

BIBLE QUIZ 2015 (For Brothers)

1. **QUESTION:** “The gifts displayed by Jesus Christ in his earthly ministry were not due to any anointing from God but were derived from existing sects in Israel or even Egypt.” Give three reasons why you agree or disagree with this statement.

ANSWER: I disagree with this statement, because:

- c. a. Surely, if Jesus Christ had spent 18 years of his life abroad, the Jews would have noted it. And they would not have been so surprised at the wisdom which he displayed. But in this case he grew up among them
- b. Even at the age of 12 he sat sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them **QUESTION.**
- d. Christ stated repeatedly that the powers he exercised came from God Almighty. See The spirit given to Jesus Christ was without measure – John 3:34
- e. The teachings of Jesus bear no relation with the known body of Oriental knowledge or knowledge from the East showing that that Jesus did not learn from them.
- f. Christ’s teachings consisted of expositions of the Scripture using illustrations, parables or analogies, which were drawn from the Jewish immediate environment.
- g. During his ministry earthly, Jesus did not go to the gentile nations to preach but “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” During his earthly ministry, he charged his disciples to do likewise. Egypt and India were at that time

gentile nations , and if Christ did not go to these places to preach, he could not have gone there to study!

2. **QUESTION:** State where these are in the Holy Bible:

- a. "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."
- b. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."
- c. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

d. **ANSWER:** a. Psalm 2:7 b. 2 Corinthians 8:9.c. Colossians 1:16 (One who cites Colossians 1:15-18) should be given the full marks please)

3. **QUESTION:** Explain why the instruction given by the elders in Jerusalem for the Christians to abstain from blood could not have included blood transfusion. (Acts 15:20,28,29)

ANSWER: This is because the context in which the apostles asked the gentile converts, (who were used to eating blood by tradition) to abstain from blood was the already existing law given by God against eating of blood. In other

words, what was prevalent among those who did not know God both in the Old and New Testament times was the eating of blood not blood transfusion.

4. **QUESTION:** Briefly describe the image which King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream and what happened to it.

ANSWER: The image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Then he saw a stone cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.” – Daniel 2:24-35

5. **QUESTION:** “The “beast” went into perdition in the year 1919 and thereafter ceased to exist” Do you agree with this statement? Cite a Bible reference to support your **ANSWER**.

ANSWER: This body, known as the “beast” in the text under reference finds fulfilment in the League of Nations. The League was formed in 1919, but went into partial destruction in 1939 when the Second World War broke out, only to re-emerge in 1945 as United Nations Organisation now United Nations. The complete destruction of the beast will be in the battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. B. Daniel 2:34,35; Matthew 15:12-14; Jeremiah 51:20-23.

6. **QUESTION:** The League of Nations stood in the holy place for the following reasons. State which options are correct.

- a. It was characterized by deceit and hypocrisy
- b. that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God
- c. The League claimed to be able to do those things which God alone can do in His kingdom - to end wars, wipe out poverty disease, and bring about peace generally.
- d. The so-called Churches of Christ in America on May 9, 1919 hailed it as “the political expression of God’s Kingdom on earth”

ANSWER: c and d.

7. **QUESTION:** The following quotations support the destruction work of the stone cut out without hands - Matthew 24:31,14; 1 John 2:27; Isaiah 26:1,2 John 8:3 Revelation 20:1; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-19; Zephaniah 1:14-18

ANSWER: Revelation 20:1; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-19; Zephaniah 1:14-18

8. **QUESTION:** For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother’s womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.” (Matthew 19:12) Our Lord evidently recommends here the state of celibacy to such as feel themselves called to embrace it, in order to attain greater perfection.” With at least a Bible support to back your **ANSWER** say whether you support or do not support this statement.

ANSWER:

- a. The words of Christ in Matthew 19:12, show that celibacy is a matter of one’s

voluntary choice and desire and NOT of compulsion. Those whom Christ referred to were people who “**made themselves eunuchs**” for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. **They were not compelled by law to be eunuchs hence he said,** “He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.” This shows that it is optional. See 1 Corinthians 7:1,2,7

b. The exhortation was not exclusively to priests but to all disciples irrespective of class who were having the faith and willingness to serve the Lord with such devotion. He made this quite clear in 1 Corinthians 7:29-38. And he himself also said: “But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.” - 1 Corinthians 7:9.

9. **QUESTION:** List five of the conditions given by St. Paul for one to be appointed a bishop.

ANSWER: 1. A bishop then must be blameless, 2. the husband of one wife, 3. vigilant, 4. sober, 5. of good behaviour, 6. given to hospitality, 7. apt to teach 8. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity 9. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 10. he must have a good report of them which are without. - 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

10. **QUESTION:** St. Paul says a bishop must be the husband of one wife, why then did he not marry, being a bishop of even a higher rank? 1 Timothy 3:2. Give two reasons with a Bible support each to support your **ANSWER**.

1. What St. Paul said was not a law. It was an advice to Timothy as regards the things he should consider in appointing people to offices of overseers and elders in the Ministry. – 1 Corinthians 7:6.

2. If it was a law that a bishop MUST marry one wife, St. Paul who was also a bishop of a higher rank should have married but marriage is optional. – Matthew 19:11, 12
3. St. Paul said he would have liked all men to be like himself, showing that it was not a law for bishops to marry. – 1 Corinthians 7:7, 39
4. Even if he was laying down a rule, Christians observe the spirit and not the letter of the law. – 2 Corinthians 3:5, 6
5. St. Peter had a wife, whose mother Jesus Christ healed of her fever. If a bishop must not marry, then Peter should not have married. – Matthew 8:14,15.

11. **QUESTION:** With two Bible texts to back up your **ANSWER**, give four reasons to convince a reasonable person that God exists.

ANSWER: (a) From God's work of creation – Romans 1:18-22. (b) Man – Genesis 1:26,27; Psalm 100:3; 139:14-16; Acts 17:24-31. (c) Lower animals – Genesis 1:20-25; Psalm 104:24-28. (d) The heavenly bodies – sun, moon and stars – Genesis 1:16,17; Isaiah 40:26-31; Psalm 19:1-4. (e) Effectiveness of God's decree of suffering and death for man's disobedience – Genesis 2:16,17; Psalm 89:48; Ezekiel 18:4,20; Romans 6:23; etc.

12. **QUESTION:** "I know thee to be expert in all customs and **QUESTION** which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews."

- (a) Who made the statement?
- (b) To whom was it made?
- (c) At what occasion was it made?
- (d) Cite the Bible text.

ANSWER: (a) St. Paul (b) King Agrippa (c) Was St. Paul was brought before King Agrippa to hear him. (d) Acts 25:3,4.

13. **QUESTION:** Recite exactly what is recorded in the book of Daniel 2:44

ANSWER: “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever”.

14. **QUESTION** a. Briefly explain the significance of the following elements or things seen in the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar

- i. Leg of Iron
- ii. Feet of iron and clay
- iii. The stone cut out without hands
- iv. The wind
- v. The mountain

ANSWER:

- i. The leg of iron represents the Roman kingdom
- ii. The leg of iron and clay represent the British empire (Anglo-American Imperialism)

- iii. The stone cut out without hands represents Jesus Christ; the battle axe of God and one whom God will use to destroy the kingdoms of this world and to set up His kingdom.
- iv. The wind that blew the debris stands for the battle of Armageddon.
- v. The mountain stands for God's Kingdom fully established.

15. QUESTION: ANSWER YES or NO to the following statements.

- a. The beast that was and is not is the same as the abomination of desolation.
- b. Judaea means the anointed remnant.
- c. The League of Nations stood in a place where it ought not.
- d. The League of Nations went into partial destruction at the outbreak of the First World War.
- e. The United Nations is a predecessor of the League of Nations.

ANSWER:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Yes
- d. No
- e. No

16. QUESTION: "The visible bodily return of Jesus Christ is not a mere theological idea. It is a fact soon to be revealed – an absolute NECESSITY for a world on the verge of human annihilation".

- a. Do you agree with this assertion?
- b. Back your **ANSWER** with at least two Bible authorities.

ANSWER:

- a. I disagree

b. The visible bodily return of Jesus Christ is not a teaching from the Bible. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ will not return in flesh but in spirit (2 Corinthians 5:16). The second presence of Christ is by revelation (Matthew 24:27; Luke 17:26-30). Also, when Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, the angel who appeared to the apostles told them that Jesus Christ will return in like manner. The manner was quite, without fanfare and was seen by the apostles only. This shows that at his return, he will be seen by the apostles who will be changed to spirits. – John 14:19,22; 1 John 3:2.

17. QUESTION: Recite and explain Revelation 1:7

ANSWER: Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him”.

This text does not show that Jesus Christ will be seen in the flesh but that he will not be seen in the flesh. The cloud there denotes invisibility as in the case with his ascension when the cloud received Jesus Christ out of the sight of the apostles who were gazing into heaven as he went up. The message of the angel who appeared was that Jesus Christ will come in like manner as they saw him ascend. It was a quiet manner, without fanfare and unnoticed by the world but seen only by the apostles (Acts 1:9-11). The eyes that will see him means eyes of understanding (Ephesians 1:17-19) meaning to discern or understand. Also, those who pierced him are opposers of truth and righteousness.

18. QUESTION: Identify the following Bible characters

1. Ashpenaz.
2. Belshazzar.
3. Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah.
4. Belshazzar Dan 5:1

ANSWER:

1. The master of the eunuchs in the kingdom of Babylon. - Daniel 1:3
2. The Babylonian name of Daniel. – Daniel 1:6,7
3. The Babylonian names of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. – Daniel 1:6,7
4. The son of King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 5:1,18,22.

19. QUESTION: With the support of relevant Bible texts, outline five purposes of Christ's second coming.

ANSWER:

1. To raise the dead Saints and take them to heaven. – 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.
2. To select the remnant of the Saints and commission them to preach the everlasting gospel. – Matthew 24:31,14
3. The setting up of the kingdom of God. Matthew 24:3-8
4. The gathering of God's children into His kingdom fold.
5. The separation of the sheep and goat. – Matthew 25:31-46
6. The judgment of the living and the dead. 2 Timothy 4:1
7. The resurrection of the dead. John 5:28,29
8. The destruction of the devil. – Revelation 20:1-10

20. QUESTION: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51,52). Does the text not support the doctrine of rapture? Back your **ANSWER** with relevant Bible authority.

ANSWER: The text does not support the doctrine of rapture. Firstly, the word "rapture" cannot be found anywhere in the Holy Bible. Secondly, Saint Paul was talking about the first resurrection, which is the resurrection of the saints. He

spoke of how all the saints (144,000) will be changed and taken to heaven and that all of them will not die but shall be changed and given immortality to be with Christ in heaven. The saints who died before the second coming of Christ will have been raised by Christ, then those of them who die at this age will be changed to spirits and taken to heaven while the rest of them who remain till the final end of the world will be changed to spirits to be with Christ in heaven. - 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:23.

21. QUESTION: Jesus Christ gave his apostles the power to forgive and retain peoples' sins as often as they come and make auricular confession of such sins to them, when he said: "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." Do you agree this statement? Back your answer with at least two Bible authorities.

ANSWER: I disagree. It is true that Jesus Christ and the apostles have power to forgive sins (Matthew 9:2-6,10-13), but the forgiveness comes about when one repents of his sins on hearing the truth. The Bible does not support auricular confession of one's sins to priest. - James 5:16; Proverbs 28:13,14; Acts 2:38; 22:16.

22. QUESTION: To qualify one to be a Jehovah's Witness, certain basic conditions must be met. Mention at least three (3) of them.

ANSWER:

- a) He must be a man
- b) He must see a vision of God Almighty and/or Jesus Christ
- c) He must be anointed with the holy spirit which anointing is known by the

truth which he preaches

d) He must not be taught by man

e) He must devote his life fully for the gospel.

23. **QUESTION:** Man 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 are Jehovah's Witnesses. True or False. Cite two (2) scriptural texts to support your **ANSWER**.

ANSWER: True. – Isaiah 43:10; 1 John 2:27; Galatians 1:11-19; John 15:26,27; Acts 10:39-41; 1:21,22

24. **QUESTION:** One of the marks of false prophet is that they preach lies. Identify three (3) others and show with a bible text that false prophets lead people to damnation.

ANSWER: Emphasis on miracles, false visions and dreams, emphasis on wealth, long prayers, special garments, absence of judgment. – Isaiah 3:12; 9:16; Matthew 15:14.

25. **QUESTION:** One of the Ten Fundamental Truths says that the whole world would inherit blessings that will flow from the promised seed. a) Which of the ten fundamental doctrines applies in this case? b) Who is the promised seed and where is it stated in the Bible? c) With a Bible text state when it will be completely fulfilled?

ANSWER:

a) The Abrahamic Promise

b) When God's Kingdom is fully established in heaven and on earth. – Galatians 3:7-9,16; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

26. **QUESTION:** In the sermon: "The Cities of Refuge" explain what the following mean: a) Declaring one's cause b) Judgment by "the congregation"

ANSWER:

a) To declare one's cause is to take one's stand on the side of God and repent and walk in harmony with God. – Isaiah 26:9; Psalm 119:9-11.

b) Judgment of God (the Truth) as expounded by the anointed servants or their companions and ecclesiastical courts in God's Organization – Psalm 149:5-9; John 5:22,27.

27. **QUESTION:** In the famous Lord's Prayer, it is stated: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). How is it that the GKS say "Thy kingdom has come"? Does it not mean adding and taking away from the Bible contrary to Revelation 22:18,19? Back your **ANSWER** with three Bible authorities.

ANSWER: The GKS has neither added nor taken away from the Bible by saying "Thy kingdom has come" rather the prayer "Thy kingdom come" is not meant to be said forever. The signs of the times and fulfilling Bible prophecies show that the kingdom of God has come. Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 2:2; Matthew 24:3-8,15,16; Luke 17:26-30, etc.

28. **QUESTION:** With relevant Bible authority, outline four points to show that the second presence of Jesus Christ is Spiritual and not physical.

ANSWER:

- a. J esus Christ came in the flesh in his first advent to die. This he did once and for all. – Hebrews 2:14-18; Romans 6:9,10.
- b. He was raised as a spirit. – 1 Peter 3:18
- c. He will not take flesh any longer. – 2 Corinthians 5:16
- d. His second presence is by revelation. Luke 17:26-30
- e. J esus Christ said that the apostles will see him but the world will not see him. – J ohn 14:19,22.

29. QUESTION: “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Hebrew 2:14,15). Use this text to explain the physical or non-physical appearance of our Lord J esus Christ in his second presence.

ANSWER: The text Hebrews 2:14,15 shows that J esus Christ will not come in flesh again. He only took flesh in his first advent to die like mortals or humans and at his death, was raised as a spirit (1 Peter 3:18). He will not take flesh again (2 Corinthians 5:16). See also Matthew 24:23,26; J ohn 14:19,22. Moreover, the events scheduled for him by God Almighty are all spiritual and does not require a physical presence of J esus Christ for them to be executed.

30. QUESTION: In the parable of the sheep and goats Matthew 25:31- 40, J esus Christ

Highlighted a number of facts about the purpose of his second presence. Name any three of them

ANSWER:

- a. His second coming is spiritual
- b. At his second advent he would be glorified in heaven all angels and authorities being subject to him while the entire world is before him.

- c. He would be judging the world with the truth through the Saints and their helpers through the preaching of the gospel
- d. The division into sheep and goats is determined by whether one accepts or opposes the truth. and he has fulfilled his promise to come. (2 Corinthians 5:16). (1 Peter 3:18-22).. (John 12:48; Psalm 149:5-9).
- e. Those who want the mercy of God should be kind to support the true ministers of Christ

31. **QUESTION:** Give three (3) cogent reasons why the repentant thief cannot go to paradise or enter God's Kingdom "immediately upon death" let alone going to heaven.

ANSWER:

- i. The thief did not ask to be taken to heaven. His request was: "Lord, remember me when thou comest (not goest) into thy kingdom" – Luke 23:42.
- ii. It will mean that he rose from the dead before Christ who was not raised until the third day (Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4,20,23; Colossians 1:18).
- iii. Scripture shows that Christ would come the second time to set up his kingdom (2 Timothy 4:1). On that very day of his crucifixion, the kingdom was yet to be set up, and that, at the last day.
- iv. The repentant thief did not and cannot inherit paradise in heaven because he is not of the saint's class. – Luke 12:32; 22:28-30; 6:12,13.

32. **QUESTION:** In what ways are Jesus Christ and his body members, as well as the true Church of God typified in the subject "The Cities of Refuge". Highlight what those roles are.

ANSWER: .Jesus Christ is the Avenger of Blood. 2. Jesus Christ and his body

members are the elders who judge the ignorant manslayer (John 5:22,27; Psalm 149:5-9). 3. The GKS stands for the antitypical City of Refuge where the ignorant sinners flee to for safety and protection.

33. **QUESTION:** Apart from the case of Isaac and Ishmael, cite two other instances of God's election of the junior of two or more brothers God selected to carry out His purposes.

ANSWER:

- i) Moses the Prophet was junior to Aaron but God chose him to lead His people from Egypt to Canaan. – Exodus 3:7-18.
- ii) David, a King and Prophet was the youngest among the seven sons of Jesse. – 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

33. **QUESTION:** In what way will non-Jews benefit from the Abrahamic Promise? Cite a bible text to back your **ANSWER**.

ANSWER: Since the advent of Jesus Christ, faith and not blood relationship has become the mark by which the true children of Abraham – the Spiritual Jews – are identified. It is by believing in Jesus Christ the seed of Abraham that non-Jews will benefit from the Abrahamic promise. – Galatians 3:7-9; Romans 2:28,29; 9:6-8.

34. **QUESTION:** St. Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 explains one of the types in the sermon "The Cities of Refuge". Explain.

ANSWER:

It has relevance to the instruction regarding the "the death of the High Priest". The High Priest is Jesus Christ. He will kill the devil and his hosts at the battle of Armageddon, and, in the course of 1000 years, he will bring all things to

perfection to the glory of God the Father. At the end of the millennial reign, he will raise the devil and his hosts, after which he will destroy them finally. His work having ended, he will hand over the kingdom to God. – Revelation 20:1,7-9.

35. **QUESTION:** With two least one Bible authority to back your **ANSWER**, explain the significance of the Cities of Refuge appointed on both sides of Jordan. (i.e. three on one side and three on the other side.

ANSWER: The Cities appointed on both sides of Jordan show that the remnant of the apostles (the kingdom seed) whom God Almighty through Jesus Christ will use to set up His Kingdom will be chosen from all parts of the world.” – Matthew 24:31; Acts 15:14; 10:34,35; 11:1-18.

36. **QUESTION:** “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43) Properly punctuate this statement to bring out the meaning along with two supporting reasons..

ANSWER: Verily I say unto thee, **To day**, shalt thou be with me in paradise b. Christ is the first fruit of them to die and resurrect to live for ever. The man could not have gone to heaven before Jesus Christ c. All the dead must be in the grave until the day of resurrection.

37. **QUESTION:** Say whether you agree or disagree with this statements with Bible support.

- a. The Penitent was not a bad thief as he had a good mind.
- b. He will be in God’s Kingdom in heaven

ANSWER: 1. Stealing is bad, so there is no point of his not being a bad thief. To associate the appellation “good” to thief is a misnomer. To steal is a sin that

can prevent one from entering the Kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10)

2. The penitent thief did not and will not go to heaven but will inherit God's Kingdom here on earth. – Matthew 5:5; 6:9,10; 11:11; Psalm 37:9-11,22,29, etc,

38. QUESTION: Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob the Patriarch is generally identified as "Joseph the Dreamer". Mention four (4) dreams associated with him in his story.

ANSWER:

- a) His dream of his binding sheaves with his brothers.
- b) His dream of sun, moon and eleven stars bowing to him.
- c) His interpreting the dreams of his fellow prisoners. – the butler and baker of the King of Egypt
- d) His interpreting the two dreams of Pharaoh of Egypt

39. QUESTION: Give the names of the following characters in the story of Joseph the Dreamer. a) The Egyptian name of Joseph b) the wife of Joseph c) The names of two sons who were later adopted by Jacob d) Potiphar's wife.

ANSWER: a) Zaphnathpaaneah b) Asenath c) Manasseh and Ephraim d) Not mentioned in the Bible.

40. QUESTION: From the underlined pairs of godly qualities, select the one that is most correct as it concerns Joseph's experience with Potiphar's wife.

ANSWER:

- i) Fear of God and humility
- ii) Integrity and Faith

- iii) Fear of God and integrity
- iv) Integrity and obedience
- v) Respect and fear of God.

41. **QUESTION:** The law of God Almighty as recorded in Exodus 21:23-25 is that “Life should be given for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe” And St. Paul stated “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning...” (Romans 15:4). With this knowledge, is it wrong to take appropriate revenge at one’s transgressor?

ANSWER: No we should not retaliate or seek revenge anymore. When Jesus Christ came, he changed the law of an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth which God gave to the natural Jews. In other words, Jesus Christ teaches believers not to avenge wrongs done to them. They should leave all things to God and be ready to suffer or endure wrongs calmly for the sake of peace and particularly out of reverence for God and His work. (1 Corinthians 6:7; See also Romans 12:17-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:14,15; The Bible says: “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). See Matthew 5:38-42

42. **QUESTION:** Did Jesus Christ command his disciples to confess their sins to priests?

Who should they confess to? Provide relevant Bible text to support your

ANSWER.

ANSWER: a. No. At no time did Jesus Christ issue orders that his disciples should come to him or to his disciples to confess their sins.

b. With regard to trespasses or faults one commits against one’s neighbor, the option rests on the injured person – NOT PRIESTS – to grant forgiveness provided the transgressor shows remorse. Christians should confess their

faults to one another – to those whom they offend. – James. 5:16; Psalm 32:5, 6

c. People should confess their sins to God. Matthew 9: 2-7; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5: 18 -26; John 5:14.

43. **QUESTION:** Give any three of the tests that Joseph put his brethren when they came to Egypt to buy food.

ANSWER:

1. Pretending not to know them, Joseph accused them of being spies and put them in custody. – Genesis 42:17
2. Even after releasing them to take food home, he still kept Simeon in custody. – Genesis 42:24,26
3. He put back their monies in their sacks
4. He insisted that they will not see his face unless they came with Benjamin their youngest brother. Genesis 42:16,20,,34; 43:12-16
5. He put his silver cup in the sack of Benjamin

44. **QUESTION:** If one cannot retaliate against one's aggressor physically, is it wrong to invoke "Holy ghost fire" on such wicked persons who are out to kill, destroy and maim innocent persons? **ANSWER** with two Bible texts

ANSWER:

- a. This amounts to recompensing evil for evil and does not fall in line with the Christian spirit which gives room for repentance and forgiveness.
- b. Aside from the fact that the word "ghost" which means "a dead spirit" is contrary to the Scriptures.
- c. Praying for death to befall one's enemies is against the will of God Who has

expressly stated that He has “..no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live...” (Ezekiel 33:11).

- d. King Solomon was commended by God for not seeking the life of his enemies (1 Kings 3:5-14). Jesus Christ enjoined his disciples to pray for those who persecute them so that they may repent and not seek the life of his enemies and learn to do righteousness. – Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 9:51-56.

45. **QUESTION:** The disciple of Christ have powers to forgive all manner of sins with no exception. True or false? Explain with one bible text.

ANSWER: False. Jesus Christ said “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost(Spirit) shall not be forgiven unto men: And whosoever speaketh a word against the son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost(Spirit), it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come” — Matthew 12:31, 32. See also 1 John 5:16, 17, Hebrew 10:26, 27.

46. **QUESTION:** For one’s sins to be forgiven, the following must be met:

- (a) Have faith in God and His son Jesus Christ by practice of righteousness.
- (b) One must repent of his/her sin
- (c) One should bring forth fruit meant for repentance
- (d) Repent and be converted
- (e) All of the above.

ANSWER: All of the above

47. **QUESTION:** “He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from .., and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things worketh ... To bring back his soul ... to be enlightened with ...- Job 33:27-30.

ANSWER:

- a) going into the pit
- b) God oftentimes with man
- c) from the pit,
- d) the light of the living.

48. **QUESTION:** State with Bible texts the ways a smoker can overcome the habit of smoking.

- ANSWER:**(1) Prayer and faith in God to stop the habit Mark 11:24, Matt 21: 22.
(2) Self discipline and commitment to stop the habit. – Proverbs 28:13,14.
(3) Dissociating from people given to smoking — 1st Cor 15: 33, Prov 1:10.

49. **QUESTION:** Cite a cogent Bible text and narrate the story which illustrates how one should confess sins to God.

ANSWER: The way to confess one`s sins to God is illustrated in Christ`s parable about the Pharisee and a publican who went to the temple to perform their devotions. (Luke 18:9-14) The Pharisee in his prayer resorted to self-justification and proclamation of his own righteousness, but the publican, an example of genuine penitent of him it is stated: “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying God be merciful to me a sinner”. Then said Jesus Christ “I tell you, this man (the publican) went down to his house justified rather than the other (the Pharisee).

49. **QUESTION:** Since, it is not written in the bible “Thou shalt not smoke”. Does it not mean Christians can smoke? Respond with at least three reasons.

ANSWER:

- i. A true Christian seeks perfection not only of the spirit but also of the body. - 2 Corinthians 7: 1)
- ii. Uncleanness is one of the works of the flesh which can bar a person from entering the Kingdom of God. - Galatians 5: 19-21.
- iii. It has been proved beyond doubt that smoking of tobacco is a filthy and unclean habit, it gives one offensive breath and is therefore inconsistent with holiness which is the essence of a true Christian life. - J ohn 15: 3; see also Leviticus 10: 10; 1 Thessalonians 4: 7,
- iv. Smoking is indulged in because of the pride of life in that those involved want to distinguish themselves so as to appear more modern and sophisticated take to long pipes. -1 J ohn 2: 15-17.
- v. All body-building substances essential to good health in foods such as meat, beans, milk, eggs and so on, are lacking in cigarettes or tobacco.
- vi. Smoking of tobacco is a filthy habit that is contrary to good health, cleanliness and holiness which is the essence of a true Christian life— 2nd Corinthians 7:1, 1Peter 1:14 – 16; 1Thessalonians 4:7; 2 J ohn 2.

50. **QUESTION:** Explain: “In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a J ew, saying We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you” — Zech 8: 20-23

ANSWER: The “J ew” is J esus Christ. “The Skirt” refers to the anointed Christians who constitute the body of Christ (1st Cor12:27). The “ten men” that would take hold of the skirt stand for all people who love truth and righteousness from all parts of the world, that is, “the other sheep” who are gathered to God through the preaching of the apostles.

51. **QUESTION:** Mention THREE godly qualities a Christian man can learn from the life of Boaz of the bible and how he showed them.

ANSWER: (a) He was diligent in God`s service: He was not slack in keeping to the terms of the Levirate marriage as stated in Deut 25:5-10 and the law that farmers should leave part of the harvest for the poor and strangers in the land.

(b) He was God fearing: A man of integrity who kept his words and never exploited the poverty and desperate conditions of Ruth and her mother-in – law.

(c) He was liberal or kind: He provided for the indigent family of late brother.

(d) He had strong faith in God: He was a firm believer in God`s providence

(e) He was orderly – He gave the right of first refusal to a kinsman who was closer to Ruth`s late husband than himself.

52. **QUESTION:** St. Paul said that it is better for a man not to touch a woman and that he would like all men to remain as he was, that is unmarried. This shows that it is better for priests to remain unmarried. Advance three points in your answer with a Bible text each.

ANSWER: St. Paul was not by his statement making a rule or commandment for priests to remain celibate. Hence he said he was speaking by permission and not of commandment. (1 Corinthians 7:6)

2. Clerical celibacy was not practiced by either the early apostles or any of the apostles. The practice of being a celibate is optional, not compulsory. That was why Apostle Paul said everyone has his proper gift. 1 Corinthians 7: 7; Matthew 19:12)

3. The Bible says that mandatory clerical celibacy is one of the doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1-3). There was never a law that forbade priests from marrying. (Leviticus 21:7,13,14; Ezekiel 44:21, 22).

4. The limitation on marriage which Saint Paul placed were for those who aspire to be Bishops or Deacons, whom he said should be husbands of one wife. – 1 Timothy 3:1-

12.

53. **QUESTION:** Cite five Bible texts to show the purposes of Christ's second coming.

ANSWER: Matthew 16:27; 25:31-46; 24:31; 24:14; John 14:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 20:1,7-9; Revelation 21:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28.

54. **QUESTION:** The Holy Bible does not leave us in doubt as to the essential details of Christ's life on earth. State these essentials from infancy to the age of 30 as recorded in the gospels.

ANSWER

1. Jesus Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem. (Luke 2:7).

2. On the eighth day the child was circumcised (Luke 2:21) and the appointed name Jesus was given him.

3. Forty days after his birth, his parents took him for presentation to the Lord in the Temple.

4. To defeat the scheme of Satan the devil who wanted to kill the young "king of the Jews" Joseph was advised by an angel to take the young child to Egypt where they stayed for a short while before he was again asked to return the child to Nazareth.

5. When he was 12 years old Joseph and Mary took the young Jesus to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem where he debated with the doctors and lawyers.

6. He was baptized at the age of 30.

55. **QUESTION:** Explain how the mountain of the Lord's House has now been established in the top of the mountains and be exalted above the hills.

Answer: For the fact that Jesus Christ had driven Satan away from heaven to the earth and established God's Kingdom in heaven (Revelation 12:7-12) it follows that the "Mountain of the Lord's House" meaning God's Kingdom belonging to Jesus Christ and the saints, (Hebrews 3:6; 1 Corinthians 3:16,17) has been established "in the top of the Mountains", or Satan's organization. The Kingdom set up on earth will grow gradually and surpass worldly clubs and societies (hills) because of its stand for truth and righteousness

56. **QUESTION:** What were the conditions God Almighty gave in the law regarding the type of woman a priest should marry.

ANSWER: a. God made it a rule in those days that they should not marry a profane woman b. a woman who was divorced c. a widow whose former husband was not a priest. - Leviticus 21:7, 13, 14; Ezekiel 44:21, 22.