

# **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**

#### **QUESTIONS / ANSWERS**

**1. Recite with conviction 1 Thessalonians 3: 12.**

R - May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

**2. Choose the good definition (s):**

(A) **Philia, phileô** is one of the Greek words used in the New Testament to speak of love. It relates to the spiritual and moral sphere, depending more on willingness rather than feeling. It characterized the love of God for man.

(B) **Agapê, agapaô**: is one of the Greek words used in the New Testament to speak of love. It refers to the passionate aspect of the word.

(C) **Philia, phileô**: is one of the Greek words used in the New Testament to speak of love. It refers to a sense of strong friendship, eventually expressing by gestures of affection.

(D) **Philia, phileô**: is one of the Greek words used in the New Testament to speak of love. It refers to the passionate aspect of the word.

(E) **Agapê, agapaô**: is one of the Greek words used in the New Testament to speak of love. It relates to the spiritual and moral sphere, depending more willingness rather than feeling. It characterized the love of God for man.

(F) **all definitions are correct.**

**Answer:** (C) and (E) are the good definitions.

**3. True or false: The love of God for us has a beginning and an end according to the Bible? Justify your answer?**

**Answer:** False. God loves us of an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31: 3).

**4. Choose the correct answer: An always growing love for God and for others:**

(A) **automatically give us the right to God's salvation.**

(B) **is something gained from the first day of our conversion.**

(C) **is the greatest Christian achievement and it is done gradually over time.**

**Answer:** (C) is the greatest Christian achievement and it is done gradually over time.

**5. Which of these assertions is biblical? Verse in support.**

(A) **The love of God for us takes birth in the love we have for him.**

(B) **Our love for God originated in his love for us.**

(C) **The love of God for us began with our conversion.**

**Answer:** (B) Our love for God originated in his love for us (1 John 4: 19).

**6. Why is it good to tell people that you love them?**

**Answer:** It is good that we say to people that we love them. Such verbal expressions of love can warm the hearts of lonely people and encourage the subdued spirits.

**7. When we try to establish the spiritual state of an individual, what would be the most appropriate question to ask and why?**

**Answer:** Do you have a love for God? Many people can give you a mental consent to the doctrine of the existence of God, but those who have been touched by the Holy Spirit and have come to know God's love in their hearts, not only they believe in him, but love him too.

**8. Which of these assertions is from the Bible? (Verse in support).**

(A). Love is a tyrant who spares no one.

(B). Love is an adventure full of risk.

(C). Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

(D). Love is to enjoy, in the arm of a loved one, the amount of heaven that God put in the flesh...

(E). (C) and (D)

**Answer:** (C) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (cf. 1 Cor.. 13: 6).

**9. Choose the correct answer. Verse in support:**

**The most important and most effective way by which we can show our love to God:**

(A). is to study daily our bible.

(B). is to lead a life of prayer

(C). is to keep his commandments.

**Answer:** (C) it is to keep his commandments (Jn. 14: 15).

**10. Does love imply the approval of the one being loved?**

R. Love does not necessary imply approval of the one loved. If God had waited until He could approve of us before He sent His Son to redeem us, where would we be?

**11. How do you prove to others that we are Jesus' disciples? Verse in support.**

R - If we love each other, everyone will know that we are Jesus' disciples. Therefore, let us love one another (John 13: 35).

**12. What is the greatest demonstration of love?**

R - The greatest demonstration of love is God's gift of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

**13. Are we able to fully understand God's love?**

R - It is impossible to comprehend fully this divine love; it can only be learned experientially. As we grow in our love relationship with the Lord, we begin to realize in part the magnitude of His love.

**14. What is Peter's advice as to the manner in which we must love each other?**

R - The Apostle Peter advised us to earnestly love each other, with all our heart. Thus, the result to obey the word of God, which is the truth, is to have our souls made pure. (1 Peter 1:22)

**15. Recite in a clear and precise manner John 13: 34-35?**

R - A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.

**16. Can you tell us, convincingly, how should you love God according to Matthew 22: 37-39?**

R - I should love the Lord your God with all my heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment.

**17. In Galatians 5: 13-14, what is the Apostle Paul's exhortation in regards to our freedom?**

R - As Christians, we were chosen to be free. The Apostle Paul, in Galatians 5:13-14, admonished us not to use our freedom as an excuse to do anything we want. On the contrary, we should use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love.

**18. Is it in words only that you must show your love for your brothers?**

R - No, I should not show my love for my brothers only in words, because 1 John 3: 17 says that I should have pity when I see that my brothers are in need.

**19. Where can we find the love chapter in the Bible and what should we do to make it more practical?**

R - In the Bible, the love chapter is found in 1 Corinthians 13. To make it more practical for every Christians, we should make a list of ways we can become more loving in verses 4-7, and use it every day for prayer.

**20. Recite without mistakes Romans 13: 8.**

R - Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

**21. By what should the Christian show his love for other believers?**

R - The Christian has to show his love for fellow believers by: serving, being an example, his/her forgiveness, impartiality, submission, humility, mutual assistance, liberality and conciliation.

**22. Complete: Christians ought \_\_\_\_\_ and this is one of the most important of \_\_\_\_\_ and one of the greatest. The very power of our conviction sometimes inclines us toward feeling that we are \_\_\_\_\_ and that all other people are wrong.**

R - gracious, Christian virtues, right.

**23. In his mountainside Sermon, Jesus taught his disciples how to deal with their enemies. Choose the sentence that responds best to this teaching: You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy:**

- a) But I tell you: The dog barks, the caravan moves on.
- b) But I tell you: if I kiss my enemy it is better to strangle.
- c) But I tell you: Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.
- d) But I tell you: Love your enemies so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.
- e) None of these answers
- f) C and D
- g) But I tell you: Bring them to justice, because U.S. law requires a fine from the persecutor to the persecuted.

R - f) C and D

**24. Recite with pride Ephesians 4: 32.**

R - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**25. Cite two conditions that must be met in order that there is no limit to Christ's law of forgiveness ?**

R - Repentance and confession.

**26. Complete: Forgiveness means:**

- 1) the \_\_\_\_\_ of the punishment due to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ divinely, and therefore righteously, imposed;
- 2) it involves the completely \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

R - remission - sinful conduct - deliverance - sinner - penalty - removal - cause of offense.

**27. What the basis for forgiveness? Verse in support.**

R - The death of Jesus Christ. Matthew 26: 26.

**28. What do you know of the ramification of forgiveness?**

R - Forgiven people should forgive others.

**29. True or false: Forgiveness is not a matter of numbers, but an attitude of the heart.**

R - True.

**30. Recite with obedience Galatians 5: 16.**

R - So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

**31. What does the expression: "we have indeed passed from death unto life " mean?**

R - It means we can now approach the mighty Creator of the vast universe and refer to Him as "Father, dear Father" ("Abba, Father", Rom. 8:15).

**32. What does confession mean according to the Bible?**

R - Confession means that we agree with God about our sin. Confession requires an attitude of sorrow for the sin and a willingness to turn from it.

**33. What does "walk in the Spirit" mean?**

R - Walk in the Spirit:

- a) is to allow the Spirit to have His way;
- b) is to remain in communion with Him;
- c) is to make decisions in the light of His holiness;
- d) is to be occupied with Christ, because the Spirit's ministry is to engage the believer with the Lord Jesus.

**34. What does this mean: "Confession of sin should normally involve only those who have knowledge of the sin"?**

R - This means that private sins should be confessed privately (1 Jn. 1:9); sins between individuals confessed between those involved (Matt. 5:23-24); and public sins confessed publicly (Matt. 18:17). Public confession normally is made for the edification of the church (1 Cor. 14:26).

**35. What is the witness of the Spirit in the life of the believer, according to 1 John 3: 24 and Romans 8: 16?**

R - While it is true that a person need not always feel spiritual to have new life in Christ, nevertheless, feelings and emotions do play a role in our salvation. It means we can enjoy the quiet confidence given by the Spirit that we have indeed passed from death unto life.

**36. What does the Apostle Paul say in 1 Thessalonians 5: 23 and Galatians 5: 25?**

R - According to the Apostle Paul, human being is composed of spirit, soul and flesh. The Bible instructs Christians to live by the Spirit and walk in the Spirit while the flesh is still present with them.

**37. What is <Abba>?**

R - "Abba" is a very personal and intimate term for one's father. Prior to Pentecost only Christ had used the title for God (Mark 14:36). It is almost akin to our modern title "daddy", or "papa".

**38. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?**

R - The purpose of spiritual gifts is twofold, namely, to glorify God and to build the body of Christ.

**39. Who teaches believers all spiritual things while they read the Word of God? Verse in support?**

R - The Holy Spirit teaches believers. He teaches them all spiritual things while they read the Word of God (John 14: 26).

**40. Why sin must be confessed?**

R - Sin must be confessed to restore communion and to continue to receive the power of God.

**41. Recite with conviction Romans 8: 9.**

R - You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

**42. What does the expression: "Be filled with the Spirit" mean? (Verse in support)**

R - To be filled with the Spirit is to be controlled by the Spirit and is therefore crucial to living the Christian life successfully. (Eph. 5: 18).

**43. How can the believer be sure that he/she is filled with the Spirit?**

R The certainty of being filled with the Spirit may be confirmed by the believer's faith and life. The believer must, of course, believe God's Word that meeting the conditions will result in the filling.

**44. What will the Spirit-filled person exhibit?**

R The Spirit-filled person will exhibit the Christlike character described in Gal. 5:22-23 as the fruit of the Spirit. It is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, benevolence, faith, gentleness, and self-control.

**45. The Bible contains many commandments regarding separation from the world. What does the concept of separation involve?**

R - The concept of separation involves being "unfashionable" in spirit, thought, values, and actions according to the world's standards.

**46. Recite without mistakes 1 Corinthians 5: 7.**

R - **Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast – as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

**47. What is the difference between Passover and Easter?**

R - "Passover" is the annual Jewish holiday commemorating the exodus from Egypt of the Hebrew people. "Easter" is the annual Christian holiday celebrated the first Sunday following the full moon of the spring equinox, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**48. What was the central element of the celebration of the Passover?**

R - The central element of the celebration of the Passover was the sacrifice of the lamb.

**49. The Bible makes mention of Christ as the Lamb of God. Quote for us two verses?**

R - John 1: 29, 35

**50. Choose the correct answer: The blood of the sacrificial lamb was applied on the doors to:**

**a - give protection**

**b - expel the fallen angels**

**c - save us from Pharaoh's hands**

R - a - give protection

**51. When the angel of death passed through each quarter, what was the sign that prevented or spared him to strike the Israelites?**

R - When the angel passed through each quarter, he observed the blood on the door and spared all houses which were stained by the red emblem.

**52. What other name can be given to the festival of Passover?**

R - The feast of unleavened bread.

**53. Draw a parallel between the Passover lamb and the Lamb of God?**

R - The Passover lamb is the animal used for sacrifice during the paschal time or the Passover meal, while the Lamb of God is Jesus Christ; it is through him that we are saved from eternal destruction and delivered from the bondage of sin.

**54. Why were the Jews instructed to eat only unleavened bread?**

R - The unleavened bread was intended to remind the Israelites the hasty departure from Egypt, when they left with such haste that they did not have time to allow the bread to rise, and had to eat it without leaven.

**55. Tell us how long the Passover festival lasted?**

R - The Passover festival lasted a period of seven days.

**56. What was the consumption of unleavened bread represented for the Israelites?**

R - The consumption of unleavened bread symbolized the cleansing from all these corrupting influences of Egypt and other pagan nations tended to divert Israel from the true devotion to God

**57. Recite with obedience Matthew 28: 19-20.**

R - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**58. How did Christ preach the good news of the coming of the Kingdom and how did he explain the truths of the Kingdom?**

R - Christ has preached the good news of the coming of the Kingdom and explained the truths of the Kingdom using precepts and parables.

**59. How did Christ demonstrate the presence and the power of the Kingdom?**

R - Christ has demonstrated the presence and the power of the Kingdom by carrying out great miracles and forgiveness.

**60. By what did Jesus Christ confirm the victory of the Kingdom on the opposing forces of sin and Satan?**

R - Jesus Christ confirmed the victory of the Kingdom on the opposing forces of sin and Satan by his death and his resurrection.

**61. Tell us how the two women (the two Mary) have declared the good news of Christ's resurrection?**

R - They did not linger, but they quickly ran to declare the good news.

**62. With respect to the wonderful events which have brought so much joy to the disciples, tell us, for their part, were the Jewish leaders happy?**

R - No, they were not happy; on the contrary, the resurrection of Jesus was a disadvantage for them, and of course they would lose prestige and power in the face of the people.

**63. Were the disciples faithful to their mission of bringing the gospel of the kingdom to the world?**

R - Although this task exceeded their competency, they were faithful in their mission to bring the gospel of the kingdom to the world.

**64. Among these three statements, which one corresponds to what the Bible teaches?**

a) Christ gave the Great Commission as a mandate to the entire Church.

b) Christ gave the Great Commission as a mandate only to the EBNJ pastoral body.

c) Christ gave the Great Commission as a mandate to some Christians.

R - Christ gave the Great Commission as a mandate to the entire Church.

**65. Recite with elegance Matthew 16: 18.**

R - And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**66. Complete: The Church is the body of ..... called to ..... and glorify him by carrying out its ..... and .....functions .....**

R - Christ, honor, edification, evangelism, obediently.

**67. What does the word 'Church' mean?**

R - At its root, the word *church* means a “called-out group” (from Greek *ekklesia*: *ek* = out of; *klesis*, *kaleo* = a calling).

**68. When did the church really begin?**

R - The simplest view is to understand the New Testament church as beginning on the day of Pentecost in response to Peter’s Pentecostal sermon when about three thousand people “were baptized and added to the church” (Acts 2:41). “God added to their number daily those who were saved.” (Acts 2:47b)

**69. What is the Church’s ultimate purpose?**

R - The ultimate purpose of the church is to bring honor and glory to its head, Jesus Christ.

**70. Give us another purpose of the Church in relation to the world?**

R - Another purpose of the church, as it relates to the world, is edification. According to Eph. 4:12, the saints need to be edified (built up) for two goals: “To equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ”.

**71. What is it? By this a person indicates that he has been identified with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection and wish to be identified with the local church?**

R - Baptism.

**72. Complete this sentence: The believers who compose the church’s membership need to be built up so that they may realize all that \_\_\_\_\_.**

R - God has provided for Christian living and that they may come to spiritual maturity.

**73. Recite joyfully Psalm 122: 1.**

R - I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord”.

**74. Define the local church and provide another way to call it.**

R - The local church is a geographically located, temporally limited, and visibly evident manifestation of the universal church, the body of Christ.

**75. Choose the correct answer: the ultimate reason that we should participate in a local church is because it is specifically**

- a- recommended by the pastoral body of the Church.
- b - required by the authority of the Pope.
- c - commissioned by God.

R - c - commanded by God.

**76. Cite four other benefits of participation in the local church? And give at least a verse in support for each.**

R – 1) worship (Acts 20:7);  
2) discipline (Matt 18:15-17; 2 Cor. 13:1-10);  
3) pastoral oversight (1 Pet 5:1-3);  
4) and obedience to God's command (Heb 10:25).

**77. Why do you go to Church?**

R - You do not go to church to hear a sermon. You go to church to worship God and to serve Him in the fellowship of other Christians. You cannot be a successful and happy Christian without being faithful in church. In the church, you will find your place of service. We are saved to serve. The happy Christian is the serving Christian.

**78. Recite with obedience 2 Timothy 4: 2.**

R - Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.

**79. Enumerate three compelling reasons for sharing our faith in Christ with people who have not experienced new life in Christ?**

- a) Because God has commanded us to do so. The final words of Jesus while on earth speak concerning this.
- b) Because it demonstrates our love for God. Christ said that if we truly loved him, we would keep his commandments.
- c) Because all people are lost without Christ.

**80. God wants that all the men to be saved. This statement is it true? If so, give two verses to support it?**

R - Of course. God wants all men to be saved. Acts 4: 12; 2 Peter 3: 9; 1 Tim 2: 4.

**81. Most Christians have the desire to share their faith with others by obeying the commandments of God. They have a problem. What is it?**

R - It is the challenge of knowing what, when, where, why, and how to prepare and speak. However, the solution is to take the time to get trained because ignorance is not an acceptable excuse.

**82. In order to share our faith, first of all, we must be clean vessels. Support this biblical statement.**

R - God reminds Isaiah the prophet of this, "Purity yourselves you who carry home the vessels of the Lord" (Isa 52:11b).

**83. Briefly introduce a set of practical steps to take in witnessing for Christ.**

- R -
- a) Regularly talk about God.
  - b) Prepare your testimony.
  - c) Learn a brief summary of the gospel.

**84. Is there something an unbeliever can do on his own to save himself? Verses in support.**

R - There is nothing lost persons can do on their own to save themselves (Isa 64:6; Eph 2:9).

**85. Recite with conviction Ephesians 4: 14-15.**

R - Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

**86. What the greatest proof of the new birth?**

R - The greatest proof of the new birth is a changed life.

**87. Why do Christians love the Bible?**

R - A vital part of our maturity is understanding the power and relevance of God's Word for us today, in every area of our lives. We must seek to discover what Scripture says about our families, relationships, ministries, churches, careers, politics, and every other aspect of life.

**88. Complete this sentence: The lives of the saints in the Bible are characterized not by their age and spiritual maturity\_\_\_\_\_.**

R - But by a complete dependence on the power of God.

**89. Knowing what God has done for us, what is the most sincere way to help others?**

R - Since we know what God has done for us, the most sincere way to help others is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Like Paul, they too can cry out for the conversion of loved ones. "Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is that the Jewish people might be saved" (Rom 10:1).

**90. The Christian who is walking in the Spirit, can he rejoice? If yes, why?**

R. Certainly, the Christian who is walking in the Spirit can rejoice, because he knows that God is in the process of developing him into a mature believer. Each won victory gives him the assurance of His power.