

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Questions for Confirmation

1. What book is the source of all Christian teaching and doctrine?
2. What does the word "Bible" mean?
3. Actually the Bible is more than one book, rather it is a library of _____ books.
4. Into how many major sections is the Bible divided? What are they?
5. How many books are there in the Old Testament? (Be able to name each book and identify the major literary sections within the Old Testament.)

5 – Books of Moses	Also known as the Torah (law) and the Pentateuch (five books)
12 – Books of History	History of God's people in the Promised Land.
5 – Books of Poetry	A poet expresses the faith of the Hebrew People.
5 – Major Prophets	A prophet speaks for God.
12 – Minor Prophets	

6. How many books are there in the New Testament? (Be able to name each book and identify the major literary sections within the New Testament.)

4 – Gospels	"Good News"
1 – History	"The Acts of the Apostles"
13 Pauline Epistles	"Letters"
8 General Epistles	
1 Prophecy	John's "Revelation"

7. In what language was the Old Testament originally written?
8. In what language was the New Testament originally written?
9. Approximately how many years did it take to write the entire Bible?

These books were written by some 35 authors over a period of 16 centuries.

10. Whose word is the Bible even though man wrote it? Write a Bible passage to prove this.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

11. For what purpose did God give the Bible? Write a Bible passage to prove this.

John 20:30-31 ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

12. What are the central teachings of the Bible?

13. What is "The Law"?

- a.
- b.
- c.

14. What is "The Gospel"? What does the word "Gospel" mean?

- a.
- b.
- c.

15. Give the Bible passage that is known as "The Gospel" in one sentence.

16. Which little handbook presents the chief parts of Christians teaching?

17. Who wrote the Catechism?

18. About what time did Martin Luther live?

19. Into how many chief parts is the Catechism divided? List these major sections or chief parts in order.

20. Name both chapters and books where we find the Ten Commandments recorded.

21. What are the three uses of the Law?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

22. Into how many major sections is the Ten Commandments divided? With what does each section deal?

23. What is the summary of the First Table of the Law? Give the Bible passage.

Mark 12:30 Jesus said, ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

24. What is the summary of the Second Table of the Law? Give the Bible passage.

Mark 12:31 ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

25. Know the Ten Commandments and their meanings.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

26. What is a God? Do we have false Gods today? What are they?

27. List several words we use to describe our God.

29. What is meant by cursing and swearing? Why is it contrary *to* God's Law?

30. What should we do with God's name?

31. What day of the week was the Sabbath of the Old Testament? What was the purpose of this day?

32. List three reasons why we as Christians observe Sunday as our day of worship.

- a.
- b.
- c.

33. How can we keep God's Word sacred -- how do we despise it?

34. Who are our parents and masters? Why should we obey them?

35. Whom are they representing?

36. What do we mean by the positive and negative demands of the Ten Commandments? Be able to give an example of each in commandments five through ten.

37. What is our duty to our neighbor?

(38. Who instituted marriage? For what two purposes was marriage instituted?

39. Who really owns all money and goods?

40. For what purpose are we to use all that God has given?

41. What is a witness -- when do we bear false witness?

42. What does the word "covet" mean?

43. How should we feel concerning the things that God has given us?

44. What is "original sin"?
45. What is "actual sin"?
46. What are the two kinds of actual sin?
47. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
48. How do you know that you are a sinner?
49. What have you deserved of God because of your sin?
50. How do you hope to be saved from sin and its judgment?
51. Be able to recite from memory The Apostles' Creed.
52. What is a Creed, and what does the word "Creed" mean?
53. How many ecumenical Creeds do we have? What are they?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
54. Into how many major sections is the Apostles' Creed divided? Be able to list them.
 - I.
 - II.
 - III.
55. Know the meaning of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, and be able to identify its major sections.
56. In what way does the Christian differ from the deist (someone who just believes there is a God)?

57. Know the meaning of the Second Article and be able to identify its fourfold outline.

I.

II.

III.

IV.

58. Who is our God? By what name do we know Him?

59. What name did God give to Himself on Mt. Sinai? What is the meaning of that name?

60. What is our Lord's name? What does that name mean? What is the Old Testament counterpart to that name? Be able to give the symbol for our Lord's title.

61. What is our Lord's title? What does that title mean? What is the Old Testament counterpart to our Lord's title? Be able to give the symbol for our Lord's title.

62. What are the two natures of Christ? What are the three offices of Christ? Explain each of these three offices.

True _____ and True _____

A.

B.

C.

63. Who was Jesus' real father?

64. What is meant by Christ's state of humiliation? Exaltation?

65. Know the meaning of the Third Article of The Creed, noting the major parts of this article.

66. Can you say Jesus is your Lord by your own power alone? What is another name for the communion of Saints?

1 Corinthians 12:3 No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

67. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?
68. What do we mean by the word "church"?
69. What is the difference between the "Church Militant" and the "Church Triumphant"?
70. What is the "invisible church"?
71. What makes a church a true "visible church"?
72. How are we brought to faith?
73. How do we remain in faith?
74. Why are not all men saved?
75. Why does a Christian do good works?
76. How does our faith show itself?
77. Define the term "Means of Grace" -- what are the Means of Grace?
78. What is a sacrament? (3 distinguishing features of a sacrament)

A _____ act

Where _____ is combined with an _____

That works _____ and _____ of _____.

79. How many sacraments are there? Which are they?
80. What are the visible elements in the sacraments?
81. Who commanded baptism? What are His words?
82. Who is to be baptized?
83. What makes baptism of value -- what are its benefits?
84. How often should a person be baptized?
85. Who instituted the Lord's Supper? When? What are some other names for it?
86. What do you receive with the bread? The wine? What are Jesus' words of institution?
87. What are the three major viewpoints regarding the Lord's Supper?
88. What benefit do you get out of taking the Lord's Supper?
89. Why should we take the Lord's Supper?
90. How do you examine yourself before taking communion (4 things)?
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

91. What work has Christ given to the church? (3)
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
92. Why is the power to forgive or to retain sins called the office of the keys?
93. What are the steps to be taken in dealing with an impenitent sinner who is a member of the church? (see Matthew 18)
94. Is a person excommunicated because he is a sinner? Why?
95. If an excommunicated person repents and wants to become a church member again, what action do we take?
96. For whom does the pastor speak?
97. To whom must we confess our sins? To whom may we confess them?
98. Know the general confession we say in our church.
99. What benefit comes from private confession?
100. What is the vow you make at confirmation -- what is God's promise to those who keep this vow?

Bible Passages to Remember:

John 3:16 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:16-17 ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 5:8 ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 11:25-27 ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

John 6:47 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life."

Three Questions to be prepared to answer:

1. Suppose you were to die tonight and you were to stand before the Almighty God -- and He would ask you: "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What would you say?

2. Write your personal confession of faith in God.

3. Because Jesus died for you, how will you live for Him?