

Doctrinal Questionnaire

Please complete the questionnaire. Sign it. Copy it for your records. Submit the original with your Application for Alliance Ministry to the Candidate Development Office or your district office. If further space is required in answering, use an additional sheet of paper specifying the number of the question being answered and giving the complete answer on the additional sheet.

SECTION A

The numbered statements below comprise the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Give Scripture references for your answers.

1. There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - (a) In what sense is God infinitely perfect?

 - (b) Explain your understanding of "one God" and "existing eternally in three persons."

2. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the just for the unjust, as a substitutional sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace.
 - (a) What do you understand by "true God and true man" as applied to Jesus?

 - (b) Outline briefly your concept of Christ's atonement for sin, indicating your understanding of His "substitutional sacrifice."

 - (c) What is the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

3. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.
 - (a) What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit as a "divine person"?

 - (b) Describe the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the believer and to the unbeliever.

4. The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.
 - (a) What do you understand the following to mean in the above statement?
 - 1) "inerrant"

 - 2) "verbally inspired"

 - 3) "only rule"

 - 4) "faith and practice"

5. Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God. He fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The prospect of the impenitent and unbelieving person is existence forever in conscious torment, and that of the believer in Christ is everlasting joy and bliss.

(a) What do you understand the following to mean in the above statement?

- 1) "created"
- 2) "born with a sinful nature"
- 3) "separated from the life of God"
- 4) "existence forever in conscious torment"
- 5) "everlasting joy and bliss"

(b) Is there salvation without personal faith in Jesus Christ?

(c) What of those who have not heard the gospel?

6. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men, and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become children of God.

(a) What do you understand by the following terms?

- 1) "salvation"
- 2) "repentance"
- 3) "believe"
- 4) "regeneration"
- 5) "justification"

(b) In what sense is salvation provided "for all men"?

(c) Explain the divine aspects and human aspects in statement six.

7. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.

(a) Summarize your understanding of sanctification in the life of the believer.

(b) What do you understand by

- 1) "filled with the Holy Spirit"
- 2) "sanctified wholly"
- 3) "separated from sin"
- 4) "fully dedicated"

(c) How may sanctification be designated a crisis?

- (d) How may sanctification be designated "progressive"?
- (e) What, in your opinion, are evidences of a sanctified life?
8. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the Church in this present age.
- (a) What is the scriptural basis for the position that physical healing is provided in the redemptive work of Christ?
- (b) Do you believe divine healing is the privilege of the believer today?
- (c) Have you known anyone who has been miraculously healed? Explain.
- (d) In your opinion, how does divine healing fit into the modern scene of medical science?
9. The Church consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations. The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- (a) What is the relationship of each local church to the total Body of Christ, the universal Church?
- (b) Why are corporate worship, prayer, and fellowship essential for the local church?
- (c) What is the role of the Church in the proclamation of the gospel and edification of the believer?
- (d) Why is it important to establish local churches?
- (e) What do you believe is the scriptural mode of baptism? Why?
- (f) What is the purpose and meaning of the Lord's Supper?
10. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.
- (a) What does the term "bodily resurrection" mean?
11. The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible, and premillennial. This is the believer's hope and is a vital truth that is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.
- (a) In connection with the return of Christ, define the following terms.
- 1) premillennial
 - 2) amillennial
 - 3) postmillennial
- (b) Which position do you accept?
- (c) How do you define "imminent"? In what sense is the Second Coming of Christ "imminent"?

SECTION B

In order that a positive relationship might exist between a Christian worker and the denomination, his/her agreement with the doctrinal positions and with the goals and practices of the denomination is important. The following questions are asked with regard to this matter:

The Missionary Witness of the Church

1. What is your opinion of the necessity of the local church's missionary outreach with regard to the nature of the Church and the condition and fate of sinful persons?
2. As a worker how will you promote and support The Christian and Missionary Alliance's program of world missions?
3. How would you promote and support a vigorous program of local church evangelism and discipleship?

Denominational Loyalty

1. What is your understanding of the term "the Fourfold Gospel" as used by The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
2. Are you in disagreement with any of the programs and policies as set forth in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*? If so, please explain:
3. Describe your understanding of constituted authority vested in the General Council, Board of Directors, District Conference, Field Forum, and any elected or appointed official under whom you may serve.
4. Are you willing to follow and adhere to democratic processes at District Conferences, Field Forums, or General Council in seeking any change in the program and policies of The Christian and Missionary Alliance? Yes No
5. If at any time you change your doctrinal beliefs and/or find disagreement with the official programs and policies of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, would you be willing to surrender your credentials? Yes No
6. Are you personally committed to the mission/vision/passion of The Christian and Missionary Alliance? Yes No
7. Are you personally committed to the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance? Yes No
8. Are you committed to faithfully preach and practice all the doctrine contained therein and nothing contrary to it? Yes No
9. If you have reservations not already stated, what are they?

Divorce

1. In your opinion, what is the teaching of Scripture on divorce and remarriage?
2. Are you willing to abide by the regulations regarding divorce in The Christian and Missionary Alliance? Yes No

Signature (Applicant)

(Printed name)

Date