

ANSWER KEY



Bible Doctrine IV

International Alpha Bible Course
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Self Help Test: Bible Doctrine IV

Lesson One

Write out one Scripture with its reference for the following truths:

1. The church is the body of Christ.

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23).

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2. The church is the bride of Christ.

“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church” (Ephesians 5:32).

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“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ” (II Corinthians 11:2).

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3. There is only one church.

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:4-5).

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“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether . . . bond or free . . .” (I Corinthians 12:12-13).

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4. The foundation rock upon which the church is built is the “deity of Jesus.”

“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hat not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is I heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:16-18).

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5. To have church membership one must be baptized into the body.

“By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.” (I Corinthians 12:13).

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6. The disciples’ names were written in Heaven before they were born of the Spirit.

“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

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7. During the earthly ministry of Jesus, the church was still future.

“And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

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8. The charter members of the church were about 120 in number.

“And in those days, Peter stood in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)” (Acts 1:15).

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9. The church is the temple of God.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are”
(I Corinthians 3:16-17).

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“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
(I Corinthians 6:19).

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10. The church is a living organism.

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:22-23).

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Lesson Two

1. What are the two requirements for a kingdom?

a. There must be a king, a reigning monarch.

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b. There must be a realm with subjects over which He reigns.

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2. How does a man enter the kingdom of God.

Entrance to the kingdom of God is through the new birth, the work of regeneration, the act of being completely changed, transferred from one kingdom to another.

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3. What is the "Kingdom of God." ["kingdom of God"?]

The "kingdom of God" means primarily the rule of God, the divine kingly authority.

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The kingdom of God is Jesus reigning in the hearts and lives of His Spirit-filled saints.

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When we are filled with the Holy Ghost, Jesus comes into our hearts.

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4. Write a paragraph explaining this statement, "The kingdom of God is within you."

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- The kingdom of God is not a material kingdom, but a spiritual kingdom within us.
- It is seen through the fruit of the Holy Ghost.
- It is a kingdom of power.
- The kingdom of God is Jesus reigning in the hearts and lives of His Spirit-filled saints.
- The members of the kingdom of God are also members of His body, His church, and His bride-elect.
- Being a spiritual kingdom, the reign of Christ is far more complete and effective in the lives of the members of the kingdom than if it were a material kingdom.

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Lesson Three

1. What is the responsibility of the Christian as far as church attendance is concerned?

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Not forsake assembling together
- To give and receive help, encouragement, and blessing
- To be spiritually united with the body
- To attend church faithfully
- Only transfer to another city if there is a church in that locality or they plan to begin a new assembly as soon as they arrive

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2. What is the spiritual benefit of fasting?

The benefits of fasting are that we might pray more effectually.

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3. What are the two elements of worship?

- a. Spirit
- b. Truth

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4. Who may be able to exercise these two elements in worship?

Spirit-filled saints and Oneness believers

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5. Seven spiritual sacrifices are mentioned in this lesson. To what extent is the child of God obligated to offer up these sacrifices?

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following spiritual sacrifices:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Worship
- Giving of thanks
- Church attendance
- Witnessing
- Living holy

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Self Help Test: Bible Doctrine IV**Lesson Four**

1. State whether the following statements are false or true.

- F a. The church is a blessing, but has no authority.
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- F b. It is possible to keep the Sabbath Day. p. 25, par. 5; p. 26, par. 1
- T c. The church is responsible to preach holiness. p. 22, par. 1
- F d. The Bible instructs us how often the Lord's Supper
is to be kept.
- T e. The word *Eucharist* means "to give thanks." p. 22, par. 5, item b
- T f. In baptism we are identified with Christ in death and burial.
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- F g. To be saved one must worship God on Saturday. p. 25, par. 5
- F h. We must pay our debts before we tithe. p. 25, par. 1
- T i. The tithes belong to the Levites. p. 24, par. 8
- F j. Tithing is not possible on the missionary field. p. 25, par. 1

2. Write a paragraph explaining how the following truth applies to the church: "Responsibility and authority must go together."

Personal Response.

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Lesson Five

1. State whether the following statements are false or true.

- F a. The coming of the Antichrist is post-millennial. p. 29, par. 6
- T b. The hope of the saint is to be ready for death. p. 27, par. 4
- T c. The hope of the coming of Jesus purifies the child of God. p. 28, par. 2
- F d. There are several prophetic Scriptures to be fulfilled before Jesus returns. p. 31, par. 3
- T e. Increase of violence is one of the signs of Christ's return.
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- T f. There will be a personal reign of Christ during the Millennium.
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- T g. The return of Jesus is a comforting hope. p. 27, par. 7
- F h. Jesus will return in the form of a spirit. sect. C, pp. 28-9
- F i. Some men know the very hour that Jesus will return. p. 31, par. 2
- F j. The world must be converted before Jesus returns. p. 30, par. 1

2. Write one Scripture with its reference for each of the following:

- a. The return of Jesus is a blessed hope.
"Looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

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- b. Jesus will return in like manner as He went away.
"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

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- c. The brightness of Christ's coming will destroy Antichrist.

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming" (II Thessalonians 2:8).

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- d. Knowledge will increase just before Christ's return.

"But thou, O Daniel, shup up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4).

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- e. The church will reign with Christ for a thousand years.

"They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4).

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Lesson Six

1. Give scriptural arguments why the church may expect the return of Jesus before the great tribulation.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Reference to Luke 21:28, Luke 21:36 and Revelation 3:10.
- The church is never exhorted to look for the tribulation but rather for the coming of Jesus.
- The promises in Luke 21:36 and Revelation 3:10 would be meaningless if the church had to pass through the tribulation.
- The tribulation is primarily a time of God's dealing with the Jewish nation. This takes place when Jesus returns and takes the church out of this world.
- The church looks forward to the return of our Lord. The coming of the tribulation cannot be looked upon as a hope.

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2. Who are the "elect" in Matthew 24:29-31?

In this Scripture it refers to Israel.

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3. Give a full explanation of I Thessalonians 4:15-17.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Comparison to translation of Enoch and Elijah
- The physical body is changed in a twinkling of an eye
- The mortal shall put on immortality
- The dead in Christ shall rise first
- The living saints will be caught away
- All will be gathered together by our Lord in the air.
- Only those who are "in Christ" will be resurrected and raptured
- The Holy Ghost places us "in Christ"

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4. What is the final destiny of the church?

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- The church will raptured when Jesus comes
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- The church will attend the marriage supper of the Lamb
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- The church's eternal home is new Jerusalem
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- The church will reign with Jesus in His kingdom
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Lesson Seven

1. From the list below, place the correct word in the blanks.

death Hades separation spiritism universalism

- a. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. p. 39, par. 1
 - b. Spiritism teaches that we may talk with a departed spirit. p. 40, par. 5
 - c. At one time, Paradise and Hades were adjacent compartments in Sheol. p. 40, par. 1
 - d. Universalism teaches that everybody will be saved. p. 41, par. 2
 - e. Death is the separation of soul and spirit from the body. p. 38, par. 1
2. Write a clear explanation why Jesus was able to visit both Paradise and Hades after He died (Luke 23:43, Acts 2:31).

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

They were located adjacent to one another, with a gulf fixed between them (Luke 16:26).

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3. Where is the present location of Paradise? How do we know this?

When Jesus arose, He changed the location of Paradise to the third Heaven (II Corinthians 12:2).

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Lesson Eight

1. Write one Scripture verse with its reference for the following:

- a. Job believed in the resurrection.

“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my death the skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me (Job19:25-27).”

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- b. The saints will be raised with bodies similar to that of Jesus.

“Who will transform and fashion anew the body of our humiliation to conform to and be like the body of His glory and majesty” (Philippians 3:21 Amplified New Testament).

“When he shall appear, we shall be like him” (I John 3:2).

“And we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” (I Corinthians 15:49).

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- c. Jesus Christ is the Firstfruits of the resurrection.

“But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming” (I Corinthians 15:23).

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- d. The tribulation saints will have part in the first resurrection.

“And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4).

p. 45, part 1, item c

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- e. Some of the Old Testament saints arose after Christ arose.

“And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection” (Matthew 27:52-53).

p. 45, part 1, item a

2. Explain the difference between the first and second resurrections.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- The first resurrection is the resurrection of those who are in the kingdom of God
- The second resurrection is the general resurrection of all those who are not in the kingdom of God

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3. What are the three phases of the first resurrection?

- Firstfruits – Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:23)
- Harvest – This takes place at the Rapture of the church when Jesus returns (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).
- Gleanings – The Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4).

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Lesson Nine

1. Using the parables of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the pounds (Luke 19:11-28), and the laborers (Matthew 20:1-16), show that the rewards will be chiefly given for faithfulness.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

In each parable, reward was based on faithfulness.

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2. List the six judgments and state the exact purpose of each:

- a. At the Cross - The sins of the redeemed have been judged at Calvary
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- b. Daily Judgment in the Life of the Saint - There is a continual self-examination on the part of a child of God and a chastisement as God deals with him in perfecting him.
p. 47, sect. A, part 2

- c. A Future Judgment of the Saints for Rewards - The judgment seat of Christ is a judgment of works when rewards will be given according to faithfulness, motives, etc.
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- d. Judgment of the Living Nations - It is a judgment of living nations in the setting up of Christ's millennial reign on earth.
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- e. Great White Throne - All those who were not in the church (kingdom of God) are resurrected and judged on the basis of whether or not their names are in the Book of Life.
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- f. Judgment of the Fallen Angels - The angels which fell with Satan will be judged.

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- 3. How do we know that not everyone who appears before the White Throne Judgment will be lost in Hell?

There are those whose names do appear in the Book of Life.

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Lesson Ten

1. Explain the meaning of the following terms:

a. Paradise

The meaning of this word is “garden”.

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b. New Jerusalem

This is the eternal dwelling place of the church.

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c. Heaven

“Heaven” means all that Jesus has prepared and provided for the redeemed throughout eternity.

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2. What is the eternal dwelling place of the church?

New Jerusalem

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3. When will the church reach this eternal home?

After the resurrection from Paradise and the judgment for faithfulness and works.

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4. Write a paragraph describing the blessings of Heaven.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Light and Beauty
- Fullness of Knowledge
- Rest
- Service
- Joy
- Permanence
- Social Joys
- Fellowship with Jesus

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Lesson Eleven

1. What is meant by the term “second death”?

The destiny of the wicked is eternal separation from God, and the eternal sufferings of His wrath, known as the second death. It does not mean cessation of existence; it is a quality of existence.

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2. Write a clear explanation from the parable of the tares (Matthew 13:36-43) why the word *fire* should be taken literally.

In the parable of the tares, Jesus explained every figurative word of the parable. He did not explain *fire*, because it is not figurative. It is literal.

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3. Using at least five scriptural references, write a vivid description of Hell.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Extreme suffering – (tormented) Revelation 20:10
- Memory – (“Son, remember”) Luke 16:25
- Unsatisfied desire – Luke 16:24
- Remorse – Luke 16:27-28
- Shame and contempt – Daniel 12:2
- Worm dies not – Mark 9:46
- Fire is not quenched – Mark 9:46
- Bottomless – Revelation 20:3
- Darkness – Matthew 25:30
- No rest – Revelation 14:11

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4. What is the difference between Hades and gehenna?

Hades is the prison house. Gehenna is the lake of fire. They are similar in nature.

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Lesson Twelve

1. Explain the difference between time and eternity.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

- Time was created for man
- Man's understanding is wholly limited to time
- God dwells in the eternity
- With Him the past, present, and future is one eternal present

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2. Explain why eternity cannot be measured by years.

Personal Response. The Personal Response should include the following/some of the following from the lesson:

Just as it is foolish to measure space with a yardstick, so it is foolish to measure eternity with years. We must have a larger unit of measurement which is known as an eon or age.

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3. What is the difference between "eon of eons" and "eons of eons."

"eon of eons" - The period of time that the Bible deals with, in which is recorded God's dealings with man over some 7,000 years, is an *eon* of eons.

"eon of eons" - The expression "*eons* of eons" is translated "for ever and ever" It reveals ages tumbling over ages without end. They cannot be counted for they are infinite in number. This term is used both for the final destiny of the wicked and the righteous.

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4. Write in proper sequence twenty events which have or will take place beginning at Calvary and ending with eternity.

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| a. Calvary | k. The resurrection of the tribulation saints |
| b. The burial of Christ | l. The revelation of Christ and His saints |
| c. The resurrection of Christ | m. Armageddon |
| d. The ascension of Christ | n. The Millennium |
| e. Pentecost; the birth of the church | o. Satan loosed for a little season |
| f. The church | p. The general resurrection |
| g. Resurrection of the dead in Christ | q. The White Throne Judgment |
| h. Rapture | r. New Heaven-new earth |
| i. The meeting in the air;
marriage of the Lamb | s. The lake of fire |
| j. The Great Tribulation | t. Eternity |

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