

Study Guide for Test on “The Bible”
Catechism Questions 1 – 33

The test is scheduled to be taken on Sunday, February 11, during our regular Catechism class.

Memory Treasures (9 points total)

Be ready to write from memory the following Bible passages.

- 2 Peter 1:21
 - For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 6:23
 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 5:14,15
 - For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Matching (5 points total)

Be ready to identify the definition for the following words.

- Gospel
 - 1. The good news that God in love sent Jesus to take away the sins of all people; 2. One of the first four books of the New Testament.
- Inspiration
 - The miracle by which God “breathed into” the prophets and the apostles what he wanted them to write in the Bible. It is called [this word] to show that God guided them to use the exact words he wanted them to write.
- Law
 - 1. The commands that tell people what God wants them to do and not to do. 2. Sometimes in the Bible [this word] refers to God’s Word in general, even those parts that are not commands.
- Natural Knowledge
 - That which we know about God from nature and our conscience.
- Revealed Knowledge
 - That which we know about God from the Bible.

Short Answer (20 points total)

Be ready to answer a question about...

- What the natural knowledge of God tells us.
- Why we need the revealed knowledge of God.
- How God wrote the Bible through the prophets.
- What the SOS acronym for God's law and God's gospel is.

Reproduce the table about the curb, mirror, and guide of God's law printed on the *Discussion Questions* from the lesson *How Is God's Law Good?*

Agree or Disagree (10 points total)

Be ready to explain why you agree or disagree with 2 statements found on the *In Class Handouts* and *Discussion Questions*. Some examples include...

- Only a fool can be an atheist.
- A friend tells you it's wrong to do mission work in India because they are already religious.
- The Bible contains the Word of God.
- A friend of yours insists that the Bible does not have to be correct in historical or scientific matters and still can be verbally inspired as long as it is correct when it speaks about God.
- As long as I try my best, God will let me into heaven.
- A friend of yours says he believes the main reason the Bible was written is to answer the 3 main questions in everyone's life: 1) Who am I? 2) Where did I come from? 3) Where am I going?

Ultimate Questions (12 points total)

Be ready to answer the following questions found at the end of each lesson.

- What does my natural knowledge tell me about God?
 - It tells me that there is a God who will judge me guilty for my sins. It is the Bible's revealed knowledge that I find my salvation in Jesus.
- How did God write the Bible?
 - God wrote the Bible by verbal inspiration so that I may be sure that it is the truth and is trustworthy in all it says.
- What are the Bible's two main teachings?
 - God's law which teaches me that I am a sinner and God's gospel which tells me I am saved by Jesus.
- How is God's law good?
 - God's law is good because it shows me why Jesus is such a blessing and how I can show my thanks back to God.

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