



A SUMMARY OF BIBLE DOCTRINES

DOCTRINE	BIBLE REFERENCE	LESSON
<p>1. The Bible is the Word of God The Bible is the only way to learn about God. It tells us all we need to know about Him and what He requires of us. The writers of the 66 books were inspired by God, so He is the true author of the Bible. We need to read it every day.</p>	<p>Psalm 119:89-112 Acts 17:11,12 2 Timothy 3:16,17 2 Peter 1:21</p>	3, 20, 37
<p>2. The Gospel This is the good news of the Kingdom of God, which will be set up on the earth, and the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. This message is found in both Old and New Testaments.</p>	<p>Genesis 22:17,18 Daniel 2:44 Matthew 4:23; 6:12-15; 24:14</p>	4
<p>3. God is the Creator of the world Everything in heaven and on the earth was made by the only true God who has always existed and always will exist. He is pure, righteous and knows all things.</p>	<p>Genesis 1 Acts 17:24-29 Psalm 104</p>	5, 16
<p>4. Jesus will return to the earth Jesus' life began when he was born about 2,000 years ago. He willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for sin. Because he was sinless, God raised him from the dead and he is now in heaven with his Father. He will return from there as King of the world.</p>	<p>Matthew 25:31-34 Acts 1:10,11 Acts 3:20,21 Revelation 22:20</p>	4, 8, 9
<p>5. The return of Jesus is very near Bible prophecy is being fulfilled and there are many signs today to show that the coming of Jesus is near. These include the return of the Jews to their land and the establishment of the State of Israel, falling moral standards, people not interested in God, and many problems in the world.</p>	<p>Daniel 12:1,2 Ezekiel 37:1-4,11 Luke 21:24-33 2 Timothy 3:1-5</p>	7, 8
<p>6. The Kingdom of God will be on the earth The Old Testament Kingdom of Israel was God's kingdom on earth in the past. It will be restored when the Lord Jesus returns. He will reign until all God's enemies are destroyed. Then the world will be perfect and Jesus Christ will deliver the kingdom to God.</p>	<p>1 Chronicles 29:23 Jeremiah 3:17 Micah 4:1-8 Revelation 11:15</p>	9, 11
<p>7. God made promises to Abraham Abraham (the father of the Jewish nation) trusted God and so he was promised that he would possess the land of Israel for ever and that his descendants would be a great nation. He was also promised a descendant (Jesus Christ) who would bring the blessing of forgiveness of sins. By baptism we can share in the promises.</p>	<p>Genesis 13:14,15 Genesis 15:5,6 Genesis 22:15-18 Galatians 3:8,16,29</p>	12
<p>8. The Jews are God's people The Jews are God's special people and witnesses to His existence and power. Because they disobeyed God they were scattered among the nations of the world. God is now regathering them to Israel as He promised.</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:11,12 Isaiah 44:8 Ezekiel 36:16-24 Ezekiel 37:21,22 Romans 9:3-5</p>	10, 13, 14



<p>9. Jerusalem will be the centre of the earth God's kingdom will be centred in Israel but will cover the whole earth. Jerusalem will be the capital of the world. Jews who accept Jesus as their Messiah when he returns will live as mortal people in his kingdom and become the head of the nations. Mortal people from the other nations will visit Jerusalem to worship and learn God's ways.</p>	<p>Jeremiah 3:17 Micah 4:1,2 Zechariah 12:10 Zechariah 14:16 Matthew 5:34,35</p>	<p>9, 11</p>
<p>10. God made promises to David King David was promised a descendant who would sit on his throne for ever. This prophecy concerns Jesus who will reign from Jerusalem when he returns to restore God's kingdom on earth.</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:12-16 1 Chronicles 17:10-14 Psalm 89:35,36 Luke 1:30-33</p>	<p>9, 10, 13, 15</p>
<p>11. Jesus is the Son of God Jesus did not exist before his birth. He is the Son of God because he was conceived by the action of the Holy Spirit on his mother, Mary. No man was involved. God has always been greater than the Lord Jesus and always will be.</p>	<p>Matthew 1:20-25 John 14:28 Romans 1:3,4 Galatians 4:4 1 Peter 1:20</p>	<p>16, 17</p>
<p>12. Jesus lived a sinless life Before his death Jesus had human nature like us, but because God was his Father he was more than an ordinary man. Jesus overcame all temptations and lived a perfect life in obedience to his Father's will. He showed us the character of God and set an example for us to follow.</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:5,12 2 Corinthians 5:21 Hebrews 4:15 1 Peter 2:22</p>	<p>6, 16, 17, 18</p>
<p>13. Jesus died on the cross for us Jesus Christ is at the centre of God's purpose. He was descended from Adam and so he was mortal like us. Because he was sinless and willing to die on the cross as a sacrifice, he is able to take away the sins of those who die with him in baptism.</p>	<p>John 1:29 John 3:16 1 Corinthians 5:7 Galatians 1:4</p>	<p>6, 17, 18, 31</p>
<p>14. Jesus was raised from the grave Because Jesus did not sin, God raised him from the dead and gave him immortal life. He now has a nature like God's and is exalted above the angels. Those who died in Christ will also rise from the dead at his return and will be given immortal life at the judgement.</p>	<p>Luke 24:36-43 Acts 2:24 Acts 17:31 1 Corinthians 15:22,23</p>	<p>16, 18, 19, 25</p>
<p>15. The Holy Spirit is the power of God The Holy Spirit is the power of God and is not a separate person. It has no separate existence. By His Spirit, God made and supports all creation, is present everywhere and knows all things.</p>	<p>Luke 1:35 Acts 10:38 2 Peter 1:21</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>16. Holy Spirit Gifts were for specific purposes On a few occasions God gave special abilities to certain people. The apostles received the Holy Spirit to help them preach. Spirit gifts were no longer needed when the writing of the Bible was complete and the early church established. No-one possesses Holy Spirit Gifts today.</p>	<p>Mark 16:15-18 Acts 2 Acts 8:9-24 1 Corinthians 13:8</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>17. The wages of sin is death Adam was made from dust. Death is the punishment for sin, so Adam returned to dust. All (except Jesus) sin and so all die. No part of a person lives on after death. Unless people know and respond to the Gospel they will perish.</p>	<p>Genesis 3:17-19 Ecclesiastes 9:5-10 Romans 5:12 Romans 6:23</p>	<p>6, 18, 22, 23, 30</p>



<p>18. 'Hell' in the Bible usually refers to the grave 'Hell' (from 'sheol' or 'hades') refers to the grave. 'Gehenna' was the place near Jerusalem where rubbish was burnt, and is used as a symbol for the total destruction of the wicked. The wages of sin is death – not eternal torment after death.</p>	<p>Psalm 6:5 Acts 2:27 Mark 9:43-48</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>19. The gift of God is eternal life We cannot save ourselves. But by God's grace we can have eternal life, if we have faith and try hard to do God's will.</p>	<p>John 17:1-3 Romans 2:6-8 Romans 6:23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>20. There will be a resurrection of the dead When he returns, the Lord Jesus will bring out of the graves those who have had an opportunity to respond to the Gospel message of salvation, both faithful and unfaithful. But those who have not known the Gospel will not be raised.</p>	<p>Psalm 49:20 John 5:28,29 1 Corinthians 15:12-21 2 Timothy 4:1</p>	<p>19, 25</p>
<p>21. There will be a time of judgement People who have known and understood the Gospel will appear before the Lord Jesus Christ, the righteous judge, at his return to the earth. They will either be punished by final death or given immortal life. The nations who oppose Christ Jesus at his return will be punished.</p>	<p>Daniel 12:1,2 John 5:28,29 2 Corinthians 5:10 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9</p>	<p>7, 26</p>
<p>22. Immortal life for true believers Believers who are made immortal will serve the Lord Jesus on the earth and, under him, will rule the mortal people. These saints will enjoy perfect health and happiness while they teach the mortal people about God and make the earth a wonderful place, preparing it for God Himself to live with people.</p>	<p>Psalm 37:9-11,22 Isaiah 35 Daniel 7:27 Revelation 20:4</p>	<p>6, 25, 26, 27</p>
<p>23. Angels are God's messengers God made the angels to be His servants for ever. They never sin, die nor marry. They always carry out God's will and watch over true believers (saints).</p>	<p>Exodus 23:20-21 Psalm 34:7 Psalm 103:20 Luke 20:34-36 Hebrews 1:13,14</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>24. The Devil and Satan We are tempted to sin by our own desires. The term 'devil' describes human sinfulness. The word 'satan' means adversary and can refer to a good or bad opponent. 'Satan' can be used to describe anything opposed to God, including anything sinful. There is no evil angel or all-powerful being that makes people do evil.</p>	<p>Matthew 16:23 John 8:44 Acts 10:38 James 1:14</p>	<p>29, 30</p>
<p>25. Demons, unclean spirits 'Demon' is a word used to describe false gods or idols. People with strange behaviour problems were said to have a demon. Today these medical conditions can be helped with medicines. There are no evil spirit powers that cause problems in the world.</p>	<p>Psalm 106:36-38 1 Corinthians 10:18-21 Matthew 8:16,17</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>26. We must all repent We need to realise how sinful we are and be truly sorry for all our wrong thoughts and actions. Repentance involves a complete change of heart.</p>	<p>Psalm 51:1-10 Matthew 4:17 Luke 13:1-5 Acts 3:19; 17:30</p>	<p>30, 31</p>



<p>27. Adult baptism in water It is essential to believe the teachings of the Bible, repent of our sins and then be baptized. Baptism is a complete burial in water. It is a symbol of dying with Christ and rising again to a new life.</p>	<p>Matthew 28:19,20 Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38 Romans 6:1-11</p>	<p>6, 18, 31</p>
<p>28. Christians do not fight A follower of Christ should not use force or join in military service or the police force. He must love his enemies as well as his friends.</p>	<p>Matthew 5:39-48 Matthew 26:52 Luke 6:27-29</p>	<p>34</p>
<p>29. Christian marriage God intended a man to have only one wife. A baptized believer should not marry an unbeliever. There should be no sex outside marriage and Christians should not seek divorce. Marriage is a symbol of Christ and the true church.</p>	<p>Genesis 2:21-24 Matthew 19:3-6 Hebrews 13:4 Ephesians 5:25-32</p>	<p>32, 33</p>
<p>30. Our duty to the State Christians must obey all the laws of their country, unless they conflict with the laws of God. Because they are citizens of the Kingdom of God they cannot give their time and energy to the politics of any worldly government. They might be opposing rulers chosen by God for His purpose.</p>	<p>Matthew 22:21 Romans 13:1-7 1 Peter 2:17</p>	<p>34</p>
<p>31. Christians can pray for forgiveness of sins Prayer is an opportunity to praise and thank God. Through prayer we can ask for God's guidance in our lives. The Lord Jesus is in heaven, acting as a priest for his followers and asking God to forgive their sins. This is one of the privileges of being in Christ. There is no need for other priests.</p>	<p>Philippians 4:6 1 Timothy 2:5 Hebrews 7:24-26 1 John 1:9</p>	<p>35</p>
<p>32. Communion with the death of Jesus True Christians meet once a week to remember the death of Jesus. At this service they share bread and wine, which Jesus said were symbols of him, to remind us of his sacrifice.</p>	<p>Mark 14:22-25 Luke 22:14-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-28</p>	<p>36, 38</p>
<p>33. True fellowship Fellowship with God and the Lord Jesus can only be shared by those who believe and practise the Bible doctrines taught by the Lord and his followers in the first century. Christadelphians enjoy a wonderful fellowship with thousands of brothers and sisters in many countries.</p>	<p>Acts 2:41,42 Hebrews 10:24,25 1 John 1:3-7</p>	<p>38</p>
<p>34. Christian living Baptized believers should follow the example of the Lord Jesus in their lives. In all they do they should give honour and glory to God.</p>	<p>Matthew 5 Romans 12 Colossians 3:1-17</p>	<p>36</p>
<p>35. The call of the Gospel God is calling people from all nations to follow the Lord Jesus and to prepare for his coming kingdom. Will you respond to this?</p>	<p>Matthew 16:24-26 Acts 15:14 1 Corinthians 1:26,27</p>	<p>36, 40</p>

Final verses to learn: Acts 17:30-31
The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

