

## Missionary Questionnaire

1. Please give a brief testimony of your salvation and call to the ministry.

Gene: July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1986 Bro. Rudy Smith was preaching at teen camp on a Wednesday evening. For several weeks I had been wrestling with the fact that I was lost and on my way to Hell. I would lay in bed at night crying telling God that if I was not saved that I wanted to be, but never admitting I was lost. That night in July I couldn't wait any longer. I went forward and asked God to save me, a lost sinner.

Robin: I was saved at the age of 13, at the church where my dad was pastor. The Lord had been dealing with me for quite a while, that I was not saved, even though I had made a profession as a young girl. I had been fighting against going forward and letting people know that I was lost, being the pastor's kid, but that Sunday in March, I knew that was the last time the Holy Spirit would deal with me about salvation. So I went forward and my dad dealt with me, and I asked the Lord to save me.

2. What church are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_Pleasant Grove Baptist Church\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Are you sent by your home church or a mission board ? \_\_\_\_\_Home Church\_\_\_\_\_

If you work through a mission board, do they hold out a percent of your support for operational expenses? \_\_\_\_\_ What percent? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What type of ministry are you in? Jail, Children, Church Building, ect. \_\_\_\_\_Church Planting and training of Nationals\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you a pastor? \_No\_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan on staying on as pastor or turning it over to national if the Lord provides? \_\_Letting the national pastor and try to help get things going\_\_

6. What do you believe about each of the 5 points of Calvinism?

### **Total depravity**

The doctrine of total depravity (also called "total inability") asserts that, as a consequence of the [fall of humanity into sin](#), every person born into the world is enslaved to the service of [sin](#). People are not by nature inclined to love God with their whole heart, mind, or strength, but rather all are inclined to serve their own interests over those of their neighbor and to reject the rule of God. Thus, all people by their own faculties are morally unable to choose to follow God and be saved because they are unwilling to do so out of the necessity of their own natures. (The term "total" in this context refers to sin affecting every part of a person, not that every person is as evil as possible.)

“My Response”: I am a firm believer in the depravity of man. However I also believe in a point or an age of accountability. Based on Davids response to the death of his baby, and also [Tit 2:11](#) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, At the point of this “grace” (Holy Spirit Conviction or Drawing) appearing to a man he is without excuse.

### **Unconditional election**

The doctrine of unconditional election asserts that God's choice from [eternity](#) of those whom he will bring to himself is not based on foreseen virtue, merit, or faith in those people. Rather, it is unconditionally grounded in God's mercy alone.

“My Response” : [Rom 10:13](#) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 3:16b **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

[1Jo 2:2](#) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

Not just a few but anyone who will come, he says come.

### **Limited atonement**

Also called "particular redemption" or "definite atonement", the doctrine of limited atonement is the teaching that [Jesus' substitutionary atonement](#) was definite and certain in its design and accomplishment. The doctrine is driven by the concept of the sovereignty of God in salvation and the Calvinistic understanding of the nature of the atonement. Namely, Calvinists view the atonement as a [penal substitution](#) (that is, Jesus was punished in the place of sinners), and since, Calvinists argue, it would be unjust for God to pay the penalty for some people's sins and then still condemn them for those sins, all those whose sins were atoned for must necessarily be saved.

Moreover, since in this scheme God knows precisely who the elect are and since only the elect will be saved, there is no requirement that Christ atone for sins in general, only for those of the elect. Calvinists do not believe, however, that the atonement is limited in its value or power (in other words, God could have elected everyone and used it to atone for them all), but rather that the atonement is limited in the sense that it is designed for some and not all. Hence, Calvinists hold that the atonement is sufficient for all and efficient for the elect.

“My Response”: I think a reference to the previously stated verses should basically be sufficient to refute this theory.

### **Irresistible grace**

The doctrine of irresistible grace (also called "efficacious grace") asserts that the saving grace of God is effectually applied to those whom he has determined to save (that is, the elect) and, in God's timing, overcomes their resistance to obeying the call of the gospel, bringing them to a saving faith.

The doctrine does not hold that every influence of God's [Holy Spirit](#) cannot be resisted, but that the Holy Spirit is able to overcome all resistance and make his influence irresistible and effective. Thus, when God sovereignly purposes to save someone, that individual certainly will be saved.

“My Response”: [Rev 3:20](#) **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

[Mat 23:37](#) **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!**

[Rom 1:28](#) And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

He knocks, he calls, he pleads, but man must respond. The affects of grace are eternal, but the offer of grace is limited by time.

## Perseverance of the saints

Perseverance (or preservation) of the saints is also known as "eternal security." The word *saints* is used in the Biblical sense to refer to all who are set apart by God, not in the technical sense of one who is exceptionally [holy](#), [canonized](#), or in [heaven](#) (see [Saint](#)). The doctrine asserts that, since God is sovereign and his will cannot be frustrated by humans or anything else, those whom God has called into communion with himself will continue in faith until the end. Those who apparently fall away either never had true faith to begin with or will return.

“My Response”: I believe in ‘once saved always saved’. However; what this is suggesting is that perseverance is a measure by which we can know who is elect and who is not. [Rom 10:13](#) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Outside of this there is no security, but inside there is eternal bliss.

7. What is your step by step method of leading someone to Christ?

1. Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

2. Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

3. Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

5. Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

6. 2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

7. Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

8. Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

9. Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

10. Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

11. Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

12. Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

8. What is the inspired Word of God? Bible

Do you, in some cases, correct the English with the Greek. Never correct, but explain, or define the English word, generally using "Strong's"

What version of the Bible do you use? \_\_\_KJV\_\_\_\_\_

Why? I believe it to be the preserved and inspired word of God. It is the only version that has been translated from the Textus Receptus, and not perverted by modern denominations and religions.

9. What do you believe about I Cor. 12:13?

This verse is speaking of the body of Christ to which we are born into by the immediate Baptism of the Holy Spirit at the point of Salvation.

10. Do you consider yourself a dispensationalist? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain:

We see through the Bible how that God has dealt with humanity in different ways. Revealing himself and the message of salvation through several different means. Salvation has always been by faith, REF Heb 11, but the means by which the Holy Spirit used to bring man to that point has been different.