ACBC Theology Exam Updated 10/14

# Exam Formatting Instructions

* Please read exam formatting instructions on ACBC’s website thoroughly.
* Using essay style writing, please respond thoroughly to each of the questions. Compose your answers clearly and precisely, defining all terms. Do not introduce your answer; just answer the question. If the questions consist of several parts, write a paragraph or two on each part and identify each part.
* Please follow these formatting instructions carefully: Use 1 inch margins, 1.5 spacing, 12 point Times New Roman font. Your answers should be **1 page to 1½ pages in length**, with each question beginning at the start of a new page (please use a **Page Break**. *Do not ‘space down’ until you reach the beginning of a new page.*).
* Begin your answer with what *you* believe and why. Explain it in your own words. Then, support your answers with Scripture references, but *do not write out the verses*. Quotes from other sources should be *brief* with footnote references.
* This is an open book exam.

1. Describe the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture as well as the relationship of each one of these issues to one another.
2. Describe the sufficiency of Scripture. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of biblical counseling. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling.
3. Describe your position on the nature of continuing revelation (i.e., prophecy, tongues, words of knowledge). In particular explain whether you believe prophecy is a present gift in today’s church. Explain the relationship between your understanding of the gift of prophecy and the sufficiency of Scripture.
4. Define general revelation and special revelation and describe the nature of their authority as well as their relationship to one another.
5. Explain the doctrine of common grace relating the doctrine to the ability of secular psychologists to understand true information about the human condition.
6. Explain the doctrine of the noetic effects of sin relating the doctrine to the ability of secular psychologists to understand true information about the human condition.
7. Explain the doctrine of the Trinity, and provide its biblical basis.
8. Explain each of the following attributes of God describing the practical implications of each attribute for life and counseling: wrath, mercy, holiness, omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.
9. Explain, using biblical categories, your understanding of the image of God in man.
10. Provide a biblical description of the dichotomist view of mankind. Explain the counseling implications of this doctrine with regard to the inner and outer man.
11. Describe the biblical understanding of manhood and womanhood from both an egalitarian and complementarian perspective. Explain which view you embrace and outline why you believe it to be the most biblical.
12. Describe the dual natures of Jesus Christ and explain why this reality is crucial for salvation.
13. Provide an explanation of and the biblical basis for the doctrine of substitutionary atonement, explaining the implications of this doctrine for human guilt over sin. Relate your understanding of this to the concept of false guilt.
14. Explain what it means to trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
15. Provide an explanation and biblical defense of justification.
16. Define faith in biblical terms explaining its relationship to justification and sanctification.
17. Describe the role of repentance in beginning and continuing in the Christian life. Explain the importance of the doctrine of repentance for biblical counseling.
18. Describe the doctrine of Union with Christ explaining its biblical basis and implications for Christian living.
19. Explain the biblical categories of past, present, and future sanctification.
20. Explain the synergistic nature of sanctification being sure to describe the relationship between God’s grace and moral effort in the Christian life.
21. Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life describing the importance of this role in the counseling process.
22. Provide your understanding of how the Holy Spirit guides Christians.
23. Provide a biblical description of the church.
24. What role should the church play in the counseling process?