

Deaf Pah!
Koehler's *Summary of Christian Doctrine*
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Study Guide

The following questions are to help you think about the material you learned in each of the lessons. They are organized to follow the outline in the textbook *Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Edward Koehler. As you study each video lesson, please also read the chapter in the textbook. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper and discuss them with your mentor.

At the end of each part are summary questions. The summary questions help you put together what you learned in the preceding chapters.

Part I – The Holy Scriptures

<p>Chapter I The Source & Norm of Christian Doctrine</p>
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Lesson 1

Watch video: Koehler #1

Read: Chapter I, sections 1 – 3

Questions:

- a) Why do we study God's Word?

- b) What must we do to learn about God and His Will?

Lesson 2

Watch video: Koehler #2

Read: Chapter I, sections 4 & 5

Question:

- a) What is our goal as Bible teachers?

Lesson 3

Watch video: Koehler #3

Read: Chapter I, sections 6 – 8

Questions:

- a) Give four reasons why we should not trust man-made doctrines.
- b) What do Lutheran pastors and teachers promise about their teachings?

Chapter II Origin & Inspiration of the Bible

Lesson 4

Watch video: Koehler #4

Read: Chapter II, sections 1 – 2(a) {“The divine impulse”}

Questions:

- a) How did God give us the Bible?
 - b) When we say “the Bible is inspired” what three things do we mean?
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Lesson 5

Watch video: Koehler #5

Read: Chapter II, section 2(b) [“The divine thought content”]

Question:

- a) How did the writers learn the things they wrote in the Bible?
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Lesson 6

Watch video: Koehler #6

Read: Chapter II, sections 2(c) – 3

Question:

- a) Explain why the Bible writers are not robots or secretaries.
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Lesson 7

Watch video: Koehler #8

Read: Chapter II, sections 4 & 5

Questions:

- a) Why is it important to believe that all the Bible is inspired?

- b) Some people believe only parts of the Bible are inspired. Explain why their opinion is dangerous.
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Lesson 8

Watch video: Koehler #3

Read: Chapter II, sections 6 – 7

Question:

- a) Explain how a sermon can be God's Word.

<h2>Chapter III</h2> <h3>Attributes of the Bible</h3>

Lesson 9

Watch video: Koehler #9

Read: Chapter III, sections 1 & 2

Questions:

- a) What does it mean to accept the Bible's authority?
- b) What is the value of our opinions and feelings when interpreting the Bible?
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Lesson 10

Watch video: Koehler #10

Read: Chapter III, sections 3 & 4

Questions:

- a) How does the Bible change our lives? Where does its power come from?
- b) Why can we trust the doctrines in the Lutheran Confessions?
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Lesson 11

Watch video: Koehler #11

Read: Chapter III, section 5

Question:

- a) Some parts of the Bible are difficult to understand. Why?

Chapter IV
Divisions of the Bible

Lesson 12

Watch video: Koehler #12

Read: Chapter IV

Questions:

- a) What are the two parts of the Bible? How many books are in each part?

- b) What are the two important doctrines in the Bible?

Chapter V
The Purpose of the Bible

Lesson 13

Watch video: Koehler #13

Read: Chapter V, section 1

Questions:

- a) Explain the three purposes of the Bible.
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Lesson 14

Watch video: Koehler #14

Read: Chapter V, sections 2 – 3

Questions:

- a) Why is the Bible different from all other religious books?

- b) Why did God give us the Bible?

Chapter VI
The Use of the Bible

Lesson 15

Watch video: Koehler #15

Read: Chapter VI, sections 1 & 2

Question:

a) How does reading and studying God's Word help you?

Lesson 16

Watch video: Koehler #16

Read: Chapter VI, section 3 (*For Doctrine; ..reproof; ... correction*)

Questions:

a) How does the Bible affect your heart and life?

b) How does the Bible help you warn against false doctrine?

c) How does the Bible correct you?

Lesson 17

Watch video: Koehler #17

Read: Chapter VI, section 3 (*For instruction...; For comfort; Wrong use of the Bible*)

Questions:

a) What is righteous living?

b) How does the Bible comfort you?

Part I SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. The Bible is inspired. What does this mean for its authority, truthfulness, power, sufficiency and clearness?
2. Why is it dangerous to make a man-made teaching more important than the Bible?
3. What are the five ways we should use the Bible?

Part II – God

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter VII Natural and Revealed Knowledge of the God</p>
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Lesson 18

Watch video: Koehler #18

Read: Chapter VII, sections 1 – 3

Question:

- a) What are two natural proofs that God exists?
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Lesson 19

Watch video: Koehler #19

Read: Chapter VII, sections 4 – 6

Questions:

- a) What are two things about God that conscience and nature cannot reveal to people?
- b) Where can we find true knowledge about God?

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter VIII The Attributes of God</p>

Lesson 20

Watch video: Koehler #20

Read: Chapter VIII, section A (*The Divine Essence*)

Question:

- a) When the Bible describes God as having an arm, how do we understand this?
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Lesson 21

Watch video: Koehler #21

Read: Chapter VIII, sections B.1 – 6

Questions:

- a) What does it mean that God is eternal?
- b) What does it mean that God never changes?

Lesson 22

Watch video: Koehler #22

Read: Chapter VIII, sections 7 – 10

Questions:

- a) What does it mean that God knows all things?

 - b) God is holy. What does this mean?
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Lesson 23

Watch video: Koehler #23

Read: Chapter VIII, sections 11 & 12

Questions:

- a) What does it mean that God is just and righteous?
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Lesson 24

Watch video: Koehler #24

Read: Chapter VIII, sections 13 & 14

Questions:

- a) Describe the two ways that God works – directly and indirectly.

 - b) What does it mean that God is good? Give six examples from the video.
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Chapter IX The Triune God

Lesson 25

Watch video: Koehler #25

Read: Chapter IX, sections A – B.2

Questions:

- a) How many Gods are there? Who is the one true God?
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Lesson 26

Watch video: Koehler #26

Read: Chapter IX, sections B.3 & 4

Questions:

- a) Why do we accept and believe that God is Triune?
 - b) How do we know the Holy Spirit is God?
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Lesson 27

Watch video: Koehler #27

Read: Chapter IX, sections 5 – 7

Question:

- a) What does it mean when we say that God is Trinity (Triune)?
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Part II SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. What does natural knowledge tell us about God and why is natural knowledge not enough to save us?
 2. God is eternal, unchangeable, wise, holy, just (fair), and good. Explain how these give comfort to the Christian.
 3. Someone says, “You Christians worship three gods.” Explain about the Trinity.
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Part III – Creation and Providence

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter X The Creation of the World</p>
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Lesson 28

Watch video: Koehler #28

Read: Chapter X, sections 1 – 3

Questions:

- a) Where do we learn about how the world began?
- b) We cannot prove God made the world, so how do we know He made the world?

Lesson 29

Watch video: Koehler #29

Read: Chapter X, sections 4 & 5

Questions:

- a) In Genesis, Chapter 1, what does the word “day” mean?
 - b) Describe what God did each of the six days of creation.
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Lesson 30

Watch video: Koehler #30

Read: Chapter X, sections 6 & 7

Questions:

- a) What does evolution teach? What does evolution reject?
- b) Why can't evolution and creation be combined?

Chapter XI Divine Providence

Lesson 31

Watch video: Koehler #31

Read: Chapter XI, sections 1 – 3

Questions:

- a) How does God continue to support and care for the earth?
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Lesson 32

Watch video: Koehler #32

Read: Chapter XI, section 4

Questions:

- a) What do we mean by “natural law”?
- b) What is a miracle?

Lesson 33

Watch video: Koehler #33

Read: Chapter XI, section 5

Questions:

- a) What does it mean that we have “free will”?

 - b) How does the Holy Spirit help the believer please God?
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Lesson 34

Watch video: Koehler #34

Read: Chapter XI, sections

Questions:

- a) Describe the four different ways that God rules the world.
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Part III SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. What is the most important difference between creation and evolution?

 2. Why does God permit evil things to happen?
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Part IV – Angels and Men

Chapter XII Angels

Lesson 35

Watch video: Koehler #35

Read: Chapter XII, sections 1 & 2

Questions:

- a) How do we know angels exist?

 - b) Describe how angels are different from and similar to people.
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Lesson 36

Watch video: Koehler #36

Read: Chapter XII, sections 3 & 4

Questions:

- a) How are angels different than God?
 - b) What four things do holy angels do?
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Lesson 37

Watch video: Koehler #37

Read: Chapter XII, section 5 (first three paragraphs)

Questions:

- a) Why are there evil angels?
 - b) What will happen to evil angels on Judgment Day?
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Lesson 38

Watch video: Koehler #38

Read: Chapter XII, section 5 (last three paragraphs)

Questions:

- a) Describe evil angels.
- b) How do evil angels try to destroy the Church?

Chapter XIII Man

Lesson 39

Watch video: Koehler #39

Read: Chapter XIII, section 1

Questions:

- a) Describe how God made Adam and Eve.
- b) What does evolution teach about people?

Lesson 40

Watch video: Koehler #40

Read: Chapter XIII, section 2

Questions:

- a) What three things reside in our souls?
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Lesson 41

Watch video: Koehler #41

Read: Chapter XIII, section: *Dichotomy and Trichotomy*

Questions:

- a) Explain the difference between the souls of believers and the souls of unbelievers in relationship to God.
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Lesson 42

Watch video: Koehler #42

Read: Chapter XIII, sections 3 & 4

Questions:

- a) What does it mean that Adam and Eve were very good?
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Lesson 43

Watch video: Koehler #43

Read: Chapter XIII, section 5

Questions:

- a) How did sin enter the world?

 - b) What are the four consequences of sin?
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Part IV SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. Someone says, "I believe angels are the souls of dead people." Is this true? Explain why or why not.

2. Why did God make people?

3. How are people different from animals?

Part V – The Law and Sin

Chapter XIV The Law

Lesson 44

Watch video: Koehler #44

Read: Chapter XIV, sections 1 & 2

Questions:

- a) What is our conscience?

 - b) What does the conscience prove is in our heart?
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Lesson 45

Watch video: Koehler #45

Read: Chapter XIV, sections 3 – 8

Questions:

- a) Where does God reveal his perfect, never-changing will?

 - b) What are the three purposes of the Law?
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Chapter XV Sin

Lesson 46

Watch video: Koehler #46

Read: Chapter XV, sections 1 & 2

Questions:

- a) What is sin?

 - b) Why do people sin?
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Lesson 47

Watch video: Koehler #47

Read: Chapter XV, section 3

Questions:

- a) What is the punishment for sin?
- b) Describe spiritual, physical and eternal death.

Chapter XVI Original Sin

Lesson 48

Watch video: Koehler #48

Read: Chapter XVI

Questions:

- a) Describe original (or heart) sin.
- b) Who is the only person without original (or heart) sin?

Chapter XVII Actual Sin

Lesson 49

Watch video: Koehler #49

Read: Chapter XVII

Questions:

- a) Describe actual sin.
- b) Why does God permit temptation?

Part V SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. "God permits sin, therefore God causes sin." Is this true? Explain your answer.
2. Someone says, "Babies are born innocent, sin none." What would you say to them?

3. There is only one sin God will not forgive—the sin against the Holy Spirit. What is the sin against the Holy Spirit and why is it eternally dangerous?
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Part VI – Salvation by the Grace of God Through Christ Jesus

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter XVIII The Saving Grace of God</p>
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Lesson 50

Watch video: Koehler #50

Read: Chapter XVIII

Questions:

- a) Why is God's grace necessary for our salvation?
- b) Describe four (4) things about God's grace.

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter XIX The Person of Christ</p>

Lesson 51

Watch video: Koehler #51

Read: Chapter XIX, section 1

Questions:

- a) What does Jesus mean? What does Christ mean?
- b) What does it mean to believe Jesus is the Christ?

Lesson 52

Watch video: Koehler #52

Read: Chapter XIX, section 2(a)

Questions:

- a) Why is it important to believe Jesus is true God?
- b) Give three verses from the Bible that show that Jesus is God.

Lesson 53

Watch video: Koehler #53

Read: Chapter XIX, sections 2(b) & (c)

Questions:

- a) Suppose Jesus is not fully human, what does this mean for our salvation?
 - b) Describe four ways Jesus' human nature is unique and different from all other people.
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Lesson 54

Watch video: Koehler #54

Read: Chapter XIX, sections 3 – 5

Questions:

- a) What two things did Jesus Christ do for all people?
- b) How did Jesus pay for our sins?

Chapter XX The Life of the Redeemer: Humiliation & Exaltation
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Lesson 55

Watch video: Koehler #55

Read: Chapter XX

Questions:

- a) What three things did Jesus accept when He suffered on the cross?
- b) What four things does Jesus' resurrection prove?

Chapter XXI The Work and Office of Christ
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Lesson 56

Watch video: Koehler #56

Read: Chapter XXI

Questions:

- a) What does Jesus continue to do for us as our Priest?
 - b) Jesus rules three kingdoms – name and describe them.
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Part VI SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. Why is it necessary for Jesus to be both true God and true man?
 2. Explain how Jesus' death and resurrection are important for salvation.
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Part VII – Salvation by the Grace of God through the Holy Spirit

Chapter XXII Conversion is the Work of God

Lesson 57

Watch video: Koehler #57

Read: Chapter XXII

Question:

- a) When the Holy Spirit converts people He does six things. Describe them.

Chapter XXIII Conversion

Lesson 58

Watch video: Koehler #58

Read: Chapter XXIII

Questions:

- a) Which saves us–Law or Gospel–and why?
- b) What are the two parts of repentance?

Chapter XXIV Faith

Lesson 59

Watch video: Koehler #59

Read: Chapter XXIV

Questions:

- a) How can people lose faith?
- b) What does faith do?

Chapter XXV Justification by Faith

Lesson 60

Watch video: Koehler #60

Read: Chapter XXV

Questions:

- a) What is justification? How do we receive justification?
- b) How does faith show itself in a Christian's life?

Chapter XXVI Sanctification through Faith
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Lesson 61

Watch video: Koehler #61

Read: Chapter XXVI

Questions:

- a) Describe sanctification. How is it different from justification?
- b) Why do we want to live a holy life?

Chapter XXVII Good Works

Lesson 62

Watch video: Koehler #62

Read: Chapter XXVII

Questions:

a) How does God's Word describe good works?

b) Do good works save us?

Chapter XXVIII Prayer
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Lesson 63

Watch video: Koehler #63

Read: Chapter XXVII, sections 1 – 5

Question:

a) How do we know that God will hear and answer our prayers?

Lesson 64

Watch video: Koehler #64

Read: Chapter XXVII, sections 6 – 12

Questions:

a) Why do we pray?

b) What are five things we should do when praying?

Chapter XXIX Life of Hope under the Cross
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Lesson 65

The video for this lesson is currently not available. We are working on replacing it.

Read: Chapter XXIX

Questions:

a) What does "we Christians should bear our cross" mean?

b) Why can Christians suffer and still have hope?

Chapter XXX
Preservation through Faith

Lesson 66

Watch video: Koehler #66

Read: Chapter XXX

Question:

a) How does God preserve our faith?

Chapter XXXI
The Election of Grace

Lesson 67

Watch video: Koehler #67

Read: Chapter XXI

Question:

What does each person of the Trinity do for our faith?

Part VII SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. What is the relationship between good works and faith? Which is necessary for salvation?
2. Someone says, “God doesn’t answer my prayers.” What would you say to him?
3. How do we Christians understand suffering in our life, and what should be our response?

Part VIII – Salvation through the Means of Grace

Chapter XXXII
The Gospel

Lesson 68

Watch video: Koehler #68

Read: Chapter XXXII

Questions:

a) What are the three things we call the “means of grace?”

b) Why are they called “means of grace?”

Chapter XXXIII Law and Gospel
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Lesson 69

Watch video: Koehler #69

Read: Chapter XXXIII

Questions:

- a) How are Law and Gospel the same?
- b) How are Law and Gospel different?

Chapter XXXIV The Sacraments

Lesson 70

Watch video: Koehler #70

Read: Chapter XXIV

Questions:

- a) What is the difference between a sacrifice and a sacrament?
- b) What does a sacrament offer?

Chapter XXXV Baptism

Lesson 71

Watch video: Koehler #71

Read: Chapter XXXV

Questions:

- a) What is Baptism, and what does it do?
- b) How does remembering our Baptism help our daily life?

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter XXXVI The Lord's Supper</p>
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Lesson 72

Watch video: Koehler #72

Read: Chapter XXXVI, sections 1 – 15

Questions:

- a) What are different names for the Lord's Supper?

 - b) Why do Lutherans believe that the bread and wine ARE Jesus' body and blood?
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Lesson 73

Watch video: Koehler #73

Read: Chapter XXXVI, sections 16 – the end of the chapter

Questions:

- a) Why should Christians receive the Lord's Supper often?

 - b) What are the blessings in the Lord's Supper?
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Part VIII SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. How are Baptism and the Lord's Supper sacraments?

2. St. Paul teaches us to prepare ourselves for the Lord's Supper by examining ourselves. What four things should we examine?

Part IX – The Church

<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter XXXVII The Invisible Church</p>
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Lesson 74

Watch video: Koehler #74

Read: Chapter XXXVII

Questions:

- a) What is the Church?

- b) How does the Bible describe the invisible (see-can't) Church?
- c) Who belongs to the invisible Church?

Chapter XXXVIII The Visible Church

Lesson 75

Watch video: Koehler #75

Read: Chapter XXXVIII

Questions:

- a) Who belongs to the visible (see-can) Church?
- b) Why do we believe the Lutheran Church is the true, correct visible Church?

Chapter XXXIX Government of the Church

Lesson 76

Watch video: Koehler #76

Read: Chapter XXXIX

Questions:

- a) How does Christ rule His Church?
- b) Christ names His people "royal priests." What does this mean?

Chapter XL The Power of the Church: The Office of the Keys

Lesson 77

Watch video: Koehler #77

Read: Chapter XL

Questions:

- a) What does Christ do through the Office (Authority) of the Keys?

Chapter XLI
The Power to Forgive and Retain Sins

Lesson 78

Watch video: Koehler #78

Read: Chapter XLI

Questions:

- a) The Office (Authority) of the Keys has two keys. Describe them.

- b) What is Absolution, and who should receive Absolution?

Chapter XLII
Church Discipline

Lesson 79

Watch video: Koehler #79

Read: Chapter XLII

Questions:

- a) What is the goal of Church discipline?

- b) Why is it important for Christians to resolve conflicts?

Chapter XLIII
The Office of the Ministry

Lesson 80

Watch video: Koehler #80

Read: Chapter XLIII

Questions:

- a) How is the royal priesthood different from the pastor's office?

- b) What does a congregation call a pastor to do?

- c) How does a man become a pastor?

**Chapter XLIV
Antichrist**

Lesson 81

Watch video: Koehler #81

Read: Chapter XLIV

Question:

a) How does the Bible describe the Antichrist?

Part IX SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. When a person sins against you, what is your attitude and goal, and what should you do and not do?
2. What does the Holy Spirit do through the pastor?

Part X – Civil Estates

**Chapter XLV
Civil Government**

Lesson 82

Watch video: Koehler #82

Read: Chapter XLV

Questions:

- a) What are the duties and powers of human government?
- b) What is our Christian duty to the government?

**Chapter XLVI
Separation of State and Church**

Lesson 83

Watch video: Koehler #83

Read: Chapter XLVI

Questions:

- a) How is Church authority different from government authority?
- b) Why should we keep Church and Government separate?

Chapter XLVII Marriage

Lesson 84

Watch video: Koehler #84

Read: Chapter XLVII, sections 1 – 5

Question:

- a) What is a marriage? What is marriage for?
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Lesson 85

Watch video: Koehler #85

Read: Chapter XLVII, sections 6 – 11

Questions:

- a) What are the duties of the husband and wife, and why?
 - b) The Bible gives two reasons to permit divorce. Name them.
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Part X SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. What can Christians do to support the government?
2. A couple tells you they have trouble with the word “obey” in the marriage vows. What do you say to them?
3. Someone wants your congregation to support a political candidate. How do you explain the separation between Church and State?

Part XI – The Last Things

Chapter XLVIII Physical Death

Lesson 86

Watch video: Koehler #86

Read: Chapter XLVIII

Questions:

- a) Why do people die?

- b) How is a Christian's death different from a non-Christian's death?

Chapter XLIX The State of Death

Lesson 87

Watch video: Koehler #87

Read: Chapter XLIX

Questions:

- a) What happens to the soul and body after death?

- b) Is it possible for a person to repent after he (or she) dies?

Chapter L The Second Coming of Christ

Lesson 88

Watch video: Koehler #88

Read: Chapter L

Questions:

- a) Describe what will happen when Jesus comes again.

- b) Why does the Bible give ordinary signs for Jesus coming again?

Chapter LI
The Millennium

Lesson 89

Watch video: Koehler #89

Read: Chapter LI

Questions:

a) Describe the two false opinions about the millennium.

b) Why are these two opinions dangerous?

Chapter LII
The Resurrection of the Dead

Lesson 90

Watch video: Koehler #90

Read: Chapter LII

Question:

a) When Christ raises the dead what will happen to believers and unbelievers?

Chapter LIII
The Final Judgment

Lesson 91

Watch video: Koehler #91

Read: Chapter LIII

Question:

a) How will Christ judge people guilty or righteous?

Chapter LIV
The End of the World

Lesson 92

Watch video: Koehler #92

Read: Chapter LIV

Question:

- a) What will happen when Jesus comes on the Last Day?

Chapter LV Eternal Damnation

Lesson 93

Watch video: Koehler #93

Read: Chapter LV

Question:

- a) Describe what will happen to people in hell.

Chapter LVI Eternal Salvation
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Lesson 94

Watch video: Koehler #94

Read: Chapter LVI

Questions:

- a) How does the Bible describe eternal life?

- b) How is life in heaven different from life on earth?

Part XI SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1. How can a person be confident he (or she) will have eternal life?

2. How does your eternal salvation affect the way you live as a Christian?

Final Exam

1. Christians often have conflict with each other. A member of your congregation gossips about you and hurts your feelings. Think about how God wants you to solve the conflict.

Your assignment:

- a) List and explain three things you do to resolve the conflict.
 - b) List and explain three things you don't do to resolve the conflict.
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2. A friend says, "I don't believe God loves me." You want to encourage her. Tomorrow, you and your friend will meet for lunch.

Your assignment:

List and explain four things you tell your friend.

- 3) You meet a deaf person. He doesn't attend Church. He says he believes in Jesus. During your conversation you learn that he and his girlfriend live together. You have learned about Law and Gospel.

Your assignment:

- a) Explain the difference between Law and Gospel.
- b) Consider how you would share Law and Gospel with this person. List and explain three ideas from the Law and three ideas from the Gospel that would help you.