



## **Faith Survey**

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*Each question can elicit multiple responses, but please provide only one answer per question.*

1. Jesus Christ to me is...
  - a. the way to salvation
  - b. the divine Son of God
  - c. the one who knows me like no one else
  - d. the prime example of how to live
  
2. Jesus' death on a cross...
  - a. is a victory over the powers of sin and death
  - b. means that the relationship between God and us is repaired
  - c. happened because he was a revolutionary and a threat to the powers that be
  - d. is our example of how to live
  
3. Jesus' resurrection...
  - a. displays God's victory over sin and death
  - b. was proof that Jesus was who he said he was
  - c. shows God's gift of new life
  - d. was not a physical event, but a spiritual one
  
4. When I experience doubt...
  - a. it is a sign of struggling faith
  - b. I feel frustrated since others seem more sure of their faith than me
  - c. I'm unsure how to talk about it or where to share it
  - d. I wonder why God couldn't be more clear about things
  
5. People know I am a Christian...
  - a. by my participation with a community of faith
  - b. through my actions of serving others
  - c. people don't really know that about me
  - d. because I talk about my faith
  
6. Religions other than Christianity...
  - a. are different ways of getting to the same place
  - b. can be sincere, but are lacking without Jesus
  - c. are something I don't know much about
  - d. have merit based on their contributions to a better world
  
7. Prayer for me is...
  - a. our hope that God will intervene in our daily lives and in the world
  - b. something intended to change us and not God
  - c. something God always answers, sometimes the answer is no
  - d. most like meditation

8. Miracles...
  - a. are not a particularly important part of the Gospel story
  - b. display God's intention for wholeness
  - c. happen every day—not only in Jesus' time
  - d. demonstrate God's power over creation
  
9. Sin...
  - a. is in our nature
  - b. is often the result of temptation
  - c. requires repentance to be forgiven
  - d. is brokenness
  
10. The Bible...
  - a. is the inerrant Word of God
  - b. is the inspired Word of God in matters of faith
  - c. is the source of my comfort, strength, and guidance
  - d. should be viewed mainly as storytelling, not a literal account
  
11. The poor...
  - a. "will always be with us"
  - b. had Jesus' attention more than any other group of people
  - c. encompasses all of us in some kind of poverty (financial, spiritual, emotional...)
  - d. have a lot to teach us
  
12. Judgment...
  - a. is a mostly empty concept
  - b. always ends with God's grace and compassion
  - c. is real—there will be a Final Judgment
  - d. revolves around the question: "When did we see you hungry and feed you?"
  
13. Heaven...
  - a. is the place where we go when we die if we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
  - b. is on earth, when we live in God's ways
  - c. has been used as "motivation" to modify behavior
  - d. is for everybody who has demonstrated a yearning to be with God
  
14. Hell...
  - a. is something we choose by the way we live
  - b. can be a consequence of God's judgment
  - c. does not exist
  - d. is the absence of hope
  
15. Evil...
  - a. is a real supernatural force in the world
  - b. is human-made
  - c. is a result of free will
  - d. is often sneaky, hard to identify