**Doctrinal Questionnaire for Vidor Church of Christ**

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Please answer all questions providing details where requested and feel free to add detail if desired where not requested.

1. What must one do to become a Christian?

2. Do you believe all of the Bible is the verbally inspired infallible word of God?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

3. Are there any contradictions in the Bible?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

4. Do you believe that the New Testament is the only acceptable standard of religious authority today?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

5. Do you believe that we must have Scriptural authority for all that we do in religion?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

6. How do we establish that scriptural authority?

7. a. Must God specifically forbid something in order for it to be sinful?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

8. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten, virgin-born Son of God?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

9. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is coming again sometime in the future to raise the dead, judge the

 living and the dead, and destroy the earth?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

10. a. Is Jesus going to establish His Kingdom at that time?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

11. Can we look at Scriptures or the “signs of the times” and determine when Christ will return?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

12. Do you believe that one can be saved who has never heard of Jesus?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

13. How is the name Church of Christ used in the Bible, and how should we use it today?

14. a. Do you believe that the Church of Christ is a denomination?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. If not, how can man distinguish the Church of Christ from the denomina­tions?

15. Must a person be in the Church of Christ to be saved?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

16. Do you believe that all or at least some denominations are a part of the Church of Christ?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

17. Do you believe that the church and the kingdom are the same?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

18. a. Should congregations / individual Christians have fellowship with any denomination?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

19. a. Would it be sinful to allow a denominational preacher to come to your congregation and preach a
 sermon or teach a Bible class?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

20. a. Would it be sinful for the church to have a joint worship service with the denominations in our

 area?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

21. a. Would it be sinful for a youth group or any other group from a congrega­tion to participate in

 activities sponsored and conducted by the Lord's church where false teachers are speaking or

 unscriptural activities are being participated in?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

22. Do you believe there are saved people in the denominations?

Yes \_ No \_ Not sure \_

23. a. If your answer to question 22 is "yes", will those people be saved if they live and worship in that

 denomination until they die?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

24. Will a kind, moral, devoutly religious person who is not a Christian be lost?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

25. a. Do you believe that denominational baptism is valid?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

26. Do you believe that God created the universe and all that is in it in six literal 24 hour days?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

27. Does the Genesis account of creation allow for the possibility of long periods of time in which

 evolution could have occurred?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

28. Should we accept the Genesis account of creation as literal, or as figurative and allegorical?

Literal \_\_ Figurative \_\_

29. Did people and dinosaurs live on earth at the same time?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

30. Was the flood of Noah's time local or universal in scope?

Local \_\_ Universal \_\_

31. Do you believe that congregations can cooperate in doing the Lord's work as long as they do not form

 other organizations?

 Yes\_\_ No\_\_ Not sure\_\_

32. Do you believe that the church, out of its treasury, can support a home for widows or fatherless

 children?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

33. Do you believe that it is wrong for the church to assist, from the church treasury, needy people who

 are not members of the church?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

34 Do you believe is it sinful to eat a fellowship meal at the same building where one worships?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

35. Do you believe that it is Scriptural to have several "house churches" under the oversight of one
 central eldership?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

36. Do you believe that it is Scriptural to have children’s worship or other such divided worship
 assemblies?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

37. Are people sinful when they are born?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

38. Do you believe that we are saved by the grace of God?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

39. Do you believe that we are saved by God's grace without any works of obedi­ence on our part?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

40. Do you believe that a child of God can fall from grace?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

41. Do you believe that God's grace will cover our doing things we know violate His word if we do not

 repent of and confess those sins to Him?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

42. Since we are under grace, are we subject to the law of Christ?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

43. a. Is it sinful to miss a worship service if it is possible for us to be there?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

44. a. Is stressing the need for strict adherence to the word of God wrong?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

45. Do you believe that all of the miracles in the Bible actually occurred as recorded?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

46. Do you believe that miracles occur today?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

47. How does the Holy Spirit influence people's minds today?

48. a. Does the Holy Spirit have to enlighten and energize the word of God today to help us

 understand it?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

49. Does the Holy Spirit take control of our hearts and minds today?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

50. Does the baptism of the Holy Spirit continue today?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

51. a. Does the Holy Spirit lead and guide us in any way other than through the word of God today?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. If yes or not sure, explain your answer.

52. Do you believe that the lost will be in a conscious state of everlasting punish­ment?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

53. Do you believe that God's laws of marriage, divorce and remarriage apply to everyone in the world?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

54. How many Scriptural reasons are there for divorce and remarriage? Please list the reason(s).

55. Do you believe that the one put away for fornication has the same right to remarry that the innocent

 party has?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

56. Do you believe it is Scriptural to marry one who has been put away for fornica­tion?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

57. a. If one is in an unscriptural marriage must he or she come out of that marriage in order to be saved?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

58. a. Does baptism cleanse an adulterous relationship? In other words, if two people are married who are

 not authorized to be married to each other, and they decide to become Christians, does the fact that

 they are bap­tized cleanse their adulterous relationship?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

59. a. Is it sinful to sing songs of praise to God in worship with the accompani­ment of mechanical
 instruments of music?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

60. a. Is it sinful to sing songs of praise to God with the accompaniment of mechanical instruments of

 music under any circumstances?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

61. Do you believe it is Scriptural to accompany songs of praise with whistling, humming, imitating the

 sounds of instruments, or clapping or to include these acts in our worship?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

62. Is the practice of withdrawal of fellowship an unimportant and optional matter?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

63. a. Do you believe that it is Scriptural to include choruses, choirs, quartets or solos in our worship

 service?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

64. a. Do you believe that women may preach, teach, lead singing or lead prayer in a mixed group of

 Christian men and women?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

 b. Why or why not?

65. a. May a woman Scripturally serve the Lord as a deacon or an elder?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

 b. Why or why not?

66. a. Do you believe it is Scriptural to partake of the Lord's Supper on days other than, or in addition to,

 the first day of the week?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

67. a. Do you believe it is Scriptural for the church to raise money for its work by bake sales, yard sales,

 car washes, walkathons, dinners, etc. in addition to the freewill offering on the first day of the

 week?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

68. Can one be saved without being baptized for the remission of sins?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

 What about the thief on the cross?

69. If access to water is difficult are sprinkling and/or pouring valid forms of baptism?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

70. Do you believe that baptism is an immersion in water for the remission of sins?

Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

71. What is wrong with the practice of infant baptism?

72. Please list any reason you believe it is scripturally acceptable for a Christian to drink alcoholic
 beverages?

73. a. Do you believe it is wrong for Christians to participate in dancing?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

74. a. Do you believe it is wrong for a Christian to participate in gambling?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

75. a. Do you believe a Christian may engage in mixed swimming involving immodest clothing and be
 pleasing to God?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

76. Is it wrong for Christians (male or female) to wear short shorts, tight jeans, short or tight skirts,
 revealing blouses or go shirtless in public?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

77. In a Scripturally organized congregation, who has the final authority in matters of judgment in the
 local congregation?

78. a. Is abortion sinful?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure\_\_

b. Why or why not?

79. a. Is it wrong to expose the error of denominational doctrines or practices from the pulpit or in Bible

 classes?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

80. a. Is it wrong to expose from the pulpit or in Bible classes departures from the Bible on the part of

 preachers, other Christians or congregations of the Church of Christ?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

81. a. Do we need to change the worship, doctrine or organization of the church to make it more

 appealing to younger people, non-Christians or others?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

82. What version (or a translation) of the Bible do you use in your teaching or preaching?

83. What is your view of the popular New International Version?

84. How do the translation mistakes in the New International Version compare to the translation mistakes in the King James, the New King James or the Amer­ican Standard?

85. a. Is all that we do in life worship?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?

86. Is homosexuality a sin?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

87. a. Does every event happen because God ordained it to happen?

 Yes \_\_ No \_\_ Not sure \_\_

b. Why or why not?