

**Board of Ministry
Pacific Conference of
The Evangelical Church
Level 1 Theology Exam**

Reading List:

The Heart of the Gospel by Robert E. Coleman (Baker Books: Grand Rapids, MI. 2011)

Chapter 1 of The Discipline of The Evangelical Church (Primarily Articles #1-12)

Notes to the Examinee:

- The Evangelical Church is Wesleyan-Arminian in its theology. *The Heart of the Gospel* is a good introduction to a theological point of view that might be new to you. A knowledge of the Scripture and solid biblical theology is an absolute must for those who want to teach and preach.
- The purpose of this exam is relational, not educational. You have learned or will learn more information about theology in other settings such as college, seminary, or PESM. The purpose of this exam is not that you can summarize the information of the book, but so that the Board of Ministry may know you better.
- For clarification sake, this exam is one part of the Level 1 exams in the credentialing process in the Pacific Conference. Later on in the credentialing process, there is a similar sounding, but very different “Doctrinal Examination” which is found in ¶831 in The Discipline of The Evangelical Church, and is done in writing and before the board as the last check before ordination or commissioning.

Exam Procedure:

1. Read the exam questions on page 2 of this document before you read the book.
2. Read through the Articles of Faith of The Evangelical Church.
3. Read *The Heart of the Gospel* as described in question #1.
4. Complete the Exam questions in full paragraph form.
5. Return your completed exam in Word format.
6. The Board of Ministry examiner will follow up with you.

EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. Read “The Heart of the Gospel.” As you read the book, underline, highlight, or record somehow the following occurrences.

! “Aha!” moments.

? Questions or Critique. “I’m not sure what I think about that yet.”

2. Explain four **!Aha!** moments for you in this book and why.

3. Explain four **?Question?** moments for you in this book and why.

4. The author has a more famous book called *The Master Plan of Evangelism*. In this book the author emphasizes evangelism as it relates to theology. Do you think that he brings too much emphasis of evangelism into theology? Or, do you think this is about right, and why?

5. What was your favorite or most interesting chapter for you as you read Coleman’s book, *The Heart of the Gospel*, and why?

6. As a result of the Articles of Faith, and *The Heart of the Gospel*, how would you define sin? And, how would you explain sin to a typical lay person in the church who had general questions?

7. After reading the Articles of Faith, and *The Heart of the Gospel*, how would you define the theological steps, and the order of those steps, in the process of salvation; starting with God’s omniscient foreknowledge and ending with our glorification when we get to heaven?