

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## NEW JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

*Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. (2 Timothy 2:5)*

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### **BIBLICAL COMPETITION 2011** **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS / ANSWERS**

**92. Where does love come from? And how has the perfect love been demonstrated for us?**

R - God is the source of love, and also the perfect example of what love is. God is love. He loved the people of this world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. (John 3:16). His love is sacrificial. Christ's death is an eternal reminder of this.

**93. Describe in four parts the magnitude of God's love?**

- R -
- a) This love is unconditional -He loves us regardless of our failures or successes.
  - b) This love is impartial -it includes everyone.
  - c) This love is infinite and eternal -simply because God Himself is love!
  - d) And this love is personal - He loves each of us as if we were the only one in His world to love.

**94. What do you know of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life?**

- R -
- a) The Holy Spirit lives in Christians. (1 Cor. 6: 19).
  - b) The Holy Spirit fills believers (Eph 5: 18).
  - c) The Holy Spirit sanctifies the believer (Rom. 15: 16)
  - d) The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the life of the believer (Gal. 5: 22-23)
  - e) The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to Christians (Rom 12: 6-8).
  - f) The Holy Spirit teaches believers (John 14: 26).

**95. To walk in the Spirit, what does yielding bring in the life of the believer?**

R - Yielding transforms the believer in an instrument dedicated to God's service. It must not be thought of simply as a willingness to do some specific thing. Rather, it consists of dedication by a person to do whatever God commands. It leads not only to dedication but also can result in separation (Rom. 12: 2). Finally, yielding includes transformation of the mind. This work is said to be accomplished through a lifetime of "renewing" the mind.

**96. How can a believer be filled with the Spirit?**

R - The prerequisites are simply confession of sin and yielding to God. The former means to agree with God about the person's sin; the latter means primarily dedication of self to God. The believer who chooses to obey in these areas is filled with the Spirit and enabled to manifest Christlike character. This obedience may be accompanied by prayer.

**97. In how many ways the word "Church" can be used? List them?**

R - The word *church* is used in five different ways:

- 1) a building designated as a place of worship, that is, a church building;
- 2) all who profess faith in Christ regardless of particular theological beliefs;
- 3) a denomination;
- 4) a single organized Christian group, that is, a local church; and
- 5) the body of Christ, that is, the universal church.

**98. The universal church and the local church, are they the same? What is different between them?**

R - No, they are no longer the same. But at one point in history, the local and universal churches were identical (Acts 2:41). The universal church comprises all believers from the day of Pentecost until the time God takes the church out of the world, and at which time his program for the church will be complete. The local church is a local, visible, temporal manifestation of the universal church.

**99. What are the benefits of participation in the local church?**

R - The benefits of Participation in the Local Church are immediately apparent. This passage records the first meeting of the first local church. From this passage, seven benefits of participation in the local church are immediately apparent:

- *instruction* – “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching”;
- *fellowship* – “and fellowship”;
- *observance of the ordinances* – “sharing in the Lord’s Supper”;
- *corporate prayer* – “prayer”;
- *effective outreach* – “a deep sense of awe came over them”;
- *common cause* – “shared everything they had”;
- and *mutual assistance* – “shared their meals with great joy and generosity”.

**100. List some excuse for not to go to Church. What do you think of them?**

R - Nothing can take the place of church attendance. If you are a true follower of Christ you will scorn such flimsy excuses as the weather being too hot or too cold, rain or snow, as unworthy of a true follower of Christ. There are many people who say they can stay at home on Sunday morning and worship God in their own minds. The person who does only this fails to give God the complete worship to which He has a right, for God is the creator of our bodies, no less than of our minds and souls; therefore both the mind and the body should participate in rendering to God a complete act of worship. There are many who claim they can stay at home and listen to a sermon on the radio or television and that this takes the place of a church service. That is not enough.

**115. Can the Christian faith grow through difficulties?**

R – Absolutely. It is one of the ways God uses in order for the Christian to reach a spiritual maturity and know him better. When all seems hopeless, when we have our backs against the wall, when we have no choice but to trust in God, we discover things about His character that could not have been revealed otherwise. We also learn that adversity can produce spiritual giants. (2 Cor. 4:17)