

## **STUDY GUIDE**

### **Departmental Examination: Basic Christian Beliefs**

#### **Division of Religion**

#### **Southern Wesleyan University**

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The comprehensive departmental exam in Basic Christian Beliefs is composed of seventy questions- fifty multiple choice and twenty true-false.

The questions are taken from the two texts used in the course: *Know What You Believe* and *Know Why You Believe*, both by Paul Little. The texts are available through the campus bookstore.

In addition, several questions are based on the teachings of four major world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. The student should be acquainted with the principal doctrines of each through study of a book on other faiths or a good encyclopedia. Questions on these religions will not be taken from minor details, and the student will not be expected to have an exhaustive knowledge of the material; all questions will concern important people, terms, or teachings of the religions to be studied.

For example:

- Who founded this religion (if known)? When? Where is it prevalent?
  
- What is/are its holy book/s?
  
- What does it believe about God? About Christ? About sin and salvation? About an afterlife? About heaven or hell?
  
- How does it worship? What serves as a “church” for these worshippers?
  
- How are these beliefs different from Christianity?

Time limit: 30 minutes.

To schedule an exam, please contact Diana Moody, Division of Religion, at Ext. 5201.

NOTE: A testing fee of \$30.00 will be charged to all who take the exam. If a score of 78% or higher is made, three credits will be awarded and an additional transcription fee of \$60.00 will be charged.