

Table 2: Religious Beliefs

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Question 7: Which of the following statements best reflect your views of Jesus? (Check only two.)	
a. Jesus is the one who forgives my sins	70.7
b. Jesus is the one whose coming brought the Holy Spirit	16.8
c. Jesus is the one whose resurrection gave victory over death	69.6
d. Jesus is a non-violent peacemaker	16.0
e. Jesus is my best friend	23.9
Question 8: Which statement best expresses your view of the uniqueness of Jesus? (Check only one.)	
a. Jesus is the only way to God and those without faith in Jesus will not be saved	77.6
b. Jesus is the clearest revelation of God, but God may save people who don't know Jesus	20.7
c. Jesus is one of many ways to God	1.4
d. Jesus was a great teacher and prophet but no more than that	0.3
Question 9: Which statement best expresses your view of why Jesus died on the cross? (Check only one.)	
a. Jesus died to complete God's plan of salvation	86.6
b. Jesus died as a sacrifice to satisfy God's anger against sin	8.3
c. Jesus willingly died to show the power of nonviolent love	4.1
d. Jesus died because he condemned social and economic injustice	1.0
Question 10: What do you believe about the following statement: "Jesus is the only way to God and those without faith in Jesus will not be saved"?	
a. Do not believe	6.4
b. Believe	80.7
c. Not sure	12.9

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Question 11: What do you believe about the following statement: “Christians and people of other religions (e.g., Islam, Buddhism, etc.) worship the same God”?	
a. Do not believe	83.1
b. Believe	4.7
c. Not sure	12.2
Question 12: In your opinion, how important is it to be saved or born again?	
a. Not very important	1.5
b. Somewhat important	5.2
c. Very important	93.3
Question 15: Which statement best expresses what you believe about the Bible? (Check only one.)	
a. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word	15.0
b. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, but needs to be interpreted in context	82.3
c. The Bible is an ancient book of stories, history, and moral guidelines recorded by humans	1.2
d. The Bible has no relevance for today	0.0
e. The Bible tells us about experiences people have with God	1.5
Question 16: In your view, which testament (Old or New) is more relevant to you? (Check only one.)	
a. The Old Testament	0.3
b. Both are equally relevant	38.3
c. The New Testament	61.3
d. Neither has relevance for me	0.1
Question 17: Which part of the New Testament has influenced you the most?	
a. The Gospels	31.6
b. The book of Acts	2.1

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c. All parts equally	13.8
d. The letters of the apostle Paul	1.1
e. The book of Revelation	19.2
f. The different parts have influenced me equally	32.0
Question 18: Which statement best describes your view of how the Holy Spirit works? (Check only one.) The Spirit...	
a. Speaks directly to individuals in a personal way	24.9
b. Speaks to individuals directly, and also through the church	71.0
c. Speaks primarily through the faith community	3.6
d. Is another name for human insight or inspiration	0.5
Question 20: In your view, what is the most important reason for peacemaking? (Check noly one.)	
a. The Old Testament emphasis on shalom	0.1
b. The theme of reconciliation in biblical teaching	31.1
c. Jesus' life and teaching as a peacemaker	60.2
d. The practical reality that violence is not effective at resolving conflicts	8.6
Question 27: Does the Bible promise that followers of Christ will be more blessed and have better health than non-Christians?	
a. Yes	6.9
b. No	87.8
c. Not sure	5.2
Question 49: People use different words to describe their beliefs. Which of the following words describe your own religious beliefs? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Anabaptist	62.0
b. Charismatic/Pentecostal	7.2
c. Mennonite	8.8
d. Evangelical	53.7
e. Other	
Question 55: In your view, does salvation depend more on what a person believes or how a person lives?	
a. Salvation depends more on what a person believes	30.7

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b. Salvation depends more on how a person lives	4.0
c. Salvation depends equally on one's beliefs and how one lives	62.7
Question 56: A central element of Brethren in Christ beliefs is an emphasis on holiness. Which two of the following elements best reflect your understanding of holiness? (Check two.)	
a. Holiness involves surrendering one's life fully to God	82.6
b. Holiness is an important goal, but one which often eludes us	18.5
c. Holiness refers to choices we make regarding how we live our lives	52.4
d. Holiness means living a life free of sin	11.3
e. Not sure	2.8