

**The General Council of the Assemblies of God  
A Study Guide for the Doctrine Exam**

The only resource permitted while taking this exam is a Bible without a concordance or notes.

**Doctrinal Topics**

You will be tested on the following doctrinal topics and the Assemblies of God view on these topics. You will find the following book by William Menzies and Stanley Horton, [\*Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective\*](#) (Logion Press, 2012 publication date, fourth revised printing 2018), to be very helpful. The page numbers for these topics are provided to you.

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### Real-Life Ministry Scenarios

The following passages provide biblical guidance for what real life ministry scenarios? (All Scripture quotations are from the New International Version (2011)).

James 5:14–16 Isaiah 53:4–5	<p>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:14–16</p> <p>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4–5</p>
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<p>1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 1 Corinthians 15:51–52</p>	<p>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17</p> <p>Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51–52</p>
<p>Matthew 25:46 Revelation 20:11–15</p>	<p>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Matthew 25:46</p> <p>Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11–15</p>
<p>Matthew 28:19–20 2 Timothy 2:2</p>	<p>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20</p> <p>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2</p>
<p>Romans 10:9–13 Ephesians 2:8–9</p>	<p>If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:9–13</p> <p>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8–9</p>
<p>Acts 2:4; 10:44–46; 19:1–7</p>	<p>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4</p> <p>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Acts 10:44–46</p> <p>While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Acts 19:1–7</p>

## Definition of Terms

You will be tested on these terms. A definition for each term is provided.

Amillennial	The rejection of the belief that Jesus will have a literal, thousand-year-long, physical reign on the earth.
Apocrypha	Books written during the period between the Book of Malachi and the birth of Jesus. The Jews did not include them in the Hebrew Bible and the Protestant Reformers rejected them as not being inspired.
Arianism	A third century A.D. heresy denying the divinity of Christ.
Autographs	The original, handwritten manuscripts produced by the human authors of Scripture. These were probably circulated and copied so many times that they wore out. None of them are now known to exist. However, copies from close to the time they were written do exist.
Calvinism	John Calvin (1509–1564) taught God’s absolute sovereignty demanded absolute predestination of those who should be saved and who should be lost.
Canon	The list of books accepted by the Church as Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit.
Deism	A belief in the existence of a supreme being, specifically of a creator who does not intervene and is disinterested towards the created universe.
Eternal	Lasting or existing forever; without end or beginning.
Immutable	Unchanging over time or unable to be changed.
Incarnation	The act by which the eternal Son of God became a human being without giving up His deity.
Justification	God’s act of declaring and accepting persons as righteous in His sight—just as if they had never sinned.
Millennial Reign	The thousand-year reign of Christ on earth.
Omnipotent	Having unlimited power; able to do anything.
Omnipresent	God is everywhere present and nothing is hidden from Him.
Omniscient	Knowing everything.
Polytheism	The belief in or worship of more than one god.
Postmillennial	Refers to the teaching that the millennium is the Church Age or an extension of the Church Age, with Christ ruling but not personally present.
Premillennial	Teaches that Jesus will personally return at the end of the Church Age and will establish His kingdom on earth for a thousand years.
Ransom	The price Jesus paid for the salvation of humankind.
Reconciliation	The bringing of people to God in a restored fellowship.
Redemption	Refers to Christ paying the penalty for sins by His death on the cross and the shedding of His blood.

Regeneration	The Holy Spirit's work of giving new life to the sinner who repents and believes in Jesus.
Repentance	From the Greek <i>metanoia</i> , "a change of mind." That is, a change of basic attitudes toward God and Christ that involves a turning away from sin and a seeking of God's rule and righteousness.
Sabellianism	Followers of Sabellius (third century A.D.), who taught that God is one Person who revealed Himself in three forms, modes, or manifestations, in succession.
Sanctification	The work of the Holy Spirit that separates believers from sin and evil and dedicates them to the worship and service of the Lord. There is an initial act of sanctification at conversion and a continuing process of sanctification as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit in putting to death wrong desires.
Vicarious	Totally for the benefit of another, or as a substitute for another.
Virgin Birth	The birth of Jesus Christ brought about by God's creative act through the Holy Spirit so that Mary became His mother without Him having a human father.

### The Statement of Fundamental Truths

You will be asked to list in order from memory each of the sixteen items from the [Statement of Fundamental Truths](#) and then support each by giving *two* relevant Scripture references. You may use this table to assist your study for this requirement on the Doctrine Exam. The written and audio versions of the Statement of Fundamental Truths are available at <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths>.

	Statement of Fundamental Truths	Scripture References
1	The Scriptures—verbally inspired of God, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct	2 Timothy 3:15–17 1 Thessalonians 2:13 2 Peter 1:21
2	The One True God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	Deuteronomy 6:4 Isaiah 43:10–11 Matthew 28:19 Luke 3:22
3	The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ—the eternal Son of God	Matthew 1:23; 28:6 Luke 1:31, 35; 24:39 Hebrews 1:3; 7:26 1 Peter 2:22 Acts 1:9, 11; 2:22, 33; 10:38 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 2 Corinthians 5:21 Philippians 2:9–11
4	The Fall of Man	Genesis 1:26–27; 2:17; 3:6 Romans 5:12–19

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5	The Salvation of Man—through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God	Luke 24:47 John 3:3 Romans 8:16; 10:13–15 Ephesians 2:8; 4:24 Titus 2:11–12; 3:5–7
6	The Ordinances of the Church—Baptism in water and Holy Communion	<i>Baptism in Water:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 28:19</li> <li>• Mark 16:16</li> <li>• Acts 10:47–48</li> <li>• Romans 6:4</li> </ul> <i>Holy Communion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Peter 1:4</li> <li>• 1 Corinthians 11:26</li> </ul>
7	The Baptism in the Holy Spirit—the promise of the Father	Luke 24:49 Acts 1:4, 8; 2:42, 43; 4:8; 8:12–17; 10:44–46; 11:14–16; 15:7–9 1 Corinthians 12:1–31 John 7:37–39 Mark 16:20 Hebrews 12:28
8	The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit—speaking with other tongues	Acts 2:4 1 Corinthians 12:4–10, 28
9	Sanctification—an act of separation from evil and dedication unto God	Romans 12:1–2; 6:1–11, 13; 8:1–2, 13 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Hebrews 12:14; 13:12 1 Peter 1:5, 15–16 Galatians 2:20 Philippians 2:12–13
10	The Church and Its Mission—the body of Christ and its fourfold missions	Ephesians 1:22–23; 2:22; 4:11–16 Hebrews 12:23 Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19–20 Mark 16:15–16 1 Corinthians 12:13, 28; 14:12 Psalm 112:9 Galatians 2:10; 6:10 James 1:27

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11	The Ministry—provided by our Lord for the four-fold purpose of leading the Church	Mark 16:15–20 John 4:23–24 Ephesians 4:11, 16 Psalm 112:9 Galatians 2:10; 6:10 James 1:27
12	Divine Healing—provided for in the Atonement	Isaiah 53:4–5 Matthew 8:16–17 James 5:14–16
13	The Blessed Hope—The Rapture	1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 Romans 8:23 Titus 2:13 1 Corinthians 15:51–52
14	The Millennial Reign of Christ	Zechariah 14:5 Matthew 24:27, 30 Revelation 1:7; 19:11–14; 20:1–6 Ezekiel 37:21–22 Zephaniah 3:19–20 Romans 11:26–27 Isaiah 11:6–9 Psalm 72:3–8 Micah 4:3–4
15	The Final Judgment	Matthew 25:46 Mark 9:43–48 Revelation 19:20; 20:11–15; 21:8
16	The New Heavens and the New Earth	2 Peter 3:13 Revelation 21–22