

A list of Disagreements that Make the Perfectionists Notion of Being Able to Live Above Sin Not Even Possible.

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Robert,

I finally got the "disagreements" lists done. I revised the Old Testament list, now 100 items. I put together a NT list with 300 texts on it. And I compiled a list of 100 "issues" which do not directly overlap with the others. I am thinking about posting these to ML to show how totally ridiculous the demand for "perfect doctrinal unity" is.

Here's something to consider: Assume that for every one of the 400 texts I cited there are an average of 3 plausible explanations--that is, 3 explanations that might be held by someone who takes a "conservative" approach to exegesis and accepts the plenary inspiration of scripture. Actually, an average of 3 is probably, well, "conservative"; for many of these texts there would be many more than three. But assume 3 as an average. How many possible plausible positions are there on a total of 400 issues? The number is found by raising 3 (average number of positions on each text) to the 400th power (3^{400}). I asked my son the other day to use his fancy and expensive calculator to compute 3^{200} . The problem produced an overflow in the memory--the calculator could not do it. The closest he could get was about 3 to the 150th, which is something like 6×10^{95} . To put that number into perspective, astronomers estimate there are 7×10^{22} stars in the observable universe.

And of course, I didn't include all the differences I might have, just "major" ones. And I'm sure other people could have thought of others.

In other words, there is no way everyone is going to agree on every doctrinal issue.

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DOCTRINAL DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

1. Is the Genesis creation account intended to be "scientific"?
2. Must the "days" of Genesis 1 be understood as consecutive 24-hour days?
3. Are all miracles instantaneous?
4. Can an age for the earth and humanity be determined from scripture?
5. Did Adam's sin introduce death to all living things, or just to people?
6. Was the serpent in Eden a literal snake, or a way of representing Satan?
7. How many "persons" are there in the Deity?
8. What is the nature of the Son as "begotten" of the Father?
9. What does it mean that Abraham's faith was "counted to him for righteousness"?

10. Is there a component of the OT law which applies to Christians today?
11. Did Jesus change some parts of God's law during His life?
12. Is the "law of Christ" a legal system of justification, analogous to the LoM?
13. How do God's foreknowledge and election figure in individual salvation?
14. Did Christ's sacrifice make atonement for sin?
15. Are members of the church of Christ the only Christians?
16. Are members of churches of Christ which use instrumental music Christians?
17. Are baptized believers in "denominations" Christians?
18. If someone from an "unsound" church wishes to place membership, must he/she repent of membership in that other church?
19. Are there laws which God expects Christians to obey which must be discovered using CENI and related devices?
20. What part does "silence" play in determining the law of God?
21. Does God expect all churches to be organized and to do their work alike?
22. Is the church people, an institution, or something else?
23. May churches support institutions such as "homes," colleges and societies?
24. May churches be members of super-congregational associations?
25. May multiple congregations send money to a single congregation which oversees a cooperative work?
26. Are churches restricted to providing benevolent help to members only?
27. What kind of authority do elders have?
28. May a church have deacons without elders?
29. May a church have deaconesses?
30. How many children must a man have to be qualified to be an elder?
31. May a man who has remarried serve as an elder?
32. Is the church allowed to have a permanently located evangelist?
33. Must a church have a permanent generic treasury?
34. Are contributions to the church treasury allowed on Sunday only?
35. What are the differences between individual and congregational responsibility?
36. What is the NT "pattern" to which we are to conform ourselves?
37. Is the concept of a "worship service" found in the NT?
38. What arrangements are required to constitute a "worship service"?
39. Are there a set of designated activities which are the only activities allowed within a "worship service"?
40. May instrumental music be used in an assembly?
41. May instrumental music be used privately to learn songs for use in an assembly?
42. May songs written to be used in an assembly be recorded, and can Christians listen to those recordings?
43. What techniques of singing can be used in assemblies?
44. Can a "pitch pipe" or other instrument be used to give a pitch for singing?
45. May clapping, finger-snapping or shouting be used in assemblies?
46. May songs to Jesus be used in assemblies?
47. May songs to the Holy Spirit be used in assemblies?
48. May or should Christians pray to Jesus?
49. May or should Christians pray to the Holy Spirit?
50. Are women allowed to say "amen" in an audible fashion during assemblies?
51. May the congregation divide into Bible classes?
52. Are allowed actions for women during Bible classes different from assemblies?
53. Are women required to cover their heads during assemblies or other activities?
54. Must every prayer be ended "in Jesus' name"?
55. Must there be an invitation in every assembly?
56. Are the "rules" for singing and praying by a group of Christians in a "private" setting the same as for a group of Christians in an assembly?
57. Must the Lord's Supper be observed every Sunday, and only on Sunday?
58. What ingredients are allowed in the bread used for the LS?
59. Is fermented wine allowed to be used in the LS?
60. May the grape juice used in the LS be "vitamin-fortified"?

61. May the congregation take the LS using multiple drinking cups?
62. Is "pinch, sip and meditate" the only method allowed for taking the LS?
63. Is a "second serving" of the LS allowed?
64. May the church use in an assembly songs that were written by women?
65. May a church own a building for church activities?
66. May the church eat a meal within the church building?
67. If the church may not eat inside the building, may it eat on the "grounds"?
68. May a church-owned building be used for a school and/or other secular purposes?
69. May the church own recreational facilities and/or fund recreational activities?
70. May church buildings be used for weddings and/or funerals?
71. May the church as an identifiable group be involved in recreational activities (e.g., a "church softball team") not funded from the treasury?
72. May or must a distinction be made between social and spiritual activities?
73. May "mixed" social-spiritual activities (such as home Bible studies and devotionals) be announced during assemblies?
74. May the church pay women who do work for the church?
75. May women teach classes in which young Christian boys are members?
76. Should necessary decisions be made by the church as a whole or by the men only?
77. Are all women required to be in subjection to all men, and if not what subset of women is required to be in subjection to what subset of men?
78. What constitutes "immodest" clothing?
79. Is it acceptable to observe Christmas and Easter as secular holidays?
80. May Christians participate in occupations requiring use of deadly force?
81. May Christians vote and/or serve in any government position?
82. Can Christians participate in playing cards as recreation?
83. May a Christian drink alcoholic beverages in private?
84. May a Christian drink alcoholic beverages in a social setting?
85. Is fasting required or advantageous for Christians?
86. Must Christian parents spank their children?
87. What should colleges recognized as church-associated be allowed to teach?
88. Is Adam's statement about marriage meant to be taken as God's marriage law?
89. What does Deut. 24 tell us about which marriages God recognizes?
90. Is it displeasing to God for Christians to marry non-Christians?
91. What are the rules for marriage, divorce and remarriage today?
92. Are certain men allowed to assume a role as "watchmen" over the whole church?
93. In what manner does the Holy Spirit indwell Christians today?
94. Have miracles ceased?
95. What does it mean for the church to be the body of Christ?
96. Are Christians continuously cleansed of sin?
97. Must one confess and repent of each sin to be forgiven of it?
98. Must a Christian reach a state of perfect understanding of every point of doctrine to be saved, or of only certain points of doctrine, and how is it determined on which points no error is allowed?
99. Is Hell endless torture, the destruction of the soul, or something else?
100. What subjects are covered in Rom 14?

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS ON WHICH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE MIGHT DISAGREE

1. What was Joseph and Mary's relationship before Jesus was born (Mt 1)?
2. Did Joseph consider a "divorce" or just a dissolution of the marriage (Mt 1)?
3. Why did Joseph not consider having Mary punished for fornication (Mt 1)?
4. What did Jesus mean when He asked John to baptize Him "to fulfill righteousness" (Mt 3)?
5. Was Jesus' temptation intended to exemplify the types of temptation described in 1Jn 2, or did the temptations have other significance (Mt 3)?
6. Who are "the poor in spirit" (Mt 5)?

7. How do "the meek ... inherit the earth" (Mt 5)?
8. Does Jesus command the keeping of the Law of Moses in His kingdom (Mt 5)?
9. Did Jesus change the Law of God (Mt 5)?
10. What are the conditions for divorce and remarriage (Mt 5)?
11. Is it wrong to swear any kind of oath (Mt 5)?
12. Was Jesus' model prayer intended to restrict praying to the Father (Mt 6)?
13. What types of judgment does Jesus forbid (Mt 7)?
14. Does "the golden rule" apply today (Mt 7:12)?
15. How did Jesus' healing of the paralytic show His power to forgive sins (Mt 9)?
16. Why did John the Baptist question Jesus' identity from prison (Mt 11)?
17. What does Mt 11:12 mean?
18. Did Jesus' disciples break the Sabbath by picking grain (Mt 12)?
19. What does Jesus mean by calling Himself "lord of the Sabbath" (Mt 12)?
20. What does He mean that God desires "mercy and not sacrifice" (Mt 12)?
21. What was the significance of Jesus' healing on the Sabbath (Mt 12)?
22. What is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt 12)?
23. Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit an unforgivable sin (Mt 12)?
24. What was the nature of unclean spirits (Mt 12)?
25. Did Jesus use parables to obscure His meaning (Mt 13)?
26. What did the "binding and loosing" power given Peter include (Mt 16)?
27. What was the nature of Jesus' body during the transfiguration (Mt 17)?
28. To what situations does Jesus' instruction for dealing with sin apply (Mt 18)?
29. Did Jesus change the law of God concerning marriage and divorce (Mt 19)?
30. To whom does the "exception clause" in Jesus' teaching apply (Mt 19)?
31. Who are the "eunuchs" Jesus discusses (Mt 19)?
32. What does He mean by the "camel / eye of the needle" figure (Mt 19)?
33. What does He mean, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Mt 20)?
34. At what point in Jesus' ministry was the temple cleansing (Mt 21, Jn 2)?
35. Was a "kingdom of God" in existence during Jesus' life, and if so is it the same kingdom which is in existence today (Mt 21)?
36. In what sense did the Jews possess the kingdom of God at this time (Mt 21)?
37. What events does Jesus' foretell in Mt 24-25?
38. What was the point of Judas' betrayal of Jesus (Mt 26)?
39. Was the day of the week on which the Lord's Supper was instituted significant (Mt 26)?
40. How was Jesus in the grave for "three days and three nights" (Mt 28)?
41. What was the sequence of events surrounding the resurrection (Mt 28)?
42. What was the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit (Mk 1)?
43. Is fasting required of Christians (Mk 2)?
44. What does "the Sabbath is made for man, not man for the Sabbath" mean (Mk 2)?
45. Was the healing of the blind man (Mk 8) instantaneous, or in stages?
46. What does Mk 9:39-41 mean?
47. What does Mk 9:49 mean?
48. What creates the "adultery" in improper divorce and remarriage (Mk 10)?
49. What does it mean for faith to "move this mountain" (Mk 11)?
50. Is the greatest commandment under the LOM still the greatest commandment (Mk 12)?
51. Was the baby John the Baptist literally filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk 1)?
52. Why did Jesus forbid the unclean spirits to tell that He was the Christ (Lk 4)?
53. How is the least in the Kingdom greater than John (Lk 7)?
54. What did it mean that Jesus "came eating and drinking" (Lk 7)?
55. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus is "the son of man"?
56. What was wrong with Herod's marriage (Lk 9)?
57. Who were the seventy (Lk 10)?
58. What did "the kingdom of God has come near you" mean (Lk 10)?
59. Will God give the Holy Spirit individually to those who ask Him (Lk 11)?
60. What is the intent of Jesus' teaching on repentance (Lk 13)?

61. Does the parable of the rich man and Lazarus teach details of the state of the dead (Lk 16)?
62. What does it mean that people force their way into the kingdom (Lk 16:16)?
63. What does "the kingdom of God does not come with observation" mean (Lk 17)?
64. What is the parable of the persistent widow intended to teach (Lk 18)?
65. Why did the disciples not immediately recognize the risen Jesus (Lk 24)?
66. What was the relationship of the persons of the deity in the beginning (Jn 1)?
67. What does it mean, and what is the significance of the fact that, "the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth through Jesus" (Jn 1)?
68. Did Jesus change water into alcoholic wine (Jn 2)?
69. What did Jesus mean by, "my Father has been working until now, and I have been working" (Jn 5)?
70. What is worship "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4)?
71. How does one eat Jesus' flesh and drink His blood (Jn 6)?
72. In what sense did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit to believers (Jn 7)?
73. Is it true that God does not listen to the prayers of sinners (Jn 9)?
74. What does Jn 9:41 mean?
75. Did Jesus teach that it is possible to pray to Him (Jn 14, Jn 16)?
76. How did the Spirit of Truth dwell in the disciples (Jn 14)?
77. How does the Counselor convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (Jn 16)?
78. How was Judas doomed to destruction (Jn 17)?
79. How did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit from Jesus (Jn 20)?
80. Why did Jesus ask Peter "do you love me" three times (Jn 21)?
81. Does any of the gospels record Jesus' actions chronologically?
82. How long was Jesus' ministry?
83. What happened to Jesus' physical body after His ascension (Ac 1)?
84. What was the "breaking of bread" which the early church practiced (Ac 2)?
85. Did the "house to house" meetings of the early church involve worship (Ac 2)?
86. What did the "fellowship" which they practiced include (Ac 2)?
87. What was "the gift of the Holy Spirit" promised upon baptism (Ac 2)?
88. In what sense is the Holy Spirit given to all who obey (Ac 5)?
89. Did all disciples participate in the choosing of the seven (Ac 6)?
90. Were the seven who were chosen to serve the Greek widows deacons (Ac 6)?
91. Did Stephen pray to Jesus (Ac 7)?
92. Is a formal and established procedure for a Christian being forgiven of sin found in the story of Simon (Ac 8)?
93. Must the Ethiopian's confession be literally pronounced before baptism (Ac 8)?
94. Why was Cornelius not told to renounce his military service (Ac 10; Lk 3)?
95. To what group of elders was the Judean relief sent (Ac 11)?
96. What does the "Jerusalem council" teach about church cooperation (Ac 15)?
97. Why were restrictions placed upon Gentiles at the "Jerusalem council" (Ac 15)?
98. Is the way the council's decision was reached the same way we are to decide church policies today (Ac 15)?
99. Do we learn "command, example and necessary inference" as a means of discovering law from this instance (Ac 15)?
100. Did the whole church participate in the decision (Ac 15:22)?
101. Was Apollos re-baptized (Ac 18)?
102. Does Paul's instruction to the Ephesians elders limit an elder to leading a single local congregation (Ac 20)?
103. Is the example in Ac 20 a law governing the observance of the LS?
104. By his actions in Acts 21 did Paul put himself back under the LoM?
105. What has God revealed about Himself in the creation (Ro 1)?
106. What does the expression "from faith unto faith" mean (Ro 1)?
107. By what law does Paul say that no one can be justified; the LoM (Ro 3)?
108. How do we "establish the law by faith" (Ro 3)?
109. What does "where there is no law, there is no transgression" mean (Ro 4)?
110. How does God pour His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Ro 5)?

111. How did death reign even over those who had not sinned as did Adam (Ro 5)?
112. How is the gift unlike the transgression (Ro 5)?
113. How were many made sinners by Adam's disobedience (Ro 5)?
114. What is it to "obey from the heart that form of teaching" (Ro 6)?
115. What does it mean that we "are not under law, but under grace" (Ro 6)?
116. To what law are we dead, and how (Ro 7)?
117. How were we alive without the law, and how were we killed by it (Ro 7)?
118. How does sin indwell our mortal bodies (Ro 7)?
119. How does Jesus deliver from the body of death caused by sin and law (Ro 7)?
120. Are those described in Ro 7 Christians struggling with sin, or non-Christians?
121. What is the law of the spirit of life in Christ (Ro 8)?
122. How is the requirement of the law fulfilled in those who walk by the Spirit (Ro 8)?
123. What does it mean that those who do not have the Spirit do not belong to Christ (Ro 8)?
124. How does the indwelling Spirit give life to our moral bodies (Ro 8)?
125. How are we led by the Spirit of God (Ro 8)?
126. How do we call "abba, Father" by the Spirit of adoption (Ro 8)?
127. How will the creation be delivered from corruption (Ro 8)?
128. How does the Spirit make intercession for us (Ro 8)?
129. What does it mean that God foreknew, predestined, called, etc. (Ro 8)?
130. How do God's choosing and our choosing work together (Ro 9)?
131. What does "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness" mean (Ro 10)?
132. How has God not cast away His people whom He foreknew (Ro 11)?
133. How is the calling of God irrevocable (Ro 11)?
134. What does it mean that the Jews are enemies of the Gentiles for the sake of the gospel but beloved concerning election (Ro 11)?
135. To what does our "reasonable service of worship" refer (Ro 12)?
136. How do we prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God (Ro 12)?
137. What is involved and required in subjection to the government (Ro 13)?
138. How do commandments from the OT law apply to us (Ro 13)?
139. To what "issues" does the teaching in Ro 14 apply?
140. Is the eating of meat a matter of indifference or of doctrine (Ro 14)?
141. Is observing holy days a matter of indifference or of doctrine (Ro 14)?
142. Is drinking wine a matter of indifference or of doctrine (Ro 14)?
143. Was Phoebe a deaconess (Ro 16)?
144. What group of people are to be avoided (Ro 16:17-18)?
145. How can Christians "all speak the same thing" (1Co 1:10)?
146. What does 1Co 2:13 mean?
147. How does the Spirit help one understand things from God (1Co 2:14-15)?
148. How does the Spirit of God dwell in us (1Co 3)?
149. Are we forbidden from any and all legal actions against brethren (1Co 6)?
150. How is a Christian's body the temple of the Holy Spirit (1Co 6)?
151. What rules of marriage are taught in 1Co 7, and how do these rules harmonize with Jesus' teaching on the subject?
152. Does 1Co 8 allow the eating of meats sacrificed to idols?
153. How does the OT law about muzzling oxen still apply (1Co 9)?
154. What did Paul mean that he was not under law (1Co 9)?
155. What did Paul mean that he was under the Law of Christ (1Co 9)?
156. What is the "way of escape," and how does one find it (1Co 10)?
157. How might one become a participant with demons (1Co 10)?
158. How might one avoid becoming a participant with demons while eating anything sold in the meat market without asking questions (1Co 10)?
159. Is every man the head of every woman (1Co 11)?
160. Must women today wear head coverings when they pray (1Co 11)?
161. Why does it mean, "because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head" (1Co 11)?

162. How does nature teach us that it is a disgrace for a man to have long hair (1Co 11)?
163. What does Paul mean that "we have no such custom" (1Co 11)?
164. Does 1Co 11 forbid eating inside a church building?
165. What is "an unworthy manner" (1Co 11)?
166. How was it possible for someone to get drunk during the LS (1Co 11)?
167. What does it mean, "No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit" (1Co 12)?
168. What is "that which is perfect" (1Co 13)?
169. When will "I know fully" (1Co 13)?
170. What is "the unknown tongue" (1Co 14)?
171. What principles found in 1Co 14 apply to non-gifted Christians today?
172. In what settings are women forbidden to speak (1Co 14)?
173. What are women who cannot ask their husbands supposed to do (1Co 14)?
174. What is the baptism for the dead (1Co 15)?
175. What does 1Co 15:56 mean?
176. Is 1Co 16:1-ff intended to be a law about all collections for all time?
177. Does 1Co 16:1-5 require establishment of a permanent generic church treasury?
178. Is the holy kiss supposed to be practiced today (1Co 16)?
179. How does the Holy Spirit in our hearts serve as a deposit (2Co 1)?
180. How is it that "the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2Co 3)?
181. What is the "veil" over the hearts of those hearing the LOM read (2 Co 3)?
182. How is it that "the lord is the Spirit" (2Co 3)?
183. What is "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2Co 5)?
184. What does it mean that, "He made Him who knew no sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2Co 5)?
185. What types of relationships are covered in the instruction, "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers" (2Co 6)?
186. Did Paul pray to Jesus (2Co 12)?
187. What is "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (2Co 13)?
188. Do the principles found in Galatians apply to all legal systems?
189. What does it mean, "If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker" (Ga 2)?
190. What does it mean, "though law I died to law" (Ga 2)?
191. What does "by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified" mean (Ga 2)?
192. What does it mean, "If righteousness comes through law, then Christ died for nothing" (Ga 2)?
193. How did they receive the Spirit through hearing with faith (Ga 3)?
194. How are those under law under a curse (Ga 3)?
195. If the law does not justify, how is it not contrary to God's purpose (Ga 3)?
196. What does it mean, "If a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by law" (Ga 3)?
197. What does it mean that "the law was added because of transgressions" (Ga 3)?
198. How did the law serve as a tutor (Ga 3)?
199. What was fearful about their observing special days (Ga 4)?
200. How does trying to be justified by law cause one to fall from grace (Ga 5)?
201. What could another law do that the LoM could not do (Ga 5)?
202. How do we "walk in the Spirit" (Ga 5)?
203. What is "the law of Christ" (Ga 6)?
204. Does Ga 6:10 refer to the church, individuals or both?
205. How are we predestined to adoption (Ep 1)?
206. What does it mean that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ep 1)?
207. How does being given "the spirit of wisdom and revelation" as a result of prayer differ from reading the word (Ep 1)?
208. How were we once "children of wrath by nature" (Ep 2)?
209. How are we saved by grace through faith and not by works (Ep 2)?
210. How do we have access by one Spirit to the Father (Ep 2)?
211. How did Jesus abolish the law in His flesh (Eph 2)?
212. How are we a habitation of God in the Spirit (Ep 2)?

213. How are we strengthened with power through the Spirit in the inner man (Ep 3)?
214. How does prayer help one be filled with God that study does not (Eph 3)?
215. Is being "in the kingdom" the same as "having an inheritance in the kingdom" (Ep 4)?
216. When and how did Christ descend into the "lower regions" (Eph 4)?
217. What forms of singing does the instruction to sing exclude (Ep 5, Co 3)?
218. Are women required to submit to all men (Ep 5)?
219. Are men the heads of all women (Ep 5)?
220. Are Christian boys required to be in subjection to their mothers (Ep 6)?
221. What makes the OT commandment to honor parents applicable today (Ep 6)?
222. When Paul died, would he go immediately into the presence of Christ (Pp 1)?
223. How does God work in us, both to will and to work (Pp 1)?
224. What "handwriting of requirements" did Christ take out of the way (Co 2)?
225. What does Co 2:23 mean?
226. Who or what is the "man of sin" (2Th 2)?
227. What is "the mystery of lawlessness" (2Th 2)?
228. What is the restraining factor which would be removed (2Th 2)?
229. How does one use the law "lawfully" (1Ti 1)?
230. How can we intercede in prayer if there is only one mediator (1Ti 2)?
231. What constitutes "modest apparel"?
232. How should a woman learn in silence in a Bible class (1Ti 2)?
233. How are women saved through childbearing (1Ti 2)?
234. Can a man who has only one child be an elder (1Ti 3)?
235. Are the qualifications given for women for wives of elders/deacons or deaconesses (1Ti 3)?
236. Can a man who has been remarried be an elder (1Ti 3)?
237. By whose hands was Timothy given a spiritual gift (1Ti 4:14; 2Ti 1:6)?
238. What does "a widow indeed" mean (1Ti 5)?
239. What is "the list" (1Ti 5)?
240. Is the "man of God" the preacher, or every Christian (1Ti 6)?
241. To what does "the pattern of sound words" refer (2Ti 1)?
242. What part of "scripture" is "profitable for doctrine" (2Ti 3)?
243. How are we saved through "the renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Ti 3)?
244. What is the nature of the "Sabbath-rest" (He 4)?
245. From what works has God ceased, and how does He still work (He 4)?
246. How is solid food for those who have learned "to discern both good and evil" (He 5)?
247. Who are the ones whom it is impossible to renew to repentance (He 6)?
248. What are the characteristics of the priesthood of Melchizedek (He 7)?
249. What is the significance of the pattern according to which Moses was to make the tabernacle (He 8)?
250. What was the relationship between covenant and law for the Jews, and for us (He 8)?
251. How did Christ's sacrifice make it unnecessary for Him to suffer more than once (He 9)?
252. What "first" is taken away that "the second" may be established (He 10)?
253. What "assembling" which we are not to forsake, and what is forsaking (He 10)?
254. What is "the day" which is approaching (He 10)?
255. How was Jephthah an example of faith (He 11)?
256. What is the heavenly Jerusalem (He 12; Re 21)?
257. What are the "things that cannot be shaken" (He 12)?
258. Who are "those that rule over you," and what is it to "obey" them (He 13)?
259. How must they "give an account" (He 13)?
260. What is "the law of liberty" (Ja 2)?
261. Without what kind of works is faith ineffectual (Ja 2)?
262. How are commandments from the LoM enjoined upon Christians (Ja 2)?
263. What does Ja 4:5 mean?
264. Should elders practice anointing with oil, and what good does it do (Ja 5)?
265. How did the Spirit of Christ dwell in the prophets (1Pe 1)?
266. What actions are involved in "honor" to rulers (1Pe 2)?
267. How did Christ preach to "spirits in prison" (1Pe 3)?

268. What makes the ark a type of salvation by baptism? (1Pe 3)?
269. What actions by elders would constitute "lording it over" the church (1Pe 5)?
270. What makes someone a false teacher (2Pe 2)?
271. In what sense were the heavens and the earth destroyed by the Flood (2Pe 3)?
272. What "new earth" will follow the destruction of the present earth (2Pe 3)?
273. What does it mean to "walk in the light" (1Jn 1)?
274. Are we continually cleansed of sin (1Jn 1)?
275. What or who is the "antichrist" (1Jn 2)?
276. What does it mean that whoever has been born of God cannot sin (1Jn 3)?
277. What Spirit did God give us, and in what sense (1Jn 3-4)?
278. How does perfect love cast out fear, and how does fear involve torment (1Jn 4)?
279. What does it mean that Jesus came by water and blood (1Jn 5)?
280. In what sense do Christians have eternal life now (1Jn 5)?
281. What is a sin leading to death, and a sin not leading to death (1Jn 5)?
282. How is it that one born of God cannot be touched by the wicked one (1Jn 5)?
283. How does one go beyond the doctrine of Christ (2Jn)?
284. What is "the faith once delivered" (Jd)?
285. What does it mean that those who cause divisions do not have the Spirit (Jd)?
286. What were the "love feasts," and are we supposed to practice them today (Jd)?
287. What is the purpose of Revelation?
288. What time period is covered by the Revelation prophecies?
289. What do the seven seals represent (Re 6-8)?
290. What do the seven trumpets represent (Re 8-11)?
291. What do the "thirds" of destruction signaled by the trumpets represent (Re 8)?
292. What is represented by the five-month torment from the locusts (Re 9)?
293. What do the three woes represent (Re 9-11)?
294. What is meant by the trampling of the holy city by the Gentiles (Re 11)?
295. Who are the two witnesses (Re 11)?
296. What is the ark of the covenant doing in God's temple in heaven (Re 11)?
297. What does the beast represent, and what is the significance of his number (Re 13)?
298. What is "Babylon the great" (Re 14)?
299. What is the battle of Armageddon, and when is it to take place (Re 14)?
300. What is the New Jerusalem?

OLD TESTAMENT TEXTS ON WHICH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE MIGHT DISAGREE

1. Is there a "time gap" between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2?
2. Does Gen 2:6 teach that there was no rain between creation and Flood?
3. Has the law of God regarding marriage always been the same (Gen 2:24)?
4. Does Gen 3 describe a literal serpent, or is the snake Satan, or both?
5. Was the earth created before or after the stars (Gen 1:1; Job 38:6-7)?
6. What, if any, is the extent of gaps in the genealogies (Gen 5, Gen 11)?
7. Was the Flood global or local (Gen 7-8)?
8. How was "the earth divided" in the days of Peleg (Gen 10:5)?
9. Who was Melchizedek, and what was his nature (Gen 14)?
10. Was one of the three who appeared to Abraham God the Son (Gen 18)?
11. Did Abraham obey God's command to kill his son (Gen 22)?
12. Did Jacob wrestle with an angel or with God (Gen 32)?
13. What is the proper name of God (Ex 3:13-14)?
14. How did God "harden the heart" of the pharaoh (Ex 4)?
15. Why did God try to kill Moses (Ex 4)?
16. Were the pillars of cloud and fire instantaneous miracles (Ex 13:21-22)?
17. Does the LOM have different kinds of laws—e.g., moral and ceremonial (Ex 20)?
18. What ingredients were allowed in the unleavened bread?

19. In what manner did the Holy Spirit indwell Bezaleel (Ex 35:31)?
20. In what manner did God fill the tabernacle (Ex 40:34)?
21. For what sin were Nadab and Abihu killed (Lev 9-10)?
22. What was God's will concerning divorce and remarriage (Deut 24)?
23. Did Rahab's saving faith include lying about the spies (Jos 2, Heb 11)?
24. In what manner did the sun stand still (Jos 10)?
25. Did Deborah exercise authority over men (Jud 4)?
26. Did Jephthah kill his daughter (Jud 11)?
27. In kidnapping women from Jabesh Gilead to get wives for the Benjamites did Israel disobey God's command not to marry foreign women (Jud 21)?
28. What was the nature of the evil spirit sent to Saul (1Sa 16)?
29. Did David and his men sin by eating the holy bread (1Sa 21)?
30. What was the sin of David for which God punished Israel (2Sa 24)?
31. In what sense did God dwell within Solomon's temple (1Ki 8)?
32. Where did they get the authority to celebrate the Passover in the wrong month, and for two weeks instead of one week, as described in 2Chr 30?
33. How did the divorces and remarriages of the people in the time of Ezra harmonize with God's marriage law (Ez 8-10)?
34. Who is the "redeemer" for which Job wishes (Job 19:25)?
35. What is Job's argument, and is it correct or in error?
36. What is Elihu's argument, and is it correct or in error (Job 32-37)?
37. Which assertions in God's response to Job are intended as "scientific" (Job 38-39)?
38. What are the animals described in Job 41?
39. Why is it necessary for Job to repent, and of what (Job 42)?
40. What is the point of the Job story and speeches?
41. In what "day," and how, was the speaker in Psl 2 begotten of the Father?
42. Is the one made a little lower than the angels man in general or the Son (Psl 8)?
43. What "scientific" facts about creation are given in Psl 33?
44. Is it "a body you have prepared," or "my ears you have pierced" (Psl 40)?
45. Is Psl 45 a song to Jesus (Heb 1)?
46. In what sense was David conceived in sin (Psl 51:5)?
47. How might God not take His Holy Spirit away from David (Psl 51:11)?
48. Which statements in Psl 72 refer to Solomon, and which to Christ alone?
49. What does it mean that Psl 72 concludes the prayers of David?
50. How are the "beams of His upper chambers" laid on the waters (Psl 104:3)?
51. What "scientific" facts about creation are given in Psl 104?
52. How does wine "gladden the heart of man" (Psl 104:15)?
53. Can the Spirit of God be in many places at the same time (Psl 139:7)?
54. How do the imprecatory psalms manifest a spirit of love for all (Pal 140)?
55. What is the nature of worship to God (Psl 148)?
56. How are the saints of God to inflict vengeance and punishment on the nations (Psl 149:7)?
57. Does Proverbs contain immutable laws, or merely general statements of truth, or both, and how does one know the difference?
58. Are Christians required by God to use corporal punishment (Pro 13:24)?
59. What does Pro 31:6-7 teach about the poor and strong drink?
60. Which of the proverbs apply to Christians today?
61. How many different people wrote Ecclesiastes (Ecl 12:9)?
62. What is the message of Ecclesiastes?
63. Are all statements made by the speaker in Ecclesiastes true (Ecl 3:19)?
64. Is life futile, so that a stillborn child is better than a man who lives long (Ecl 6)?
65. What is the purpose and message in the Song of Solomon?
66. Are the speakers in the SoS already sexually involved with each other (SoS 1:16; 2:16)?
67. How was the prophecy of Is 2:3—"the law will go forth"—fulfilled?
68. Does the "virgin" prophecy in Is 7:14 have a "dual" fulfillment?
69. How was Jesus called "everlasting Father" (Is 9:6)?

70. Who or what is the "morning star, cast down to earth" (Is 14:12)?
71. When will God "wipe away the tears from all faces" (Is 25:8-10)?
72. Was there a "re-creation" of earth after a Satanic rebellion (Gen 1:2; Is 45:18; Ezk 28)?
73. What is the fulfillment of "the new heavens and the new earth" (Is 65, 66)?
74. What part will new moon and Sabbath have in the new heavens and earth (Is 66:23)?
75. Are there "watchmen" today as Ezekiel was appointed a watchman over Israel (Ezk 33)?
76. What is the fulfillment of the temple vision in Ezk 40-44?
77. Who are "the sons of Zadok" who would minister to God in the perfect temple (Ezk 40)?
78. What is the significance of the marriage regulations for the priests in the perfect temple (Ezk 44)?
79. What is the fulfillment of the division of the land in Ezk 45 and 48?
80. What is the fulfillment of worship during new moons, Sabbaths and festivals in Ezk 46?
81. What does the river flowing from the temple represent (Ezk 47)?
82. What are the seven sevens and the sixty-two sevens of Dan 9?
83. What are the resurrections prophesied in Dan 12?
84. What is the fulfillment of the times prophesied in Dan 12?
85. What is the fulfillment of the restoration of "David's fallen tent" in Am 9?
86. Who is the deliverer promised in Mic 5?
87. In what sense was Moses' sister Miriam a leader of Israel (Mic 6:4)?
88. What is the fulfillment of the restoration prophecy in Mic 7?
89. What is the fulfillment of the prophecy of the outpouring of God's anger against the nations in Zph 3?
90. In what sense was the Spirit of God with Zerubbabel (Hag 2)?
91. Who are the "four craftsmen" described in Zec 1?
92. When, and in what manner, would God live among His people (Zec 2)?
93. What is the fulfillment of the prophecy of the glorification of Jerusalem in Zec 8?
94. Who are the doomed flock and the foolish shepherd described in Zec 11?
95. What is the fulfillment of destruction of the nations that attack Jerusalem in Zec 12?
96. What is the fulfillment of the battle over Jerusalem described in Zec 14?
97. What is the fulfillment of the observance of the feast of tabernacles described in Zec 14?
98. How does the teaching of Malachi harmonize with other statements about divorce in the OT?
99. Does God hate divorce, abandonment or both (Mal 2)?
100. Does God judge nations today the way He did during the times of the prophets?