

East Hill Baptist Church Bible College Pop Quiz

This quick quiz has been created to help the reader decide whether they will benefit from attending a Bible College or not by providing a bench mark of their knowledge of their faith. The value of Bible College is that you will learn things that will never be preached by your ministers and leaders and rarely taught by your teachers in the majority of church environments. So what can be the benefits of learning subjects like Church History with its attending theology, the study of end times, how to correctly interpret the Bible and how to preach? Well the Church has encountered many errors in the past and knowing them and seeing how the Church countered them may even save one's soul or cement one's salvation. Honestly, would you know if your ministers, leaders and teachers were providing you with the facts of the Christian Gospel or not? How important is it to you to ensure your salvation is solid and unshakeable? Remember the Lord Jesus said, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." (Matthew 7:15 NIV) Additionally, we live in an age where many are deconstructing the facts of historical record and fabricating new 'facts' to further their own narratives and agendas. Did the Church deliberately quash alternative doctrines and perhaps still does? You bet! So why not discover the real reasons for yourself? Come and join us for a friendly and safe environment to learn challenging great truths without being judged - since no question is stupid and/or will be ignored.

In all cases choose as many answers that you think are appropriate and keep a personal record of your answers for marking purposes:

1) What is St Augustine famous for?

- A) He was a libertine
- B) He taught predestination (God choosing His children to be saved before human history)
- C) He came to salvation through hearing a child chant the words, "Pick up and read"
- D) His teachings led to the formation of the Holy Roman Empire and Christendom in Europe

2) Is the doctrine of the Trinity really found in scripture?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Perhaps/Ambiguous
- D) Don't Know

3) In what books of the Old Testament can we find the precursors of Christian Mission?

- A) Nehemiah
- B) Esther
- C) Deuteronomy
- D) Job
- E) Genesis

4) Do those people called 'Apologist' and 'Confessor' mean that that they apologise for being a Christian or confess that they are not?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Don't know

5) What is Martin Luther famous for?

- A) Creating a controversial TV criminal detective
- B) Championing equal rights for blacks
- C) Being the father of the Reformation

D) Championing anti-Semitism

6) Has the Christian Church ever claimed more than one presiding Pope during the same period of time? If so, how many?

- A) No
- B) Yes, 2
- C) Yes, 3
- D) Yes, 4

7) Could Martin Luther and Jacobus Arminius have had a friendly discussion down the pub over a pint?

- A) Probably/possibly
- B) Yes
- C) No
- D) Not without a fist fight and drawing blood

8) What terms were initially used to insult religious followers?

- A) Ranter
- B) Lollard
- C) Shaker
- D) Quaker
- E) Piper
- F) Christian

9) What title(s) has Mary Magdalene been commonly referred to as?

- A) Mother of God
- B) Christ-bearer
- C) Neither
- D) Both

10) What nationality was John Calvin?

- A) Swiss
- B) German
- C) Austrian
- D) Australian
- E) French

11) What is considered by experts to be the birth of the modern Pentecostal and Charismatic movements?

- A) The 'second blessing' taught by John Wesley
- B) The Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles under the leadership of William Seymour
- C) The first utterances in tongues (claimed to be in Chinese) by Agnes Ozman in Topeka, Kansas under the leadership of Charles Parham
- D) The prophecies and visions of 15 year old Margaret Macdonald in Scotland under the leadership of Edward Irving
- E) The prophecies of Ellen Gould White in Portland, Maine under the joint-leadership of her husband James White and Joseph Bates

12) What is the period known as when there were more than one simultaneous Popes?

- A) The Great Divide
- B) The Great Debate
- C) The Great Argument

- D) The Great Challenge
- E) The Great Schism
- F) The Great Disagreement
- G) The Great Joke

13) What are generally quoted to be purposes of the Counter-Reformation?

- A) To sand down and re-finish a worktop
- B) For the Catholic Church to batten down the hatches
- C) To file the edges of tiddlywinks to allow them to tiddle
- D) For the Catholic Church to battle against the Protestant Reformation
- E) To consolidate the Catholic faith

14) What was particular about the English Reformation?

- A) It was a result of the Peasants Revolt
- B) It was the work of a body of lawyers
- C) It resulted in starting a national civil war
- D) It was instigated to justify a scandal

15) Which of these people are known as contemporary or recent theologians?

- A) Karl Barth
- B) Billy Graham
- C) St Thomas Aquinas
- D) Dr Mike Burgess
- E) Charles Spurgeon

ANSWERS:

- 1) **A, B, C, D** – St Augustine has been a very influential bishop of Church history. Whether you agree his views or not his licentious lifestyle before his salvation was, and is, an inspiration of God's grace to us all. His book *The City of God* influenced not only popes to attempt to build heaven on earth in the form of Christendom but was also an influence upon the Puritans that sailed to America to accomplish a similar vision. His teaching on predestination was lost, or maybe forgotten, for centuries by the Church and was foundational to the Reformation in 16th Century Europe.
- 2) **A** – Many say that the doctrine of the Trinity is not explicitly taught in scripture, some think that the teaching is ambiguous, but the Church has always taught that the concept is clearly in scripture in both the Old and New Testaments (Genesis 1:2, 26; Proverbs 30:4; Daniel 3:25; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 9:14). The reality is that the Apostles were convicted of this truth because the facts were incontrovertible and established the 1st Century practices of worship to reflect the Trinity (nearly 300 years before its official formulation).
- 3) **C, E** – Mission was seen mostly as a passive activity in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 14:2 and Exodus 19:6). Like the New Testament teaching of Christians being set apart for their conduct to be read like a book by unbelievers (1 Peter 2:9-12). But we also see active mission in Jonah, Abraham (father of many nations) and Joseph (conscripted by God to save Egypt).
- 4) **B** – The terms Apologist and Confessor are given to believers who defend and proclaim the faith. Famous early examples of the former are Justin Martyr, Athenagoras and Tertullian. The term Confessor was coined after the great persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Decius in the 3rd Century. Despite physical torture and emotional anguish they refused to renounce Jesus Christ as LORD.
- 5) **C, D** – Martin Luther is generally considered to be the father of the Reformation (the desire to reform the Catholic Church) in 1517, but not its architect. Paradoxically and regrettably, after re-discovering St. Augustine's teachings of God's grace in predestination, he also wrote

- scathing and inflammatory articles condemning the Jewish people.
- 6) **B, C** – During the Great Schism (1378 – 1417) the Catholic Church was divided by one alleged pope in Avignon, France and another in Rome. In 1410 the Church tried to resolve this conflict by voting for another third pope to displace them but the other two refused to abdicate. So from 1410 there were three.
 - 7) **C, D** – Luther taught that we are saved by God's grace in the form of predestination (that we were ordained and chosen by God before Adam). Arminius on the other hand taught in opposition that we choose to accept God's offered gift of grace. Luther died before Arminius was born so they would never have been able to meet in a pub and Luther, being a rather rough and course man, would probably have initiated a voracious verbal fight with Arminius.
 - 8) **A, B, C, D, F** -
 - Ranters – applied to a group of religious zealots around 1600 that believed God's grace took them beyond and outside of moral law. They were said to have rejected the authority of the Bible and pretty much embraced an “anything goes” approach.
 - Lollards – applied to John Wyclif's followers from the 1310's who were said to always be muttering or mumbling the scriptures as worship (from Middle Dutch *lollaert*).
 - Shakers – applied to a sect where the leader Ann Lee was regarded as the female personification of God in being the second incarnation of Christ. They are thought to engage in ritual practices of shaking, shouting, dancing, whirling, and singing in tongues.
 - Quakers – applied to the Religious Society of Friends (or Friends) formed in the 1640's by George Fox after failing to reform the Church of England. The term emerged as a derisive nickname for Fox and others who shared his belief in the biblical passage that people should "tremble at the Word of the Lord."
 - Christians – first coined for believers of The Way in Antioch (Acts 11:26). Some people hold that the term was used to reflect a derisive element to refer to followers of Christ who did not acknowledge the emperor of Rome.
 - 9) **C** – Mother of God and Christ-bearer are terms that are and have been used to refer to Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, but not for Mary Magdalene.
 - 10) **C** – Born 10th July 1509 in France he fled the persecution of the Protestants to Geneva (in modern-day Switzerland) and became the reforming leader of the city's religious affairs.
 - 11) **D** – some claim that Wesley's teaching of the 'second blessing' in the 18th Century was to become known as the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit'. However since this 'baptism' is generally considered to be recognisable through the speaking of tongues which is a 20th Century teaching this seems very unlikely to be the birth of the movements in question. Many within these movements attest to answers B) and C) in 1905 and 1901 respectively but it is clear that these movements must have been birthed in the teachings of Edward Irving in the 1820's that specified that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will return and the prophecies and visions of his young congregational member Margaret Macdonald in 1830.
 - 12) **E** – As explained in the answer to question 6 this is known as the Great Schism, although some may think that all the other suggested answers could be justified in being valid as well.
 - 13) **B, D, E** – Various reasons behind the Counter-Reformation were behind the instigation of the Council at Trent, held between 1545 and 1563. These three reasons are among some of those that are commonly cited. No doubt there were some in the Catholic Church at the time (known as the Roman Catholic Church since the Reformation) that had hoped the genuine criticisms levelled against it would result in a, just as genuine, reforming of the Church's practises. However they were to be disappointed by the Council of Trent which entrenched many traditions that could not be found in the Canon of scripture.
 - 14) **C, D** – Because Henry VIII's wife Catherine of Aragon failed to give birth to a son he wanted to find a way to divorce her. He did this by annulling the Pope's authority over him and his kingdom and set himself up as the head of his new Church of England. This is known as the first part of the complex English Reformation. The following century king James I used similar arguments to claim his right to complete authority over the state and

dismantled parliament. This inflamed the Parliamentarians and led to the the English Civil War and his beheading by Oliver Cromwell.

15) A, D – Karl Barth (10th May 1886 – 10th December 1968) can be considered as a contemporary theologian because he died with living memory of some of us. And of course our own dear Dr Mike Burgess is the current Bible College's theology lecturer a distance lecturer of theology at the University of Zimbabwe.

How did you do? Did you notice how human individuals within the history of the Church were flawed? If God could use them then there is no reason to believe that He cannot use us.

Score up to 30 correct answers - then consider Bible College.

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