

I. This lesson belongs to:

II. Current church preference:

III. Religious background:

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN STUDYING THE BIBLE

- A. Who is doing the speaking and to whom are the words being spoken?
- B. What circumstances in the context might affect the meaning?
- C. Is the language to be understood in a literal or figurative sense?
- D. Partial truth can lead to wrong conclusions. Correct understanding occurs only when all verses dealing with a subject are considered.
- E. More difficult passages must be understood in a way that harmonizes (agrees) with less difficult passages.
- F. Bible study must be undertaken with an open mind not prejudiced by opinions or preconceived ideas.

Before beginning, briefly discuss what the diagram below means to you.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the verses carefully, then write in or circle the correct answer. Discussion questions are in italics.

1. John 3:16, 17

- a. Did God the Father send His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (Jesus) into this world? **Y N**
- b. Did the Father send Jesus so you and I could live forever? **Y N**
- c. In one word, why did God give His ONLY SON? _____ **Y N**
- d. Do you feel God loves you? **Y N**
- e. *Do you love God enough to believe and obey what He says in the Bible?*

Read John 1:1-14

2. John 1:14

- a. The WORD, FLESH and the ONLY BEGOTTEN all refer to Jesus. **T F**
- b. The WORD (Jesus) became a man (flesh) and lived among us. **T F**

3. John 1:1

- a. In the beginning the WORD (Jesus) was with God. **T F**
- b. In the beginning the WORD (Jesus) was God. **T F**
- c. Was Jesus God? **Y N**

4. John 5:18; 10:26-33

- a. Did Jesus say that He and God the Father are One? **Y N**
- b. Did Jesus believe that He was SPIRITUALLY EQUAL with God (the Father)? **Y N**
- c. *How do you feel about Jesus making this claim?*

5. John 14:23, 24

- a. The words of Jesus are the same as the words of God the Father. **T F**
- b. Do you personally want to obey whatever Jesus commands? **Y N**
- c. Is it possible for you to live by the words of Jesus if you do not know what they are? **Y N**

6. John 14:25, 26

- a. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "Whom" (a person), not "it" (a thing). **T F**
- b. The Holy Spirit and Jesus both were sent by God the Father. **T F**
- c. The words of the Father are the same as the words of the Son and were given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit. **T F**

7. John 16:13

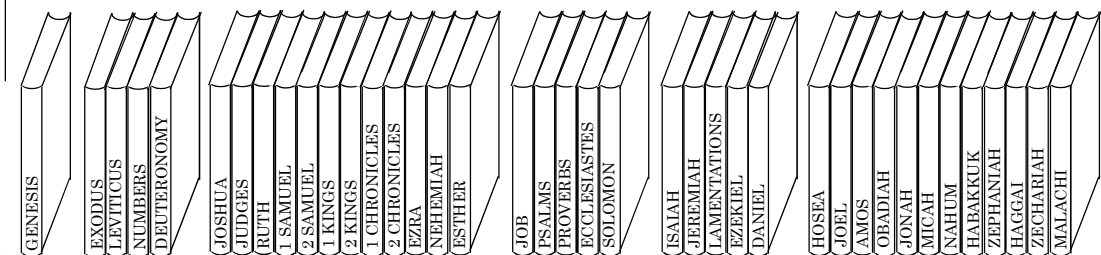
- a. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into SOME -- ALL truth.
- b. *What do the words "all truth" in this verse mean to you?*
- c. In what three ways did Jesus say that God (the Holy Spirit) would help the apostles?
 - 1. Teach them _____ things.
 - 2. Remind them of _____ that Jesus had taught them.
 - 3. Guide them into _____ truth.
- d. Does God make mistakes? **Y N**
- e. Since God Himself guided the writing of the Bible, it cannot contain any mistakes or contradictions. **T F**
- f. To go to heaven what **information** do we need besides the inspired writings (Bible)? _____

WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?

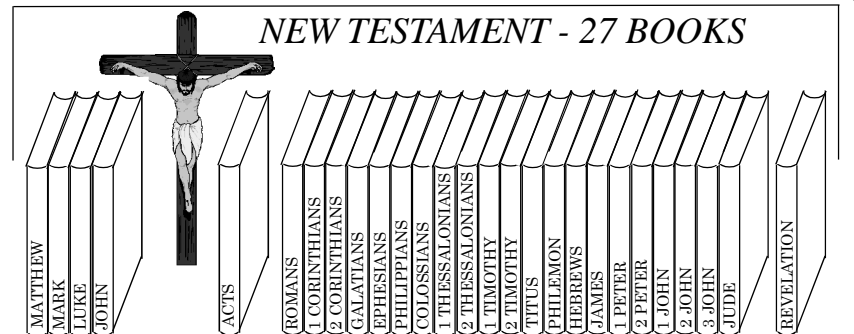
8. Matthew 7:13, 14

- a. Few people will go to heaven; many will not. **T F**
- b. Will you enter the narrow gate if you follow the majority of people? **Y N**

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QUEST for TRUTH

Which of these questions
is most interesting to
YOU?

Is Jesus God?

Are The Ten Commandments Abolished?

Is A Day Of Judgment Coming?

LESSON 1



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9. Matthew 7:15

- a. False teachers (prophets) may seem to be harmless, but they are very dangerous. T F
- b. Should you believe religious teachings that cannot be found in the Bible? Y N

10. Matthew 7:21-23

- a. Will everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" enter the kingdom of heaven? Y N
- b. Will everyone who does good works in the name of Jesus go to heaven? Y N
- c. Many people's religious beliefs and practices are wrong. T F

11. Matthew 7:26, 27

- a. If a person hears but does not obey the words of Jesus he is _____.
- b. What does Jesus want you to do with His words? _____.
- c. *How do you feel about making Jesus Lord of your life and obeying His words?*

12. Matthew 10:34-38

- a. Following Jesus can result in families being divided. T F
- b. Should you follow Jesus even if it means being rejected by members of your own family? Y N
- c. If your family's religious beliefs are different from what the Bible teaches, should you reject those religious beliefs? Y N
- d. Does Jesus expect you to put Him FIRST in your life, even ahead of your spouse, parents and children? Y N
- e. *How do you feel about putting Jesus before your family?*

13. Galatians 1:8, 9

- a. Not even an angel from heaven is allowed to change Bible teaching. T F
- b. Those who teach a "gospel" contrary to that found in the Bible will be condemned. T F
- c. If you found that your minister, priest, bishop, pope or best friend teaches something different from the Bible, should you reject that teaching? Y N
- d. *How can you find out if a preacher or religious teacher is teaching the truth?*

14. Matthew 28:18

- a. Who has ALL authority in religious matters today? _____.
- b. *If you believe that Jesus has all authority in religious matters today, how will that affect your life?*

15. Philippians 2:5-7

- a. Before Christ Jesus became a man, He existed in the form of God. T F
- b. Do you personally believe that Jesus was God as well as man? Y N
- c. Does Jesus deserve your love, trust and obedience? Y N

16. REVIEW AND SUMMARY

- a. Because God loves you and me, He sent His Son (Jesus) into this world. T F
- b. Jesus is God (but not God the Father). T F
- c. Jesus has all authority today both in heaven and on earth. T F
- d. After Jesus left the earth, the Holy Spirit came to:
1. Teach the apostles ALL things. T F
 2. Remind them of ALL that Jesus had taught them. T F
 3. Guide them into ALL truth. T F
- e. We can trust what the inspired writers wrote because it is both accurate and complete. T F
- f. Religious teaching adding to or subtracting from the Bible cannot be trusted. T F
- g. If I found that some of my religious beliefs or practices were different from Bible teaching, I would reject them. T F
- h. Many people will not go to heaven. T F
- i. I personally will not go to heaven unless I learn and do what Jesus commanded. T F
- j. I want to learn and do what Jesus commanded. Y N

ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ABOLISHED? We will study that question in our next lesson.

How soon can we get together?

Date _____

Time _____