



**QUESTIONS FOR THE DEACON CANDIDATE  
DURING THE EXAMINATION BY THE BOARD**

You should be prepared to answer a wide range of questions. A sampling is listed here. Not all of these questions will necessarily be asked, and some other questions may be asked that are not listed. However, preparing for these questions will greatly benefit you, the candidate. We are not looking for answers to be verbatim definitions. Your answers should be your own thoughts and beliefs.

1. Explain your concept of God.
  - What is the Trinity?
2. What do you believe about the creation of mankind?
  - Image of God
3. What is Sin?
4. Why was Jesus Christ born and why did he die?
5. How would you explain to an unbeliever how he or she may experience salvation?
  - What is the Gospel?
6. Explain your understanding of God's grace.
  - What is grace?
  - Grace in salvation?
  - Common grace?
  - What are the Doctrines of grace?
7. What do you believe about the Bible?
  - Its inspiration
  - Its authority
  - Its usefulness in today's world
  - Its place in your own life
8. Explain your understanding of Christian stewardship:
  - Time
  - Talents
  - Treasure (including what you believe about tithing)
9. What are the ordinances of the church?
  - Explain what they mean (baptism and communion).
  - What role do they play in salvation?
  - Why do Protestants generally prefer *not* to use the term "sacrament?"
  - How do deacons generally help the church with observing these ordinances?
10. What role does prayer play in your life?
11. What do the Scriptures say about Jesus Christ's second coming?
12. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian?
13. Do you believe in the security of the believer (or "perseverance of the saints")?
14. What are the duties of a deacon?



15. What are some ways that a deacon is to be an example to others, both in and out of the church?
16. Why are you a Christian?
17. Why are Christians considered Protestants?
18. Would you identify yourself as a Christian who is reformed (also known as a Calvinist)?
19. Do you accept and affirm The Reborn Church of Phoenix's statement of faith? If you have any issues with this statement, please explain.
20. Is your spouse supportive of your service as a deacon?
21. Is your home life consistent with the teachings of Scripture?
22. In addition to the above...
  - Be ready to also answer any of the questions that are in the next section (public testimony) of this material.
  - Be ready to answer questions concerning social and moral issues:
    - Marriage, divorce, remarriage
    - Sexual purity (including chastity, cohabitation—living together sexually without marriage—, promiscuity, and homosexuality)
    - Abortion

QUESTIONS FOR THE DEACON CANDIDATE AND SPOUSE  
DURING THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY TIME OF THE ORDINATION SERVICE

***For the Deacon Candidate***

1. Please share how you came to know and follow Jesus Christ.
2. How long have you been a believer?
3. How long have you been a member of this church?
4. What are some of the ways you have served Jesus Christ through the church?
5. The literal meaning of the Greek word for “deacon” is a “servant” or “minister.” How are deacons servants?
  - In relationship to the Lord.
  - In relationship to his Church.
  - In relationship to partnering with the pastor.
6. What does it mean to you that a deacon is to be “filled with the Spirit?” Comment on the importance of the fruit of the Spirit in the life of a Christian leader. (See Gal. 5:22-23)
7. How can deacons reflect the love of Christ?

***For the Candidate's Spouse***

1. Please share how you came to know and follow Jesus Christ.
2. How long have you been a believer?
3. Are you willing now and in the future to support your spouse in this role as a deacon of this church?