN THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER THE KING JAMES VERSION AND THE TEXTUS RECEPTUS.**

The leadership of Shenandoah uses a variety of translations. One reason for this is that translations are published for a variety of purposes. Some of the reasons are the beauty of the language, readability, preservation of word choice and order from the original (which makes for a wooden translation), use of modern vocabulary and idiom, the way it presents biblical poetry or narrative, Hebrew or Greek scholarship, and some translations reflect more recent textual discoveries. The NKJV is used in teaching for consistency.

**THEOLOGY PROPER**

**1) CLEARLY DEFINE THE FOLLOWING TERMS USED TO DEFINE GOD:**

**Omnipotence** - God has unlimited power to do anything that is in harmony with His character.

*Jer. 32:17 - "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth . . . There is nothing too hard (difficult) for You."*

*Luke 1:37 - "For with God nothing will be impossible."*

**Omniscience** - God knows everything perfectly.

*[Psalm 139:1-6](#) - "O Lord, You have searched me and known me  
[Heb. 4:13](#) - "but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him  
to whom we must give account."*

**Omnipresence** - God is present everywhere at all times.

*[Psalm 139:7-12](#) - "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?"  
[Jer. 23:23-24](#) - "Do not I fill heaven and earth? says the Lord."*

**Immutability** - God is unchanging in His character and nature.

*[James 1:17](#) - ". . . Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."  
[Malachi 3:6](#) - "For I am the Lord, I do not change."*

**Self-existence** - God has no origin(s); God's existence is NOT dependent on anything outside of Himself.

*[Ex . 3:13-14](#) - "I AM that (who) I AM."  
[John 5:26](#) - ". . . the Father has life in Himself. "*

**Holiness** - God is absolutely separated from sin; He is set apart from His creation (although He is working in and through His creation).

*[Isaiah 6:3](#) - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord is the Lord of hosts."  
[Leviticus 11:44](#) and [1 Peter 1:16](#) - ". . . be holy; for I am holy."*

**Self-sufficiency** - God is in no way dependent upon anything or anyone outside of Himself.

*[John 5:26](#) - ". . . the Father has life in Himself ."  
[Acts 17:24-29](#) - ". . . since He gives to all life, breath, and all things."*

**Infinity** - God is free from any and all limitations.

*[Acts 17:24](#) - ". . . does not dwell in temples made with hands."  
[Job 11:7](#) - ". . . Can you find the limits of the Almighty?"*

**Sovereignty** - God is the highest and final ruler over all creation, and is free to do whatever He pleases with that creation.

*[Daniel 4:35](#) - ". . . He does whatever He pleases with the army of heaven and with the people of the earth."  
[Eph. 1:11](#) - ". . . who works all things after the counsel of His own will."*

**Grace** - God shows favor to and makes provision for those who do not merit it.

*[Eph. 2:8-10](#) - "For by grace are you saved . . . it is the gift of God."  
[Eph. 1:7](#) - "In whom we have redemption . . . the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace."*

**Mercy** - God withholds judgment from those who deserve it and extends compassion to those in distress.

*[Eph. 2:4](#) - "But God, who is rich in mercy . . ."  
[Heb. 4:16](#) - "Come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*

## 2) DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE COMMUNICABLE AND INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

**Communicable attributes** are those which man, as made in the image of God, can, in some part, reflect (i.e., Holiness, Grace, Mercy, Justice, Truth).

**Incommunicable attributes** are those which man CANNOT reflect (i.e.-Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, Self-existence, Self-sufficiency, Eternality, Infinity).

## 3) DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PANTHEISM AND OMNIPRESENCE:

**Pantheism** - the belief that god is everything, and everything is god.

**Omnipresence** - God is everywhere present at all times, but He is separate from His creation (Transcendent).

4) **CLEARLY DEFINE THE FOLLOWING TERMS USED TO REPRESENT VARIOUS VIEWS OF MEN ON THE QUESTION OF THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:**

**Atheism** - the belief that there is NO God.

**Agnosticism** - the belief that the existence of God cannot be proven or known.

**Pantheism** - the belief that god is everything, and everything is god.

**Polytheism** - the belief that there are MANY gods.

**Dualism** - the belief that the principles of good and evil are co-equal and co-eternal.

**Deism** - the belief that God created the world but left it to run on its own.

**Theism** - the belief in the existence of God.

5) **NAME AND BRIEFLY EXPLAIN FOUR RATIONAL ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.**

**Anthropological Argument** - since man (is personal) possesses intellect, emotions, and will, his Creator must be personal and intelligent as well.

**Ontological Argument** - since man can conceive of God, (or have an innate knowledge of a higher being) therefore He must exist.

**Cosmological Argument** - since all finite things (**effects**) must have an adequate cause, God must be that **UNCAUSED CAUSE!**

**Teleological Argument** - since there is purpose, order, and design in every created thing, there must be a purposeful, intelligent designer/creator.

-- **These arguments are helpful in presuppositional discussions with the unsaved ...**

-- They DO NOT conclusively prove God's existence and even if they did .. they CANNOT bring one into a right relationship with God.

6) **DEFEND FROM SCRIPTURE THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY.**

**HOW DO THE OLD AND NEW TESTMENTS DIFFER IN THEIR REFERENCES TO THIS DOCTRINE?**

**Trinity** - this one God exists as THREE distinct co-equal, co-eternal, persons with ONE essence (essential nature or substance) and purpose. He (God, not they) is neither three gods, nor three parts, modes, or manifestations.

*[Gen. 1:26](#) - "Let us make man in our image"*

*[Gen. 3:22](#) - ". . . The man has now become like one of us . . ."*

*[Deut. 6:4](#) - "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."*

*[Psalm 45:6-8](#) - ". . . Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You . . ."*

*[Psalm 110:1](#) - "The Lord says to my Lord, sit at my right hand . . ."*

*[Psalm 104:30](#) - "You send forth Your Spirit, they are created."*

*[John 14:16](#) - "He will give you another (of the same kind of) comforter . . . the Spirit of truth . . ."*

*[Matt. 3:16-17](#) - At Christ's baptism, all persons of the Trinity are present.*

*[Matt. 28:19-20](#) - ". . . in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

*[Eph. 1:3-14](#) - In salvation, all three Persons of the Trinity work.*

-- **In the O.T.**, the Trinity is NOT taught explicitly in Scripture, but plurality in the Godhead is clearly indicated.

-- **In the N.T.**, the Father is called God (I Peter 1:2), the Son is called God (I John 5:20) and, the Holy Spirit is called God (Acts 5:3-4) and equated with God (John 14:16).

## ANGELOLOGY

1. **GIVE EVIDENCE THAT ANGELS ARE PERSONS.**
  - a. Intellect - 1 Peter 1:12
  - b. Emotion - Luke 15:10
  - c. Will - 2 Peter 2:4 (they could choose to sin)
2. **DEMONSTRATE THAT ANGELS ARE SPIRIT BEINGS.**
  - a. Angels are called “ministering spirits” - Hebrews 1:14
  - b. Angels “do not marry” - Matthew 22:30
3. **EXPLAIN THE ORIGIN OF ANGELS.**
  - a. “He created all things ... visible and invisible” - Colossians 1:16
  - b. “He commanded and they [angels] were created” - Psalm 148:2-5
  - c. Time of their creation - Job 38:7
4. **EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF TERM “ANGEL”.**
  - a. Hebrew word *malach* means “messenger” (men, spirits, Christ)
  - b. Greek word *angelos* means “messenger (men, spirits)”  
... so, “angel” describes a function/job not one specific type of being.
5. **LIST AND EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRIT BEINGS.**

a. Archangel	Jude 9	Michael the archangel
b. Cherubim	Genesis 3:24	function - guarding holy places
c. Seraphim	Isaiah 6:2	means “burning ones”
6. **LIST AND EXPLAIN THE ACTIVITIES OF ANGELS.**
  - a. Guard Over Humans - Psalm 91:11-13
  - b. Worship God - Hebrews 1:6
  - c. Rejoice Over Repentance - Luke 15:10
7. **DESCRIBE THE DESTINY OF ANGELS.**
  - a. Christ did not die for angels - Hebrews 2:16
  - b. Elect Angels - 1 Timothy 5:21
  - c. Devil’s Angels to Lake of Fire - Matthew 25:41
8. **EXPLAIN THE TERM “THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.”**
  - a. Appearance to Joshua - Joshua 5:13-15
  - b. Appearance to Samson’s Parents - Judges 13
  - c. Messenger of Covenant - Malachi 3:1  
... Pre-incarnate appearance of Christ = “Christophany”

## DEMONOLOGY

1. **GIVE EVIDENCE THAT DEMONS ARE PERSONS.**

a. Intellect	1 Timothy 4:1-3	Doctrines of Demons
b. Emotion	James 2:19	they tremble
c. Will	Luke 8:32	ask Jesus to send them into swine
2. **EXPLAIN THE TERMS FOR DEMONS.**

a. Unclean Spirits	Luke 4:33	“a spirit of an unclean devil”
b. Demon	Luke 8:30	huge numbers called “legion”
3. **DEMONSTRATE THAT DEMONS ARE RULED BY SATAN.**
  - a. Beelzebub/Satan Ruler of Demons - Matthew 12:24
  - b. “the Devil and his angels” - Matthew 25:41  
... demons are fallen angels: likely, but not proven.

4. **EXPLAIN THE TERMS USED FOR DEMON ACTIVITY.**
  - a. “have a demon” (most frequent 16x)
  - b. “demonize” (most non-specific 13x)
  - c. “enter/cast out” (place of activity within a person 7x)
5. **DESCRIBE THE DESTINY OF DEMONS.**
  - a. Some fallen angels are now bound - 2 Peter 2:4
  - b. Ultimate destiny = Lake of Fire - Matthew 25:41

## SATANOLOGY

1. **GIVE EVIDENCE THAT SATAN IS A PERSON.**
  - a. Intellect - 2 Corinthians 2:11
  - b. Emotion - Revelation 12:17
  - c. Will - 2 Timothy 2:26
2. **LIST THE NAMES OF SATAN WITH SCRIPTURE REFERENCES.**
  - a. Devil (slanderer) - Luke 4:2
  - b. Satan (adversary) Job
  - c. Serpent - Revelation 12:9
  - d. Great Dragon - Revelation 12:9
  - e. Evil One - John 17:15
  - f. Abaddon/Appollyn (destroyer) - Revelation 9:11
  - g. Tempter - Matthew 4:3
  - h. Accuser - Revelation 12:10
  - i. Deceiver - Revelation 12:9
  - j. Prince of this World - John 12:31
3. **GIVE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE FALL OF SATAN.**
  - a. Pride (give NT reference) - 1 Timothy 3:6
  - b. Satan is Lucifer? - Isaiah 14
4. **EXPLAIN THE ACTIVITIES OF SATAN.**
  - a. Blinds the mind of unbelievers - 2 Corinthians 4:4
  - b. Tempts believers - 1 Thessalonians 3:5
  - c. “Prince of the Power of the Air” - Ephesians 2:2
  - d. Accuses believers - Revelation 12:10
5. **DESCRIBE THE DESTINY OF SATAN?**
  - a. Bound in Pit during Millennium - Revelation 20:1-3
  - b. Cast into Lake of Fire - Revelation 20:7-10

## ANTHROPOLOGY

- 1) **CLEARLY DEFINE THE FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH DEAL WITH THE NATURE OF MAN AND THE ORIGIN/TRANSMISSION OF THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN. IN WHICH OF THESE DO YOU BELIEVE?**

**Traducianism** - the body as well as the soul/spirit is the result of normal human procreation. (The immaterial part of man is transmitted with body through procreation.)

[Gen. 2:7](#) - "and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

[Gen. 5:2](#) - "And Adam . . . begot a son in his own likeness, after his image."

**The in-breathing of life was done ONLY ONCE!**

**Creationism** - God creates the immaterial part of each person at EITHER conception or birth. The parents procreate the body.

[Isaiah 57:16](#) - "and the souls which I have made."

[Eccl. 12:7](#) - "and the spirit will return to God who gave it."

*TRADUCIANISM seems to be the better view because of the above Scriptural support AND because ...*

[Ex. 20:11](#) - God created in six literal days. We have no proof that He has created since.

[Acts 17:26](#) - All human life goes back to Adam and Eve.

**Trichotomy** - man is composed of three separate parts, BODY, SOUL, and SPIRIT, which are viewed as distinct from each other.

[1 Thess. 5:23](#) - "and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless."

[Heb. 4:12](#) - "the Word of God is living and active, dividing even to the soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart."

**Dichotomy** - man is composed of two separate parts, the material part (BODY) and the immaterial part (SOUL/ SPIRIT).

[Gen. 2:7](#) - two words body + breath (two parts) = a living soul.

**Holism** - man is an interdependent unit and should be viewed as a whole person.

[Gen. 2:7](#) - "and man became a living being."

[Matt. 22:37](#) - You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

## 2) DISCUSS THE ATHEISTIC AND THEISTIC EVOLUTIONARY VIEWS OF MAN'S ORIGIN.

**Atheistic Evolution** - through the process of natural selection and mutations, man evolved over millions of years from protoplasm to what he is now -- Seeks to explain man's origin **WITHOUT the INVOLVEMENT of God.**

**Theistic Evolution** - through the day-age theory (the days of Gen. 1 are long periods of time), God began the process of evolution to bring about man's existence.

**Creationism** - God created everything EX NIHILO (out of nothing) in six literal days (24-hour periods) and rested on the seventh day. The Hebrew term "yom" or day may mean age or indefinite period of time but when used with numerals and evening and morning it is clearly a 24-hour period of time.

[Gen. 1](#) - "Then God said, Let there be . . . and there was . . . So the evening and the morning were the first day."

[Ex. 20: 8-11](#) - "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day."

## 3) EXPLAIN WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND BY THE BIBLICAL TEACHING THAT MAN WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND DISCUSS HOW THE FALL OF MAN HAS AFFECTED THIS TRUTH.



**The Image of God in Man** - is the sum total of all the characteristics/attributes in man that reflect the characteristics, attributes, and life of God. The image includes, but is not limited to attributes of personality- intellect, emotions, and will. The Fall has affected the image of God in man in that man cannot completely nor accurately reflect that image. Gen. 1:26-27 - Gen. 9:6

#### 4) USING APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURES, DISCUSS HOW YOU WOULD HANDLE THE CONTEMPORARY ISSUE OF ABORTION.

- GOD IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH MANKIND, BOTH BEFORE, AND AS WE ARE BEING FORMED IN THE WOMB.

Psalm 139:13-16 - “. . . You covered [wove; formed] me in my mother's womb . . . Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, the days fashioned for me, **when AS YET THERE WERE NONE OF THEM.**”

- GOD KNEW JEREMIAH INIMATLEY BEFORE BIRTH.

Jer. 1:5 - “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.*”

- THE ABOVE VERSES ESTABLISH THAT A CHILD IN THE WOMB IS A LIFE. THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHES THAT THE PUNISHMENT FOR TAKING A LIFE IS THE FORFIETTING OF YOUR OWN LIFE.

Ex. 21:22-25 - “*If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely he shall surely be punished accordingly . . . but if there is further injury then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life.*”

### HARMARTIOLOGY

#### 1) DEFINE AND DISCUSS THESE TERMS:

**Sin** - any personal lack of conformity to the character and desire of God.

- it is MORE than a mere action or reaction; it is within man's constitution and therefore renders man completely in rebellion against ALL that God is and wants man to be.
- it is more than what we do but what we are (even after justification) that is in rebellion to God.

**Sin Nature** - principle within man characterized by complete opposition to God. that innate tendency of every person to do evil.

**Original Sin** - the inherited guilt, depravity, and corruption of human nature which is possessed by ALL humans.

**Imputation of Sin** - the judicial reckoning of Adam's sin to the account of every human in the eyes of God. **IMPUTED SIN is ORIGINAL SIN!**

**Human Nature** - not in and of itself sinful, the attributes that make man, man!

**New Nature** - principle within **REGENERATED** man which allows him to choose obedience rather than sin.

Rom. 6:2,7 - “*How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer in it . . . for he who has died has been freed from sin.*”

Eph. 4:20-24 - “. . . put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man . . . put on the new man which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness.”

**Divine Nature** - the nature of God. All of the attributes that make God, God!

Rom. 1:20 - “. . . even His eternal power and Godhead (**divine nature**), so that they are without excuse.”

#### 2) HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY A HOLY GOD WOULD PERMIT SIN?

The Bible does NOT say why God permitted sin. -- I trust the wisdom and Omniscience of a Holy and Righteous God to always do what is right.

3) **USING APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURE EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT IS MEANT BY TOTAL DEPRAVITY, (note the distinction between depravity and inability).**

**Total Depravity** - Every aspect of man's being is affected by the fall.

*Eph. 2:1-3 - ". . . who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world . . . among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh."*

*Rom. 3:10-18 - "There is none righteous, no not one . . . There is none who seeks after God . . . There is none who does good, no not one . . ."*

4) **DISCUSS THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON THE ORIGIN OF SIN IN THE UNIVERSE AND UPON THE EARTH.**

There is no mention in Scripture as to when sin began. We do know that the devil sinned.

*1 John 3:8 - "for the devil has sinned from the beginning."*

**What we DO NOT know is exactly when the devil sinned!** (It was sometime between Gen. 1:31 and Gen. 3). Sin entered humanity at the Fall .

*Gen. 3 - ". . . She took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate . . . Then the eyes of both of them were opened."*

*Rom. 5:12 - ". . . just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin . . ."*

5) **EXPLAIN THE TRANSMISSION OF SIN IN MANKIND AND IN YOUR EXPLANATION DISCUSS THE TERMS SEMINAL HEADSHIP AND FEDERAL HEADSHIP.**

At issue here is what does it mean to be "in Adam" (I Cor.15:22), or what relationship does Adam and his sin have to the rest of the human race?

1. To be **legally and corporately identified with Adam** and his sin.
2. To be **constitutionally identified with Adam** (after the fall) in our nature.
3. To be **actually identified with Adam in our choices** to sin.

**Seminal Headship** - Adam gained a sin nature as a result of his fall and the sin nature was transmitted to ALL people through our ancestors/parents.

**MEDIATATE IMPUTATION** (from Adam indirectly to me)

*Heb. 7:9-10* - Levi paying tithes in Abraham. Man is present in germinal or seminal form in his ancestors; so in a very real sense we were present in Adam. Adam became a sinner by choice. We are sinners **by nature, and choose to sin** because we are sinners.

**Federal Headship** - By Sovereign appointment Adam was made the legal representative of the human race. Adam's sin was legally imputed to the account of all mankind as a result of the fall. This is then the basis of the imputation of Christ's righteousness (as the second or last Adam I Cor. 15:45) to the account of all who believe in him (Romans 5:12-21).

**IMMEDIATE IMPUTATION** - from Adam directly to me (2 views).

**THE COVENANT VIEW**

God made a COVENANT with Adam promising life for obedience and death for disobedience.

Therefore, Adam's sin brought guilt to the entire human race because in his sin the collective **will of the human race** was operative.

### **THE DISPENSATIONAL VIEW**

Adam was the legal representative of the human race, and Adam's sin, guilt and resultant death was charged to the account of every person.

Regardless of one's position on Adam's headship, it appears that both views of imputation (mediate and immediate) are taught in Scripture.

## **6) RESPOND TO A PERSON WHO QUESTIONED THE FAIRNESS OF GOD IN IMPUTING ADAM'S SIN TO MANKIND?**

**Imputation works TWO WAYS! Romans 5:12-21.**

Without the righteousness of Jesus Christ, no one will enter heaven.

The righteousness of Christ is imputed to me (charged to my account) and thereby I am justified in God's sight. So... Adam's sin is imputed to me but Christ's righteousness is also imputed to me when I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **7) PRESENT THE TEACHINGS OF PELAGIANISM, AND AUGUSTINIANISM.**

**Pelagianism** - Adam's sin only affected him; man is NOT a sinner by nature, but is born in the same moral state Adam was created in; man loses that state by personal acts of sin (NO TOTAL DEPRAVITY).

**Semi-Pelagianism** - man's nature was weakened but NOT bound by the sin of Adam; man can choose God apart from God's intervention (NO TOTAL DEPRAVITY).

**Augustinianism** - the sin of Adam TOTALLY bound and corrupted the total personality of all men conceived into the world.

## **8) DISCUSS THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL OF MAN IN GENESIS.**

**Shame** - [Gen. 3:7](#) - ". . . and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."

**Fear** - [Gen. 3:10](#) - ". . . and I was afraid because I was naked."

**Blame-shifting** - [Gen. 3:12-13](#) - "The woman whom You gave to be with me . . . The serpent deceived me."  
[Gen. 3:15](#) - "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**Pain and Sorrow** - [Gen. 3:16](#) - "I will greatly multiply your sorrow in pain you shall bring forth children."

**Role confusion** - the wife will desire to rule the husband, but the husband will rule the wife.  
[Gen. 3:16](#) - "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

**The Ground is Cursed** - [Gen. 3:17](#) - "Cursed is the ground for your sake . . ."

**Separation from God**- [Gen. 3:24](#) - "So He drove out the man."

**Death** - physical death, shall return to the dust.

## **9) DISCUSS THE MEANING OF DEATH IN THE BIBLE.**

**Physical Death** - death of the body; separation of the material from the immaterial.

**Spiritual Death** - separation from God [Eph. 2:1-3](#) - *who were dead in trespasses and sin*

**The Second Death** - consequence of the fall unless you are saved, it NOT only affected Adam .. it also affected his posterity. It is not having your name found in the Lamb's book of life, and to be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:6,14).

## 10) DISCUSS HOW A BELIEVER CAN OVERCOME SIN IN HIS/HER DAILY LIFE.

This list is not complete. What is it in believers that still is opposed to God? Is sanctification simply knowing the truth of scripture? Is repentance something that we are now able to do in and of ourselves? What differences are there between positional and progressive truths in the Scriptures about sanctification?

- Must recognize and apply to life the truth concerning old man/new man.  
*Rom. 6:4-7 - "knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."*
- Must realize the power that is his/hers through salvation.  
*2 Peter 1:3-7 - that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
- Must use the parts of his body as instruments of righteousness.  
*Rom. 6:11-14 - "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin."*
- Must repent of his sin and forsake it.  
*Psalm 51*
- Must have his/her mind renewed by the word of God.  
*Rom. 12:1-2 - ". . . present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God ... and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*
- Must sincerely trust that it was the grace of God that saved him/her and it is the grace of God that will help him/her when tempted.  
*Eph. 2:8-9 - "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*  
*1 Cor. 10:13 - "But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able . . . will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."*