

Basic Bible Knowledge

80 Questions

This quiz does not test a person's general Bible knowledge. Rather, it reveals one's understanding of biblical foundations specifically related to the message of the Gospel. This includes the reliability of Scripture, the identity of Jesus and the purpose for the cross and the tomb. Many key stories, concepts and trivia are not addressed, as they are not central to understanding the Gospel.

The quiz is for your benefit, to give you an accurate assessment of what your understanding is. Don't guess at answers. With multiple choice questions, more than one answer may be correct.

Knowledge of the Bible:

1. In many ways, the Bible is like a puzzle — to understand it accurately, the pieces must be put together in the right way.
 - True
 - False
2. The Bible addresses many different subjects and themes. If you randomly mix these themes or subjects, the result will be:
 - A. a clear understanding of the Bible
 - B. confusion
3. The Bible is a collection of how many different books?
 - A. 44
 - B. 55
 - C. 66
4. How many years did it take to write the entire Bible?
 - A. Approximately 5000 years
 - B. 70 years exactly
 - C. Approximately 1500 years
5. The Bible says that God guided the prophets in such a way that what was recorded was precisely what he wanted written. As necessary, they could add related thoughts.
 - True
 - False
6. The Scriptures can be divided into three parts: the Old Testament, the New Testament and the footnotes.
 - True
 - False
7. What significant claim does the Bible make about itself in relation to God?
 - A. It gives us random ideas about what God is like.
 - B. It is God's message to man.

Knowledge of God:

8. The Bible says that God has existed from everlasting past and will exist to the _____ future.
9. According to the Bible, what does God need to exist?
- A. The basic essentials of all life
 - B. Eternal matter
 - C. Nothing
10. The term *The Most High* shows that there are only a few like Him. He is one of the main rulers over this universe.
- True
 - False
11. The Bible maintains that only the God of the Bible possesses the following triad of attributes (see word bank below):
- A. all - _____.
 - B. all - _____.
 - C. everywhere present at _____.
12. The Bible clearly teaches the concept of pantheism — that God is in everything, and everything is God.
- True
 - False

Knowledge of Creation:

13. The Bible calls spirits by different names. Circle all that apply:
- A. Cherubim
 - B. Angels
 - C. Stars
 - D. Hosts
14. Angelic beings were created by God to serve him — a form of forced labor.
- True
 - False
15. What means did God use to create?
- A. He used angels.
 - B. He simply spoke.
 - C. He used the basic elements.

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holy powerful order kind righteous nice friendly trust cares knowing one time

16. The universe performs according to precise rules, revealing that the God of the Bible is a God of precise _____. (See word bank on page 2.)
17. God's creation was perfect because perfection is part of his character. Two other words that describe this aspect of the Lord's pure nature are _____ and _____, both meaning "to be without blemish." (See word bank on page 2.)
18. God created the rich variety we see and experience for our enjoyment. God is a God who truly _____. (See word bank on page 2.)
19. The Bible says that man was created in the image of God. In part, this means that God created man with:
- A. a mind.
 - B. a physical body.
 - C. emotions.
 - D. a will.
20. Scripture teaches the concept that only perfect people can live in the presence of a perfect God. When they were created, the first two humans were innocent of all sin.
- True
 - False

Knowledge of Evil:

21. God considers all disobedience to be _____.
22. The Bible says that because of God's holy nature, he cannot tolerate _____ in his presence.
23. The Bible says very specifically that God prepared an eternal fire for the devil and his angelic followers. Because of this we can be confident humans are not destined for this place.
- True
 - False
24. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's one command. Their actions affected:
- A. just themselves.
 - B. the whole human race.
25. Violating God's word has ramifications. The consequence of sin is _____.
26. In the Bible, death implies some sort of annihilation or non-existence.
- True
 - False
27. According to the Bible, man's debt of sin can be paid in only one way:
- A. Money
 - B. Death
 - C. Good Works
 - D. Penance

Knowledge of Abraham:

28. Based on certain future events, God said that he would accept an animal's death in man's place. This process is called:
- A. alteration
 - B. cancellation
 - C. substitution
29. According to the Scriptures, Babel is the first recorded occurrence of an organized religion.
- True
 - False
30. God told Abraham to leave his country and move to an unknown land. Because Abraham didn't know where he was going, he had to put _____ in God to lead him one day at a time.
- A. his faith
 - B. his trust
 - C. his feelings
 - D. his confidence
 - E. his experience
31. When God looked at Abraham, he saw him as _____ because he believed God's promises.
- A. happy or at peace
 - B. pure, right or righteous
 - C. upset or disturbed
32. Abraham found that to gain a righteousness equal to God's righteousness, all he had to do was trust the Lord and God provided it.
- True
 - False
33. From the viewpoint of the Bible, faith always needs to be built on:
- A. the facts.
 - B. the way you feel.
 - C. other's influence.
 - D. a religion.
34. Relating the following to God, cross out the incorrect words.
It's not the [source / amount] of faith that counts, but in [whom / what] you are placing your faith.
35. Though Isaac was Abraham's promised son, Abraham obeyed the Lord's command to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, because he was convinced that God could raise Isaac from the dead.
- True
 - False

36. Match the best parallel sentences below.

___ A. Just as Isaac was under God's direct order to die,

___ B. God did intervene.

___ C. An innocent animal died

___ D. Just as Abel offered a sacrifice to die in his place,

___ E. Just as God viewed Abel's sacrifice as acceptable,

1. God provided a substitute.

2. so God provided a ram as an acceptable sacrifice in Isaac's place.

3. so all mankind is under the sentence of death.

4. so the ram died in Isaac's place.

5. in man's place.

Knowledge of the Passover:

37. Pharaoh ignored God's order to free the Israelites because:

A. Pharaoh did not acknowledge the true God.

B. Moses was not clear in his communication.

C. Pharaoh was busy ruling the country.

D. Pharaoh was firmly opposed to anything that required him to do God's will.

38. God gave very specific instructions on how to conduct the Passover. However, since God is gracious, he allowed the Israelites room to self-interpret the instructions as long as there were good reasons.

True

False

39. The firstborn lived, but only because an innocent lamb died. The lamb became the firstborn's substitute.

True

False

Knowledge of the Law:

40. Because of who God is, even His name should not be used flippantly or irreverently.

True

False

49. God knows our outward actions and what takes place in our:

A. hearts.

B. minds.

C. imagination.

50. With a little effort, it is possible to keep all of God's commands consistently and perfectly.

True

False

51. The Ten Commandments have two main objectives:
- A. To silence those who say their lives are good enough to be accepted by God.
 - B. To show mankind that we are indeed lawbreakers.
 - C. To give mankind a list of rules to keep so we can be pleasing to God.
52. The idea that a person's good living can outweigh his bad, and therefore merit God's acceptance, is entirely consistent with what the Bible teaches.
- True
 - False
53. The first step in approaching God is for man to recognize that he is:
- A. a relatively harmless sinner.
 - B. living as upright as can be expected.
 - C. needing to keep the Ten Commandments.
 - D. none of the above

Knowledge of the Tabernacle:

54. The Tabernacle was accessible by only one gate.
- True
 - False
55. When the Tabernacle was complete, the cloud that led the Israelites moved into position over the Holy of Holies, signifying God's presence in the midst of his people.
- True
 - False
56. When the individual placed his _____ on the _____ of the animal he was offering, he was acknowledging that he deserved to die for his own sin and that the animal was his _____.

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57. Only during this life on earth can people repent and be heard by God.
- True
 - False

Knowledge of Messiah:

58. Since Jesus was not born of a human father, he did not have Adam's sinful nature. Instead, because God was his father, he was perfect, just as God is perfect. He had God's nature.
- True
 - False

59. Just as God has names that depict his character, so *The Promised Deliverer* was given names that described his character. Match each name with its meaning.

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| ___ A. Jesus | 1. God with us |
| ___ B. Immanuel | 2. Greek for Messiah |
| ___ C. Christ | 3. The Lord is our Deliverer or Saviour |
| ___ D. Messiah | 4. Anointed One |

60. God came to earth to personally explain how man could be saved from eternal death.

- True
 False

61. Baptism washes our sin away so we can be acceptable to God.

- True
 False

62. Even those who were closest to Jesus, and most likely to know of any hidden character flaws, wrote that Jesus was _____.

63. In a Bible, find and complete the following verse:

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

64. The Pharisees were relying upon which of the following to become right with God?

- A. Their religious observances.
- B. Their faith in God's mercy.
- C. Their Jewish birth.
- D. Their good works.

65. The Bible is very clear that good works is the only way one can earn a right standing with God.

- True
 False

66. The Bible says that all people are:

- A. inherently good.
- B. slaves to sin.
- C. redeemable by good works.

67. God holds everyone accountable for the choices they make.

- True
 False

68. The Bible says that if man refuses to believe God's written Word, the only way he will be convinced is if someone is raised from the dead.

- True
 False

69. Crucifixion was a Roman form of capital punishment used only for criminals of the lowest order.

- True
 False

70. The Bible says that when John saw the empty tomb he believed that the body of Jesus had been robbed.

- True
 False

Knowledge of the Gospel:

71. Match the following to form complete sentences.

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| ___ A. Just as Isaac was bound and could not save himself, | 1. so we are viewed as righteous when we put our trust in Jesus. |
| ___ B. Just as the ram died in Isaac's place, | 2. so Jesus died in our place and took our punishment on the cross, He's our substitute |
| ___ C. Just as Abraham was viewed as righteous when he trusted God, | 3. so we are bound by sin and helpless to save ourselves from its consequences. |

72. God credited righteousness to Abraham's because he was looking ahead to what Jesus would do on the cross.

- True
 False

73. Match the comparisons between the Passover and Jesus:

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| ___ A. The Passover lamb had to be perfect. | 1. None of Jesus' bones were broken. |
| ___ B. It had to be a male. | 2. Jesus was sinless. |
| ___ C. It died in the place of the firstborn. | 3. God provided a way for his judgment on sin to pass over us. Instead the judgment came to rest on Jesus on the cross. |
| ___ D. The Israelites were not to break any bones of the Passover lamb. | 4. Jesus died in our place, as our substitute. |
| ___ E. When the angel of death came, he would pass over the house that had the blood applied. | 5. Jesus was a man. |

74. Keeping the Ten Commandments helps us restore the broken relationship with God.

- True
 False

75. When we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ, in God's eyes we have a righteousness that is equal to God's holiness.

- True
 False

76. The animal sacrifice was a temporary payment for sin, but Jesus was the permanent and final Lamb.

- True
 False

77. Match the following to make complete sentences.

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| <p>____ A. Just as the Brazen Altar was the first step to God through the blood sacrifice,</p> | <p>1. so Jesus, our substitute Lamb, is the first and only step to having a right relationship with God.</p> |
| <p>____ B. Just as the Israelite who brought an animal sacrifice was showing faith in God's instructions,</p> | <p>2. so God sent Jesus to suffer as a sacrifice for man so that we might enter boldly into God's presence.</p> |
| <p>____ C. Just as the Tabernacle curtain separating man from God was torn in half, giving man entrance into the Holy of Holies,</p> | <p>3. so we must put our trust in what Jesus did on the cross.</p> |
| <p>____ D. Just as the only way for the Israelites to be healed from their snake bites was to simply turn and look at the bronze serpent,</p> | <p>4. so the only way we can become right with God is to repent by simply turning and looking in faith to Jesus, believing that he paid our sin-debt.</p> |

78. As a result of the cross, there was a great exchange. Jesus took our _____ and offered us his _____.

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79. Salvation is a _____ from God, not an award. We cannot earn it and we do not deserve it.

80. The Bible says that if we reject the message of the cross:

- A. we can find other ways to God.
 B. there will be more chances later in life to choose otherwise.
 C. the rest of Scripture will not be understood correctly because it is veiled to those who are perishing.