

GKS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY 2013

BIBLE QUIZ FOR BROTHERS

1. **QUESTION:** "... I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." (Isaiah 45:22,23) The texts show that true Christians must bow and swear to God. Comment.

ANSWER: True Christians are to bow to God Almighty and Jesus Christ only, as the Scripture says but not to man. However, they are not to swear at all because Jesus Christ abolished this. – Isaiah 45:22,23; Romans 14:11,12; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 5:34-37; James 5:12.

2. **QUESTION:** "... Thou art Peter: and upon this rock I will build my church." – Matthew 16:17,18. (i) Who made this statement? (ii) Who is referred to as "this rock"?

ANSWER: (i) Jesus Christ (ii) Jesus Christ referred to himself – 1 Corinthians 10:4;

3. **QUESTION:** "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24) and "... and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." (2 Kings 2:11) The above quotations show that, among those in the class of the ancient worthy, Enoch and Elijah were the first to go to heaven. (i) True or false? (ii) Give reasons for your answer with at least two Bible texts to support.

ANSWER: (i) False (ii) The ancient worthies will not inherit God's Kingdom in heaven, therefore, Enoch and Elijah being of this class are not in and will not go to heaven. Also, when Jesus Christ came to this earth during his first advent, he said that nobody has ascended to heaven. Those of this class will inherit God's Kingdom here on earth. – Psalm 37:9-11; Proverbs 11:31; John 3:13; Luke 13:28,29; Hebrews 11:4-40; Acts 2:29-34; etc.

4. **QUESTION:** "Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him." (Matthew 20:20) (i) What are the names of the Zebedee's children? (ii) What class of Christians do they belong? (iii) Support your answer with two Bible texts.

ANSWER: (i) James and John (ii) The Apostles Class (iii) Matthew 4:18-22;

Mark 10:35-40; Luke 6:12-16.

5. **QUESTION:** What is the meaning of the statement: “Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.” – Luke 16:9.

ANSWER: The statement means that we should make ourselves friends of God Almighty and Jesus Christ by means of the wealth God has blessed us with, so that at the time when the world will be destroyed and money will be useless, He will save us by virtue of the faithful deeds we have done, by His grace. – Genesis 22:1-17; 2 Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23; John 15:13-15. (c) It is by His spirit that God Almighty empowers men to be leaders of His people. - Judges 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6. (d) By the spirit of God, several men and women in time of old were endowed with skills which they used to glorify the work of God. - Exodus 31:2-4; 35:31; Exodus 28:2, 3.

6. **QUESTION:** Answer yes or no to the following: (a) The 70 elders of the Jews, Nehemiah, Lydia became prophets are prophets in that they received the holy spirit. (b) Elisha is greater than Elijah in that he received a double portion of he received a double portion of his master’s powers. (c) Christ received the holy spirit when he entered the Synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21) (d) The spirit given to Christ was without measure.

ANSWER: (a) No (b) No (c) No (d) Yes

7. **QUESTION:** “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” (Exodus 20:5) State how this text supports or disproves the doctrine of ancestral curses.

ANSWER: This text in no way supports the belief in ancestral curses. What it means is that it is the children *who do iniquity like their fathers*, and show hatred for God by not keeping His commandments that He punishes. This is clearly signified by the expression “of them that hate me”. Logically therefore, if the children do not follow the evil ways of their parents, God will not punish them. God will never punish children for the sins of their parents because that will be contrary to divine justice.

8. **QUESTION**“What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on

edge?” (Ezekiel 18:2) Cite two verses from the same chapter of the book of Ezekiel which corrects the impression conveyed in this verse.

ANSWER: “Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.” (Ezekiel 18:19) “The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.” - Ezekiel 18:20. See also verses 5-9, 14-17.

9. **QUESTION:** “And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father. But the children of the murderers he slew not ...” (a) Which king is being referred to here (b) What was the name of his father (c) Why did not slay the children of those who killed his father? (d) Where is it written in the Bible?

ANSWER: (a) Amaziah the King of Judah. (b) The father was Joash. (c) Because he followed the law of God that children should not be punished for their children’s sins. (d) 2 Kings 14:1-6

10. **QUESTION:** Cite and explain two striking Bible references which clearly explain whether anyone had gone to heaven before Christ came to this earth or not.

ANSWER: Matthew 11:11; John 3:13; John 14:1-3; 14:6; Hebrews 11:32-35; Acts 2:34

11. **QUESTION:** Which of these statements was made at the Transfiguration?
(a) “And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” - Matthew 3:17. (b) “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” - Matthew 17:5.

ANSWER: (b)

12. **QUESTION:** Give three points to buttress the argument that would have dissuaded Judas from carrying out his evil plot.

ANSWER: (a) Jesus Christ had given the hint to his apostles that one of them would be the traitor. (John 6: 70, 71) (b) Moreover, two days before the feast of Passover, Jesus again spoke of his betrayal and crucifixion to his disciples.—Matthew. 26: 2. (c) In spite of the fact that he heard what Jesus said about the betrayal he still sneaked away to join the wicked Jews in their plot to kill him. —Matthew 26: 14-16. (d) When he and all the twelve apostles sat to eat in the evening of the first day of the Passover feast, a few hours before his enemies hatched their plot, he said, “Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.”—Matt. 26: 20,21. (e) When Judas asked “Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.” Yet he went on with his plot. —Matt. 26: 22-25.

13. **QUESTION:** “Christ had to be crucified for the good of mankind, Judas did no wrong for fulfilling a prophecy?” What is your answer to this statement.

ANSWER: (a) The prophecy was to the effect that Christ would be betrayed by the wicked and so anyone who did that was wicked and was not sent by God (b) Judas was an instrument of the devil and so made himself a willing tool to carry out the devil’s scheme (c) If Judas Iscariot was not a man really given to wickedness, the warnings and curses pronounced by Jesus Christ upon whoever the traitor would be would have been enough warning for him to desist from carrying out his treachery. (d) Judas pronounced himself a sinner who had betrayed innocent blood showing that he himself knew what he did was evil. – Matthew 27:3-6 (e) The Bible warns against justifying the wicked – Proverbs 17:15

14. **QUESTION:** All the righteous going to heaven at death and the wicked to hell fire is a belief that contradicts God’s purpose of raising the dead back to life. Mention two other beliefs that are also contradictory to this purpose.

ANSWER:

- i) Reincarnation
- ii) The Immortality of the Soul
- iii) Transmigration

15. **QUESTION:** What did Jesus Christ mean when he said he had handed over the keys of the kingdom of heaven to St. Peter? Cite the Bible text where the statement is recorded.

ANSWER: The statement signified that Christ had given St. Peter the authority to teach and explain the Scriptures to the people. It bears the spiritual sense of unlocking or making known to the people certain hidden truths about the

Kingdom of God (Luke 11:51,52; Matthew 13:52). The statement is recorded in Matthew 16:13-19.

16. **QUESTION:** In John 21:15-17, Jesus Christ charged Apostle Peter to feed his sheep which is a pointer to how he (Peter) would use the keys given to him. Mention the two occasions in which he carried out this directive with their Bible reference.

ANSWER:

- i) On the day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-14
- ii) At the conversion and subsequent anointing of Cornelius which marked the opening of the door of faith to the gentiles. – Acts 10:1-48.

17. **QUESTION:** By St. Peter's use of the keys of the kingdom of heaven, show with Scriptural authorities whether or not he (St. Peter) is the head of the Church or the chief of the apostles.

ANSWER: By his use of the keys, St. Peter is not the head of the Church, rather it is Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Corinthians 10:4). St. Peter is not the chief of the apostles – Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48; 22:24-27; Matthew 20:20-28; 2 Corinthians 11:5; 1 Peter 5:1.

18. **QUESTION: ANSWER** True or False

- i) There is power in the blood of Jesus
- ii) Praying through the blood of Jesus amounts to praying amiss
- iii) Blood of Jesus protects a prayerful Christian from accident and demonic attacks.
- iv) All the above have no scriptural support.

ANSWER: i) False ii) False iii) False iv) True

19. **QUESTION:** What does the blood of Jesus Christ signify according to the Holy Bible? Choose your answer from the option below.
- a) The blood of Jesus signifies protection from the attacks of witches and wizards.
 - b) It signifies the remission of sins so as to save mankind from sin and death – Hebrews 2:9,17; 9:22; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 John 2:1,2.
 - c) It signifies the commencement of the reign of Christ over the enemy.
 - d) It signifies the death of the High Priest.

ANSWER: (b)

20. **QUESTION:** a) Why do you think the Lord's Prayer is called the "All sufficient Prayer" b) A part of the Lord's prayer as recorded in the book of Matthew 6:9-10 is regarded as repetition. Identify it with explanation.

ANSWER:

a) The Lord's Prayer is called the "All Sufficient Prayer" because it covers all one would ask from God, though it does not list special personal problems or needs.
b) The portion that amounts to vain repetition that goes against the advice of Jesus Christ (Matthew 6:7,8) is the doxology. "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen" (vs 13). This is an interpolation added by translators; it is not part of the inspired text. Besides, the portion repeats what has been said at the beginning of the prayer.

21. **QUESTION:** When will this planet be destroyed?

ANSWER:

There is no indication in the Bible that this planet the earth will ever cease to exist. It is the evil system of things in the world. Rather it is positively stated that the earth will remain forever. Though it is written: "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever." (Ecclesiastes 1:4, See also Isaiah 45:18) The word "world" refers to the whole system of created things. The whole system has been so badly corrupted through the influence of satan the devil, that the evil in it is far more than the good. Hence St. Paul employed the term "this present evil world" – Galatians 1:4; John 12:31; 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:3,4; I John 5:19.

22. **QUESTION:** With one Bible text explain the statement of Apostle Peter, But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

ANSWER:

This text refers to vengeance which the Almighty God in His wrath will express on the devil and his agents and all forms of satan's works to exterminate all vestiges of them from the earth. It is the war that will end all wars. "What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." – Nahum 1:9 Jesus Christ declared: "For then shall be great

tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” Matthew 24:21 See also Zephaniah 1:14-18; Jeremiah 25:33

23. **QUESTION:** With three (3) cogent Bible texts prove that we are now at the end of the world when God has promised to bring all forms of evil to an end.

ANSWER:

The age in which this present evil system will be brought to an end is termed by Daniel the prophet “The time of the end” - Daniel 12:4 That Knowledge shall increase; that there shall be fast and easy means of transportation/communication as some of the signs to show that this is the age of the end of the world. – See also Matthew 24:3-8; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Jesus Christ said “As things were in Noah’s days, so will they be when the son of man comes. In the days before the flood they ate and drank and married, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of man comes” – Matthew 24:37-39 (N.E.B.) He added: “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” Luke 17:28-30 See also 2 Peter 3:3-7

24. **QUESTION: (a)** In which of the following crosses was Christ hanged?
(i) Greek cross (ii) Latin cross (iii) St. Andrew’s cross

ANSWER:

None of the above

(b) What does the “Cross” mean as used by Christ “He that loveth father “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:37,38

ANSWER:

The word “Cross” was used figuratively to mean the sacrifice, self denial and suffering anyone who is worthy to be his disciple should make to meet his demands – see also Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23 St Paul also used the word “cross” to mean the suffering of Jesus Christ. He said “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.” – 1 Corinthians 1:17

25. **QUESTION:** With two Bible texts, prove that Christ was hanged on a tree.

ANSWER: Acts 5:30-32; Acts 10:38-40; Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Joshua 8:28-29; 10:26-27; John 31:33-40; John 8:28-29; 10:26,27; John 19:31-33,40; John 18:39

26. **QUESTION:** With three relevant texts explain the Jewish mode of execution of accursed persons.

ANSWER:

The Jewish custom based on the law of God was to hang accursed persons on trees. Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:22,23; Joshua 8:28,29; Joshua 10:26,27

27. **QUESTION:** Which major events are linked with the following places in the Bible
i) Mt. Sinai ii) Golgotha (place of skull) iii) Aceldama (the field of blood) iv) Gabbatha (the pavement)

ANSWER:

i) Moses received the ten commandments at Mt. Sinai - Exodus 19:20-23.

ii) The place of Christ's crucifixion - Matthew 27:33-35

iii) Where Judas Iscariot committed suicide - Acts 1:18,19.

iv) The place of judgement where Jesus Christ was arraigned before Pilate - John 19:13.

28 **QUESTION:** Say true or false to the following statements.

i} The holy Bible supports the law of reflection.

ii} The doctrine of purgatory or limbo is true.

iii} A member can on the ground of discretion accept bowing of knee when it is done by a member.

iv} All anointed Christians will be changed to spirits before being taken to heaven.

v} The millennium will precede the battle of Armageddon.

ANSWER:

i} True ii} False iii} False iv} True v} False

29. **QUESTION:** With the aid of two Bible references, one from the Old and one from the New Testaments, prove that one should not bow the knee to man bow the kneed man b. Cite a text to show that one should not bow obey customs that conflict with the Christian faith.

ANSWER: Isaiah 45:23; Esther 3:1-5; Psalm 95: 6 New Testament Matthew 4:8-10; Acts 10:25, 26; Revelation 22:8,9; etc.

30. **QUESTION:** One is free to worship God in any “living Church” provided they worship God, call on the name of Jesus Christ and read the Holy Bible. Do you agree with this statement? Briefly explain why and back your answer with three Bible texts

ANSWER: I disagree. All Churches do not worship the Almighty God. It will amount to interfaith which will lead to apostasy thereby making one to lose life everlasting. One must worship God in the true Organisation or Mountain where the truth is preached in order to saved.. - Matthew 24:11,24; 7:21-23; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; John 8:31,32; 1 Timothy 2:3,4; Ezekiel 20:40,41; Isaiah 56:6-8; John 4:22- 24.

31. **QUESTION:** With the aid of three Bible texts to back your answer, briefly explain what Jesus Christ meant when he said “..he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me.” – John 14:8-11.

ANSWER: Jesus Christ was speaking in a representative capacity. It is in him the attributes of God Almighty are perfectly expressed or made manifest. (John 1:18;10:30; 8:29; 12:49,50 He is not the Almighty God but subject or subordinate to Him. – John 14:28; 12:49; 5:26,30.

32. **QUESTION:** If Jesus Christ was not crucified on a cross why is it written: (a) “And they compelled one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by ...to bear his cross” – Mark 15:21. (b) Why did Jesus Christ say “..if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” – Matthew 16:24.

ANSWER: (a) Jesus Christ was crucified on a tree not cross. (Acts 5:30; 10:38,39; Galatians 3:13; etc. Cross as used in Mark 15:21 was introduced by the translators out of their bias in line with the traditions of men. – Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 4:7. (b) Cross as used in Matthew 16:24 figuratively means self-denial or suffering. Christ did not say that people should take his (i.e. Christ's) cross but everyone should take his own cross and be ready to suffer for the work of God. – Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26; Philippians 1:29

33. **QUESTION:** The Bible says: “Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
(a) Who made this statement?

- (b) Explain the term: “those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice”
- (c) Where is it recorded in the Bible?

ANSWER: (a) God Almighty, speaking through the Psalmist (b) The term means that they the saints by reason of their calling, are prepared to undergo any form of persecution the devil may devise and even die for the sake of the gospel. – Revelation 2:10. (c). Psalm 50:5

34. **QUESTION:** This generation shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled.
- (a) Who made this statement?
 - (b) Which generation was being referred to.
 - (c) Which things are spoken of by Jesus Christ?
 - (d) Cite the quotation.

ANSWER: (a) Jesus Christ (b) The generation of the last day (c) The signs of the end of the world (d) Matthew 24:35

35. **QUESTION:** With at least two Bible texts to back your answer, say which of the following servants of God will be with or is with Jesus Christ in heaven.
- (a) Zacharias the priest. (b) Elijah the prophet (c) John the Baptist (d) David the king (e) Abel the first righteous man.

ANSWER: None of them. The ancient worthies do not belong to the heavenly class but they shall live on earth in God’s Kingdom. (John 3:13; Matt 11:11; Hebrews 11:1-40; Psa 45:16; etc)

36. **QUESTION:** With two relevant Bible texts to support your answer, prove or disprove the teaching that African women are also among those identified in the Bible as “the daughters of Zion” or “Virgins of Christ.”

ANSWER: The terms are used figuratively. There is no woman among this class of persons. They are all men. They are the body members of Jesus Christ, chosen and anointed by God to reign with Christ in heaven as kings and priests. (Luke 6:12-16; Eccles. 7:27,28; Rev. 1:6; 14:1-5; Luke 22:28-30; etc)

37. **QUESTION:** With one Bible reference each, mention three signs which show that we are now in the last days.

ANSWER:

- (I) World War 1, famines, pestilences; etc. - Matthew 24:3-8,
- (ii) Increase of knowledge. (Daniel 12:4)
- (iii) Perilous or dangerous times (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- (iv) International unrest, uncertainty and pleasure-mongering. (Luke 21:25,26,34-36; 2 Timothy 3:1,4 etc.
- (v) Presence of scoffers at Christ's promised return. (2 Peter 3:3,4)
- (vi) Great Increase in number of travelers/fast means of transportation (Daniel 12:4).

38. **QUESTION:** (i) What is the name given to the field which was bought with the 30 pieces of silver with which Judas betrayed Jesus Christ? (ii) What was this field later used for? (iii) Name the king described by the Psalmist as "who walketh upon the wings of the wind"? (iv) Who was "an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile" ?

ANSWER: (i) Aceldama or the field of blood. (Acts 1:19; Matt. 27:8) (ii) It was used to bury strangers (Matthew) (iii) God Almighty – (Psalm 104:3). (iv) Nathanael (Also called Bartholomew – John 1:47)

39. **QUESTION:** In the All-Sufficient Prayer, explain with relevant Bible texts the significance of the following: (a) Our Father (b). Hallowed Be Thy Name

ANSWER: (a) **Our Father:** Spiritually, the word "father" means "life-giver". God Almighty is the Creator of all living things whether in heaven or in earth. (John 20:17; Revelation 4:11; Acts 17:28; Job 34:14, 15; Psalm 104:29,30.
 (b) **Hallowed Be Thy Name** - The name of God Almighty which is **J EHOVAH** should be hallowed, meaning that it should be held in awe or deep reverence, and should not to be taken in vain. (See Exodus 20:7; Psalm 111:9) Another aspect of the matter is that we should not do anything that will make people to speak ill of or bring reproach to the name of God and His work. - Romans 2:20-24; Matthew 5:16.

40. **QUESTION:** (a) Who are Jehovah's Witnesses? (b) Cite two portions of the Bible which show the condition for one to be called a Jehovah's Witness.

ANSWER: Men chosen and commissioned by God Almighty through the anointing with the holy spirit by which they are able to see and understand spiritual things and testify in truth to His name and word. b. John 15:26,27; Acts 10:39-41; Acts 1:21,22; 1 John 2:27; Galatians 1:11-19.

41. **QUESTION:** (a) Give two marks of false prophets. (b). Cite one text in which our Lord Jesus Christ and one from St. Paul to show that not all worshippers are genuine worshippers

ANSWER: (a) Lies, miracles, false visions and dreams, emphasis on wealth, long prayer, special garments, absence of judgment - J ohn 4:21-24; J eremiah 5:25-31; 14:14;etc.

42. **QUESTION:** There is power in the blood of J esus. True or False. Cite and explain with at least two Bible texts to support your answer.

ANSWER: False. It is misleading to say that there is power in the blood of J esus because it is him (Christ) as a person that God gave power to save mankind. As it is written: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - J ohn 3:16; Matthew 9:6; Romans 5:18,19; J ohn 11:25,26.

43. **QUESTION:**

Explain the following terms: i) the Kingdom of Heaven ii) The Keys J esus Christ gave to St. Peter

ANSWER:

- i) The Kingdom of heaven means the Kingdom of God. It is called Kingdom of heaven because the power and authority comes from heaven where God dwells. (Revelation 21:1; Psalm 48:2; 132:13,14)
- ii) The keys of the Kingdom of heaven J esus Christ gave to St. Peter means the power or authority he gave him to make known to the people certain hidden truths about the kingdom of God.

44. **QUESTION:** (i) What is the meaning of: the keys of hell and of death - Revelation 1:18. ii) the sword of the spirit - Ephesians 6:17 iii) iv) the strange work of God - Isaiah 28:21.

ANSWERS: (i) The "keys" in this context are symbolic of the power or authority to release the dead from "hell", that is, the grave; and put an end to death. (ii) the word of God (iii) The preaching of the truth or good news of the Kingdom of God in this age of the last days before God finally destroys the wicked.

45. **QUESTION**

Differentiate between: (i) Immortality and eternal life (iii) Better Resurrection

and General Resurrection (iv) The crown of life and the divine nature.

ANSWER:

i) There is no difference ii) Immortality that is the indestructible body that is superior to the body of angels, is the reward of the saints in heaven, while eternal life (salvation) is, total deliverance from sin and its effects, is the final and greatest reward for God's other true worshippers in His Kingdom on earth - Romans 2:6-7; 1 John 2:25; etc. iii) Better resurrection to commence before the great tribulation is for the ancient worthies - Matthew 8:11,12; Luke 13:28,29; Hebrews 11:1-40;etc, but general resurrection will take place during the millennial reign of Christ for both good and bad people - John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15 etc iv) No difference.

46. QUESTION:

What do the dipping in water and coming out of water during baptism symbolize?

ANSWER:

Being dipped in water symbolises death and burial or the surrender of one's will or sinful desires to do God's will throughout one's life. Being raised out of water symbolises resurrection or regeneration, that is, the new life which the person baptized has agreed to live to the glory of God. - Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21.

47. QUESTION: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) i) Does this not mean that one who is not baptized shall still be saved? How is this possible? ii). When St. Paul said he baptized the household of Stephanas, does it not mean that he also baptized children in the house? – 1 Corinthians 1:16?

ANSWER: i) When one believes in and holds steadfastly to the truth, but is not opportuned to be baptized, one will be still saved in God's Kingdom by His grace. See Acts 15:1-29; 1 Corinthians 1:17,13-16; Matthew 5:20; 24:12,13; etc. ii) No. He baptized the adult members of the house, not children. It is only those who can exercise believe in Christ that should be baptized – Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36-38.