

STATEMENT 1 – God is a perfect being and cannot make a mistake.

TRUE – The Bible tells us that God and His ways are perfect (Ps. 18:30; Matt. 5:48). His law is perfect (Ps. 19:7), as is His will (Rom. 12:2), and only a perfect being can have a perfect will and can reveal a perfect law.

ALL – Disagree 18%, Unsure 11%, Agree 71%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 3%, Unsure 1%, Agree 96%

STATEMENT 2 – There is one true God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

TRUE – Although people worship many different gods, there is in fact only one true and living God—the God of Israel, who is revealed in the Bible (Jer. 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Tim. 2:5). In this one God are three coeternal and coequal persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—each of whom possesses all of the attributes of God (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 1:1–4; 8:1–11; 2 Cor. 13:14). These three persons can be distinguished by personal properties—the Father is unbegotten, the Son is eternally begotten of the Father, and the Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son—but none of them is more divine or less divine than the others (Gen. 1:1–2; Ps. 110:1; John 1:1, 18; 5:18; 16:7, 13–15; Acts 2:33; 5:3–4). Historically, another way of saying this is to confess that God is one in essence and three in person.

ALL – Disagree 17%, Unsure 12%, Agree 71%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 4%, Unsure 2%, Agree 94%

STATEMENT 3 – God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

FALSE – God tells us that we “shall have no other gods” before Him, and He commands us to keep ourselves from idols, which include deities that are not the one true God revealed in the Bible (Ex. 20:3; 1 John 5:21). He is against false prophets and the worship of false gods, and He commands all people to repent and to trust in Christ in order to escape His judgment (Jer. 18:15; Ezek. 13:9; Acts 17:29–31). God does not accept any worship unless it is offered in spirit and truth, which is worship that approaches the one true God through Christ the Mediator (John 4:24; 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25), so God does not accept the worship of all religions but accepts only the worship offered in Christianity.

ALL – Disagree 21%, Unsure 12%, Agree 67%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 40%, Unsure 7%, Agree 53%

STATEMENT 4 – God created male and female.

TRUE – Genesis 1:27 teaches that when God created mankind in His image, He created both male and female in His image. Jesus later appeals to this essential teaching of the Bible to ground His teaching on marriage and divorce (Matt. 19:3–9).

ALL – Disagree 13%, Unsure 9%, Agree 78%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 1%, Unsure 1%, Agree 98%

STATEMENT 5 – Biblical accounts of the physical (bodily) resurrection of Jesus are completely accurate. This event actually occurred.

TRUE – The four Gospels teach the history of the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, and they are based on accounts from eyewitnesses who heard what Jesus said and saw what He did (Matt. 9:9; Luke 1:1–4; John 21:20–24). These Gospels all agree that Jesus was raised from the dead bodily (Matt. 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–49; John 20:1–28). The historical fact of the bodily resurrection of Jesus is so important that the Apostle Paul tells us that the Christian faith is false if Jesus did not rise from the dead (1 Cor. 15:12–28).

ALL – Disagree 19%, Unsure 13%, Agree 68%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 2%, Unsure 3%, Agree 95%

STATEMENT 6 – Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God.

FALSE – The Son of God—whom we now know as the God-man Jesus Christ—is God and was in the beginning with God (John 1:1). He is from all eternity and has always existed according to His divine nature (John 8:58; Col. 1:19). Thus, the Son of God, according to His divine nature, is uncreated, and there has never been a time when He did not exist.

ALL – Disagree 28%, Unsure 14%, Agree 58%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 23%, Unsure 6%, Agree 71%

STATEMENT 7 – Jesus Christ is the only person who never sinned.

TRUE – The Bible teaches that all people have sinned (Rom. 3:9–18), with one exception—Jesus Christ. Jesus alone obeyed God perfectly and committed no sin (John 8:46; Rom. 5:12–21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22).

ALL – Disagree 28%, Unsure 14%, Agree 58%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 9%, Unsure 3%, Agree 88%

STATEMENT 8 – The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.

FALSE – The Holy Spirit can be grieved and lied to (Isa. 63:10; Acts 5:3; Eph. 4:30). He can also speak (Heb. 3:7–11; 10:15–17). An impersonal force can do none of these things, so these personal characteristics indicate that the Holy Spirit must be a person.

ALL – Disagree 25%, Unsure 16%, Agree 59%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 32%, Unsure 7%, Agree 61%

STATEMENT 9 – The Holy Spirit gives a spiritual new birth or new life before a person has faith in Jesus Christ.

TRUE – Jesus told Nicodemus that a person must be born again before he can see or enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3–5). Even the faith by which we enter the kingdom is a gift of God, who by His Spirit brings us to new spiritual life so that we can trust in Christ (Eph. 2:1–10). The Spirit, therefore, must give us new life before we can believe (Rom. 8:1–11).

ALL – Disagree 29%, Unsure 19%, Agree 52%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 30%, Unsure 8%, Agree 62%

STATEMENT 10 – The Holy Spirit can tell me to do something which is forbidden in the Bible.

FALSE – “God is not a God of confusion but of peace” (1 Cor. 14:33); thus, God cannot contradict Himself, for that would cause confusion. Since the Holy Spirit is God and since God ultimately authored the Bible (Acts 5:3–5; 2 Tim. 3:16–17), the Holy Spirit will never contradict Himself by telling us to do something that is forbidden in the Bible.

ALL – Disagree 60%, Unsure 19%, Agree 21%

EVANGELICAL – Disagree 75%, Unsure 6%, Agree 19%