“Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward.”
– Vernon Law, pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates

This exam is open book, open note, open mouth, open mind. Before you answer these questions, discuss them with those around you. Have fun. Debate, agree, disagree, and make a new friend.

A. Answer “true” or “false.” If possible, justify your answer in one or two sentences.

God

1. ___ Sigmund Freud was right that weak and immature people invent the idea of “God” to meet their psychological needs.

2. ___ God is male.

3. ___ Christians believe God is three-in-one as water, ice, and steam are three-in-one.

4. ___ At first there was no God the Son, only God the Father.

Creation

5. ___ Evidence that the universe has some kind of design or is the result of some kind of intelligence proves the existence of God.

6. ___ If human beings evolved from other species, then the Bible is wrong.

7. ___ If the earth revolves around the sun, then the Bible is wrong.

8. ___ It is human nature to be evil and sinful.

Sin and Grace

9. ___ People have the power to keep themselves from sinning.
10. ___ Because God respects human freedom, God waits until people ask for help to begin saving them.

11. ___ The future is predestined.

**Jesus Christ**

12. ___ Jesus always knew he was God.

13. ___ Jesus only lived, died, and rose again because the Law of Moses failed as a way to salvation.

14. ___ Jesus is concerned about people’s hearts and actions, not their theologies.

15. ___ Jesus’ divinity struggled with and finally triumphed over his humanity.

**Salvation**

16. ___ The world’s religious traditions all teach the same basic truth.

17. ___ Jesus paid for the sins of everyone, even those who are never saved.

18. ___ People today cannot be saved unless they hear and believe the good news of Jesus Christ before they die.

19. ___ Infants who die without having heard the good news of Jesus Christ might still be saved.

**Eternity**

20. ___ Hell describes the coming eternal destruction of unbelievers, not a place where they ‘live’ forever.

21. ___ After Jesus comes again, people will live in heaven and the earth will be depopulated.
Church

22. ___ There is really only one true Church.

23. ___ It matters whether Christians are baptized.

24. ___ The Roman Catholic Church teaches that people are made right before God only by God’s grace through faith.

25. ___ People who speak in tongues have a special relationship with God, in that the Holy Spirit lives within them.

26. ___ Mormons are Christians.

B. Answer as many of the following questions as you like in the time remaining.

27. What is the most important teaching of the Christian faith, and why?

28. Name a traditional teaching of the Christian faith (in history, or in your church) that you consider unimportant, and explain why.

29. Name a traditional teaching of the Christian faith (in history, or in your church) that you consider wrong, and explain why.

30. What is the most compelling reason for either your belief in God, or your disbelief in God?

31. If you had to describe Christianity in only two or three sentences to someone who was only somewhat familiar with it, what would you say?