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Newsletter



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New Years Quiz: Circle or write in the answer.

1. Christ ascended into heaven how many days after his "passion"? [Acts 1:3](#)
 - A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 7
 - D) 40
2. Where are these verses found (Book/Chapter)?
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."
 - A) 2 Th 4.16
 - B) 1 Tim 3.16
 - C) 1Th4.16-17
 - D) Rev4.16
3. What was the name of Naomi's grandson? *Ruth 4*
 - A) Elimelech's
 - B) Obed
 - C) Jesse
 - D) David
4. What was the name of his grandson? *Ruth 4*
 - A) Paul
 - B) David
 - C) John
 - D) Jesse
5. Who is speaking? "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"
 - A) *Matthew*
 - B) *Mark*
 - C) *Luke*
 - D) *John*
6. "And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as _____, and so we were in their sight."
 - A) worms
 - B) Dragonflies
 - C) Frogs
 - D) Grasshoppers
7. In *Acts 28*, Paul shipwrecked, they built fire, what came out of fire? what is the actual term(s) as found in the Bible?
 - A) venomous beast
 - B) Poisonous Snake
 - C) Viper
 - D) Flames from the fire
8. Who is speaking?
Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:
 - A) Daniel
 - B) Nebuchadnezzar
 - C) Jeremiah
 - D) Joseph
9. In *Num. 5*, the "spirit of jealousy" could come upon a husband that suspected his wife to be guilty of adultery. He was to take her to priest (with an offering), and she would drink the "bitter water that causeth the curse." This drink was made of "holy water" and one other element. What was mixed into the holy water to make this mysterious drink?
 - A) Dust
 - B) Barley
 - C) Wheat
 - D) Bitter spices

Matt 1:21-23 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
10. Who is the prophet Matthew is quoting?

- A) Daniel
- B) Ezekiel
- C) Isaiah
- D) Nehemiah

11. Who is speaking?
"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."
 - A) Daniel
 - B) Zechariah
 - C) David
 - D) Job
12. What people were "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"?
 - A) People in Berea
 - B) Jewish people
 - C) People of Galatia
 - D) Bishops and deacons
13. *Prov. 15:1* A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up _____ .
 - A) Strife
 - B) Anger
 - C) Fury
 - D) Rage
14. Jesus Christ is called the "Lion of the tribe of _____."
15. What did Enoch name his firstborn son?
 - A) Enoch
 - B) Methusael
 - C) Iraq
 - D) Lamech
16. "And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the _____ did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it."
 - A) Axe head
 - B) Copper
 - C) Anchor
 - D) Iron
17. Where is this verse found?
"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
 - A) *Gal 6.1*
 - B) *Eph 6.1*
 - C) *1 Tim 4.5*
 - D) *Col 4.1*
- 18-19. In *Proverbs*, The fear of the LORD is the beginning of (what two things??).
 1. _____
 2. _____
20. Which New Testament writer repeatedly refers to his recipients as "little children"?
 - A) *Matthew*
 - B) *Mark*
 - C) *John*
 - D) *1 John*

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THE SWORDSMEN TEEN NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012 !! A NEW YEAR AND A NEW BEGINNING

All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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Be Ye Transformed

The caterpillar slept, covered by her cocoon. The world was locked out, as in safety she did lay. One color, just green, was her only description. The darkness surrounds her, not seen was the sun's ray. Helpless while hibernating, hidden from the world, she hung there by herself, useless in every way. A drab, dreary environment controlled her life. No beauty to abound, silence was her mainstay. I choose a lowly creature to describe our lives, for it matches closely how we are without Christ. Now months go by for that lonely caterpillar. It's been transformed slowly to what you now will see. I wonder what it looks like, maybe it's still green. It wedges itself out so slow and carefully. Look, it's totally changed into a new creature, with vivid bright color, and look, it has got wings! I choose the butterfly, for it starts as a worm. It was God who designed it while in the cocoon. You see, our life is like that of the butterfly. We start out ugly in sin, the world is our cocoon. No meaning or purpose in the way we live life, not thinking of our future, our lives could end soon. We walk around so empty, unloved, all alone. But Christ can grant forgiveness of our every sin. If you will only trust Him now as your Saviour. He will make you whole and new, He'll cleanse you within.



I choose the butterfly, it show's God's salvation, the way He changes us and the beauty He gives to us.

He transforms us from darkness to light. *John 8:12* Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Then He takes us from the family of Satan into God's family.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Then we become a new creature. *2 Corinthians 5:17* Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

We past from death to life. *John 8:12* Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Once we get saves we need to, be ye transformed. *Romans 12:1-2* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

How to be transformed in 2012

Before all this happens you must be saved. This is the same question the jailer asked the Apostle Paul. *Acts 16:30* And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

This is very easy There are about four steps you must know and take.

Blonde Jokes

- 1) Did you hear about the blonde who studied for her blood test and still failed it?
- 2) And did you hear about the blonde who tripped over her cordless phone? Why aren't blondes hired for elevator jobs? Because they can't remember the route.
- 3) Did you hear about the blonde who almost killed her toy poodle? She tried to insert batteries.
- 4) A senior in college took his blonde girlfriend to a football game. As the game started, he said, "Watch the guy wearing number 15. I expect him to be our best man next year."
"Oh, Honey," she said. "That's such a clever way to propose. I accept!"
- 5) Did you hear about the blonde who locked herself in the car?
- 6) This blonde went to the pizza place and ordered a pizza. The pizza guy asked her if she wanted it cut into six pieces or twelve.
"Oh, six," she said. "I could never eat twelve pieces."
- 7) During her company's periodic password audit, a blond employee was found to be using this password: GoofyHueyLouieDeweyDaisyDonaldMickeyMinniePhoenix
When she was asked why she had such a long password, she said, "The boss said that my password had to be at least eight characters long and have at least one capital."
- 8) Did you hear about the blonde who plugged her power strip back into itself to save electricity?
- 9) Why did the blonde put lipstick on her forehead? Because she was trying to make up her mind.
- 10) When a blonde working at the local Taco Bell was asked to put minimal lettuce on an order she replied, "I'm sorry, we only have iceberg."
- 11) A blonde was asked what the capital of California was. "That's easy," she said. "It's C."
- 12) What do you get when you put seven blondes in a freezer? Frosted Flakes
- 13) A blonde was driving down the highway when she read a sign saying, "Clean Restrooms Next 10 Miles." She was really late for her appointment since there were 26 restrooms to clean.
- 14) While waiting at a cross walk for the light to change, a blonde asked why the signal was buzzing. When she was told that it was to let blind people know when the light was red, she replied, "What in the world are blind people doing driving?"
- 15) Did you hear about the blonde who called the county to have the Deer Crossing sign removed from her road? It seems that too many deer were being hit by cars.

#1

I am soft as a cloud, Yet, at the touch, I am firm. I assist athletes in their accomplishments, And I add comfort to the traveler. I can be any of the colors of the rainbow, And I come in any shape or size. What am I? _ _ _ _ _ sseennthio

#2

I am loved by many, disliked as well. Needed by all, by some more than others. I never perish, merely change forms. Sometimes I am falling, sometimes I just sit. At times I'm invisible, at times I am all you see. I can be as vast as the sky, but still fit through a ring. I can be clear as day, or block all sight. What am I? _ _ _ _ _ eartw

#3

I make homes for little things,
or give comfort to you.
My morning tears cry life and
I grow very fast.
I love to cascade over hills.

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ agras

#4

I am very long and branch out all over. Hollow in the center, I am like the veins of the earth. I am built from many to form one. Through me comes rushing and gushing into the homes of many what they need to survive day by day.

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ pbmungil

#5

Pictures. Words.
Images flash through your mind.
I am responsible for those images; I give them to you every day. Although not always completely aware, your mind absorbs my thoughts and sometimes it picks up on my message.
I give many messages, some good, some bad, and everything is heard -- possibly not consciously heard, but heard nonetheless.

I am colorful, and millions love to stare at me.
They find my words and images very addicting.

Wha6t am I? _ _ _ _ _ eeiinlotvs

#6

My home is dark and deep
I am alive but I cannot move
I have eyes but I cannot see

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ ttoap

#7

I am orange like the sun
Even though I go up, people think of down when they think of me.

I am light like the day yet I usually come out at night.

What am I? _ _ _ _ _ refi

#8

Its long, straight and narrow body reaches for the sky.
Lined up with its contemporaries, they encompass the earth,
Hoisting into the air the essential ingredient of the city.

What am I?

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Be Ye Transformed

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The first step to find out what road you are on.

You must realize you are a sinner.

Rom 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

The second thing you need to know where that road is going to take you.

Rev 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

This is the bad news, but if you don't understand you are going the wrong way, you cannot change directions. As hard as you might try, you can't work or find your own way to heaven. Do you see yourself in this verse?

One Little lie we deserve to go to the lake of fire.

Eph 2:8 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* We sure don't deserve grace **BUT!** We have a wonderful gracious God

So the third thing we have to do is get on the right road to heaven isn't automatic. It is a gift that has to be taken to become yours.

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Jesus came and lived a perfect life, and died upon the cross, so He could buy your salvation with His sinless blood. He offers this salvation to you, but He will not force you to take it.

Jesus Christ loves people and doesn't want anyone to go into the lake of fire, but to be saved from it.

Rom 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

So you must realize you are on the wrong road headed to hell, and that Jesus Christ has made a new road that heads towards heaven.

The fourth question you must ask yourself is how do I get on that new road to heaven.

First you must really believe that Jesus Christ of the Bible can save you.

Rom 4:21 *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Second you must ask with your mouth and believe in your heart.

Rom 10:9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

Rom 10:10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

The two conditions of salvation are faith and repentance.

Faith is believing what the Bible says Jesus did for you, and **repentance** is turning to Him from everything else you are trusting and pursuing. Turn to Him alone to save you and take you to heaven. Jesus will enter you life if you ask Him.

He stands at your heart's door and knocks.

Rev 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

If you want to go to heaven when you die, and you believe what the Bible says about Jesus and you want to turn to Him the best you know how, Pray! Ask him to give you the gift of salvation and take you to heaven. Pray something like this.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and without You, I will go to Hell. Please come into my heart and save me right now. Take me to heaven when I die. I turn to You and trust You the best I know how to save me. This or any other prayer cannot save you unless it comes from the heart. **Romans**

10:10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

PAUL, BARNABAS, AND TIMOTHY

Every man should seek to have three individuals in his life: a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy.

A Paul is an older man who is willing to mentor you, to build into your life. Not someone who's smarter or more gifted than you, but somebody who's been down the road. Somebody willing to share his strengths and weaknesses--everything he's learned in the laboratory of life. Somebody whose faith you'll want to imitate.

A Barnabas is a soul brother, somebody who loves you but is not impressed by you. Somebody to whom you can be accountable. Somebody who's willing to keep you honest, who's willing to say, "Hey, man, you're neglecting your wife, and don't give me any guff!"

A Timothy is a younger man into whose life you are building. For a model, read 1 and 2 Timothy. Here was Paul, the quintessential mentor, building into the life of his protegee--affirming, encouraging, teaching, correcting, directing, praying.

Do you have these three guys in your life?

1 Timothy 1:18-19 *This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:*

Read Acts 11.22-29

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Answer to New Years quiz

- 1) D. 40
- 2) C.1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- 3) B. Obed
- 4) D. Jesse
- 5) D. John *John 1.29*
- 6) D. Grasshoppers *Num 13.33*
- 7) A. venomous beast *Acts 28.4*
- 8) B. Nebuchadnezzar *Daniel 4.1-10*
- 9) A. Dust *Num 5.15*
- 10) C. Isaiah, *Isaiah 7.14*
- 11) D. Job *Job 42.5-6*
- 12) A. People in Berea *Acts 17.10-11*
- 13) B. Anger
- 14) Judah *Rev 5.5*
- 15) C. Iraq *Gen 4.18*
- 16) D. Iron *2 Kings 6.6-8*
- 17) A. *Gal 6.1*
- 18) 1. knowledge *Pr 1.7*
- 19) 2. Wisdom. *Pr 9.10*
- 20) D. *1 John*

Devil on the Loose

A man on his way to a costume party dressed as the devil has some car problems on a country road and has to hoof it. As he walks past a little country church building the heavens open up with a deluge, so he ducks into the church for shelter.

It just so happens that the Wednesday night prayer meeting is in full swing, and when the folks there hear the door creak open they all turn to see that THE DEVIL is at their church! Needless to say, pandemonium follows, with everyone making a hasty exit -- everyone save one little old lady who gets her dress caught on the corner of the pew and can't seem to get loose.

The "devil", not aware that he is the cause of the commotion, makes his way down the aisle to assist the lady, much to her chagrin. The closer he gets, the more panicky she gets, and finally he is right there beside her. Finally, in a fit of utter desperation and fear, she looks at him and says, "You know, I have been going to this church for 50 years, BUT I HAVE BEEN ON YOUR SIDE THE WHOLE TIME!"

To Close

A young minister was preaching at a rural church and the front seat was not far from the front edge of the pulpit. He stepped around the podium to the front edge of the platform to quote Jesus and said, "I come ..." but forgot the rest of the quote.

He stepped back to gather his thoughts and then stepped forward again and said, "I come..." but had the same mental block again. After stepping back and pausing for a brief while, he stepped forward with confidence saying, "I come..." only to step too far and fall forward onto the lap of an elderly lady on the front seat. As he arose he

Answer to Riddles

1. Tennie shoes
2. Water
3. Grass
4. Plumbing
5. Television
6. Potato
7. Fire
8. Electric pole

A: Did you hear that a baby was fed on elephant's milk and gained twenty pounds in a week.

B: That's impossible. Whose baby?

A: An elephant's

apologized profusely.

She replied, "It's okay, sonny. I can't say you didn't warn me."

The Bible

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully.

It is given to you in life, will be open in the judgement, and be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy

Hot Air

My pastor friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read:

"For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

The Sunday Sermon

Im not saying that the sermon was boring, but...

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the church goer.

"Arthur has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Advice from a Rabbi

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "I'm sure you're wrong."

The man pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what, let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man anxiously says, "Yes, please."

"Take the poison!"

The End