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Introductory Challenge

The *Bible Knowledge Test* is designed to challenge God's people as individuals and as churches about their level of Bible knowledge.

After 40 plus years of experience, I have concluded that though Bible believers love the Bible as God's Word, oftentimes they remain ignorant of it. They might read it from time to time. They might even read it regularly, but they don't understand it very well, because they aren't Bible students and they lack the necessary training and tools for effectual study.

Having preached in more than 550 churches in 49 states and more than two dozen countries, I have observed that a great many church members are not serious Bible students. They don't write anything down during the sermons. Many don't even look up the passages that the preacher discusses. They don't have a serious daily Bible study habit. They aren't keen to obtain and use tools such as dictionaries, commentaries, and other study books.

There are exceptions, but most of the time when I have asked pastors, "How many of your people are serious Bible students," they reply, "Not many."

One independent Baptist pastor recently challenged his people to read the Bible one minute a day. One minute! And that is a church that considers itself a strong Bible-believing church. What a dishonor to God to offer Him a mere 60 of the 86,400 seconds of my daily schedule for His holy Word. What an incredibly shallow age we live in! No wonder so many "conservative" churches are moving quickly toward a contemporary stance. The foundation is mere shifting sand.

One fundamental issue underlying this problem is that so few pastors are serious Bible students. As a result, the people aren't accustomed to learning much from the preaching and teaching. It is the pastor who is passionate about Bible study who can impart such a passion to his people.

The Bible is God's gracious, infallible revelation of Himself to mankind. It is the world's most wonderful, thrilling Book. One chapter is worth more than all of this world's gold and silver. It is in God's Word that we find salvation, the knowledge of God, and the will of God. In the Bible we find the past and the future. We find light to understand every aspect of life. We get wisdom, spiritual strength, and victory over the devil.

God reproves the believer who is not skillful in the Bible as a baby Christian, so this is no light matter. God says that every believer should grow strong enough in Bible knowledge that he can teach others. This means that the believer doesn't know Bible truth well enough until he knows it well enough to teach someone else.

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. FOR EVERY ONE THAT USETH MILK IS UNSKILFUL IN THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR HE IS A BABE. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:12-14).

This is why I often preface my messages by saying, “Folks, you don't know the message of this sermon or lesson well enough unless you can teach it to others. Don't sit there and casually listen and then forget what you have heard. Sit under

preaching and teaching as a serious student of God's Word, as a serious disciple of Jesus Christ. Beseech God to give you something. Try to capture what the preacher/teacher has to say. Look up every passage. Write things down. Jot down questions about things you don't understand and try to find the answers. Try to capture the essence of the message well enough to teach your friends, spouse, children, and anyone else you might be able to help."

This *Bible Knowledge Test* proves that a standard three-year Bible Institute level of education is *the very beginning* of being of full age by the definition of Hebrews 5:12-14. To understand the Bible, one must learn the principles of Bible interpretation, Bible geography, Bible culture, Old Testament history, the law of Moses, the priesthood, the sacrifices, the tabernacle, the covenants, the life of Christ, Acts and New Testament history, Bible theology, defense of the faith (apologetics, cults, false teachings), Bible prophecy, and other things.

Becoming skillful in the Bible involves owning and knowing how to use tools such as a study Bible with cross references, a Bible dictionary, a concordance, the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, and some wisely chosen commentaries.

By no means are we saying that every believer must attend Bible College. Many churches today operate part-time Bible Institutes, and with the tools available for self study, a Bible Institute education is within the reach of most English-speaking Christians who are willing to do the necessary work.

We challenge every born again believer to take this matter seriously. Don't be content to remain weak in Bible knowledge. By remaining in this condition, you are missing out on the richness of the Christian life as surely as a child who never matures misses out on the richness of adult life.

Carve out some serious time in your daily schedule to study the Bible and the things of God.

If your church has a Bible Institute, find a way to attend.

Jesus has promised that if we put Him and His will first, everything else in our lives will fall into its proper place.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

Stop putting your business before God’s Word and God’s will, and you will be amazed at how much more spiritually rich your life becomes.

When I was a young Christian, I determined that I would never take a job that hindered my Christian life. I would not take a job that would keep me out of church or make it too difficult for me to spend time in God’s Word. By God’s grace, I never have taken such a job, and the Lord has provided every need and much more! That’s not “legalism”; that’s obedience and true discipleship!

Thousands of believers have the same testimony. It is a matter of the priority of one’s heart.

At the end of the *Bible Knowledge Test* we will give some suggestions for self study.

Take the time to examine yourself by the following test. Are you of “full age” or are you yet “a babe”?

Please understand that these are not advanced questions. They are very basic, in fact.

The Bible Knowledge Test - Brief

This section contains a brief selection of questions that can be used in situations when time is short:

1. What book describes a man's view of life "under the sun"?
2. What chapter in the New Testament describes "charity"?
3. What chapter in the New Testament describes God's heroes of faith?
4. What is the major chapter that describes the believer's bodily resurrection?
5. Mesopotamia was located between what two great rivers?
6. What is the meaning of "from Dan to Beersheba"?
7. What river runs nearly the full length of Israel?
8. What large lake does this river run through?
9. This river flows into what sea?
10. What is the main purpose of the genealogies in the Old Testament?
11. What man did God call out of Ur to be the father of Israel?
12. In what book and chapter did God first give a covenant to this man?
13. What were the names of this man's first two sons?
14. Which son inherited his father's promises from God?
15. What was the first object in the court of the tabernacle after entering through the gate?
16. The tabernacle had how many compartments?
17. What covered the ark of the covenant?
18. What is the primary New Testament book that explains the meaning of the tabernacle?

19. Who were Israel's first three kings?
20. Name one godly king of the northern kingdom.
21. What pagan nation destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel?
22. What pagan nation destroyed Judah?
23. What two books of the Bible describe the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple?
24. Daniel lived during the time of what two world empires?
25. What Old Testament prophecy named the town in which Jesus was born?
26. In what verse did Jesus claim to be the way, the truth, and the life?
27. In what verse did Jesus say, "I am the light of the world"?
28. What prophecy described the piercing of Jesus' hands and feet?
29. What prophecy described Jesus' burial in a rich man's tomb?
30. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to more than how many people at once?
31. What chapter in Acts describes the sending out of the first foreign missionaries?
32. What passage gives the complete gospel in two verses?
33. What verse says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God?
34. What verse says the devil has blinded the minds of them which believe not?
35. What verse says the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked?
36. What verse says that the wages of sin is death?
37. What passage says that salvation is by grace through faith without works?

38. What verse says that if the gospel is by works, then it is no more by grace?
39. What is repentance?
40. What is the meaning of *mystery* in the New Testament?
41. What does *Messiah* mean?
42. What is the Greek equivalent for *Messiah*?
43. What prophecy foretold the virgin birth of Christ?
44. What verse says all Scripture is given by inspiration of God?
45. What is the meaning of *grace*?
46. What is the meaning of *justification*?
47. What is the meaning of *propitiation*?
48. What is the meaning of *atonement*?
49. What is the meaning of *hope* in the New Testament?
50. What is a chapter in the New Testament that teaches the purpose of the law of Moses?
51. What was the length of a standard Jewish cubit?
52. What is the meaning of *quick*?
53. What is the meaning of *conversation*?
54. What is the meaning of *haply*?
55. What is the meaning of *to let*?
56. What is the meaning of *prevent*?
57. What is the meaning of *trow*?
58. What is the meaning of *wax*?
59. What is the meaning of *wist*?
60. What is the meaning of *wont*?

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE BACK OF THIS BOOK.

The Bible Knowledge Test - Full

Introductory Questions

1. What is the main theme of the Bible?
2. The Bible was written by about how many human authors over a period of about how many years?
3. How many books are in the Old Testament?
4. How many books are in the New Testament?
5. Can you quote the names of all of the books of the Bible?
6. What books are in the Pentateuch?
7. Who wrote the Pentateuch?
8. What books make up the Poetical books?
9. What book describes a man who lost his wealth and his children?
10. What book describes a man's view of life "under the sun"?
11. How many Psalms are there?
12. What is the longest Psalm?
13. What are the first four prophetic books (not counting Lamentations)?
14. Which is the largest book of prophecy?
15. What chapter in the New Testament describes "charity"?
16. What chapter in the New Testament describes God's heroes of faith?
17. What book and chapter describes the whole armor of God?
18. What is the major chapter that describes the believer's bodily resurrection?
19. Who wrote the Prison Epistles?
20. Why are the Prison Epistles called by this name?

21. What occasioned the writing of 1 Corinthians?
22. What occasioned the writing of Galatians?

Questions on Bible Geography

23. Mesopotamia was located between what two great rivers?
24. What are two ancient countries that were east of the Jordan River?
25. What country is south of Israel?
26. What is the meaning of “from Dan to Beersheba”?
27. What river runs nearly the full length of Israel?
28. What large lake does this river run through?
29. This river flows into what sea?
30. In what town did Jesus grow up?
31. In what direction was this town from the Sea of Galilee?
32. Was Samaria a city or a region?
33. What direction was Samaria located from Bethlehem?
34. On what side of the Jordan River was Gilead located?

Questions on Old Testament History

35. What repeated phrase in Genesis 1 shows that it describes a literal six-day creation?
36. Who was Adam’s first son?
37. Who was Adam’s second son?
38. What is the main purpose of the genealogies in the Old Testament?
39. What are the names of Noah’s three sons?
40. What is an evidence today of a worldwide flood?
41. What happened at the Tower of Babel?

42. What man did God call out of Ur to be the father of Israel?
43. In what book and chapter did God first give a covenant to this man?
44. What did God promise for those who blessed or cursed this man?
45. What were the names of this man's first two sons?
46. Which son inherited his father's promises from God?
47. How many sons did Jacob have?
48. Which of his sons was taken to Egypt as a slave?
49. How many judgments did God perform on Egypt?
50. What did the Passover lamb signify?
51. What did the feast of unleavened bread signify?
52. What was the first object in the court of the tabernacle after entering through the gate?
53. The tabernacle had how many compartments?
54. What three main objects were in the first compartment?
55. What was the main symbolic meaning of these objects?
56. What was the main object inside of the ark of the covenant?
57. What covered the ark of the covenant?
58. What is the primary New Testament book that explains the meaning of the tabernacle?
59. What happened on the Day of Atonement?
60. How many years did Israel remain in the wilderness?
61. Why did Israel have to stay in the wilderness for so long?
62. Who led Israel into the Promised Land?
63. What tribes had their portion on the east side of the Jordan River?
64. What prophetess led Israel into battle?

65. What judge was told by God that his army was too large?
66. What judge pulled down a pagan temple and killed thousands of people?
67. What was the characteristic of the time of the judges which is repeated three times in Judges?
68. Who were Israel's first three kings?
69. What king was given a promise that his son would sit on Israel's throne forever?
70. Who was the first king of the northern kingdom?
71. This king set up idols in what two cities?
72. Name one godly king of the northern kingdom.
73. What king killed Naboth for his vineyard?
74. What was this king's wife's name?
75. What idol did this king and queen worship?
76. What prophet of God challenged the idolatrous priests on Mt. Carmel?
77. How did this prophet die?
78. What man did this prophet anoint to be his successor?
79. Who wrote most of the Proverbs?
80. Who wrote Ecclesiastes?
81. Who was Israel's king when Ruth lived?
82. What prophet saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up?
83. Which prophet was an eyewitness of the destruction of Jerusalem?
84. What pagan nation destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel?
85. What pagan nation destroyed Judah?
86. Who was the king of this nation when Judah was destroyed?

87. How many years was Israel in captivity to this nation?
88. What two books of the Bible describe the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple?
89. What was rebuilt first, the city walls or the temple?
90. Who was the leader of the rebuilding of the walls?
91. What world empire existed in Esther's day?
92. What great king conquered this empire?
93. Daniel lived during the time of what two world empires?
94. About how many years were there between Malachi and Matthew?

Questions on The Life of Christ

95. Why are there four Gospels instead of one?
96. What empire ruled Israel in Jesus' day?
97. What Old Testament prophecy named the town in which Jesus was born?
98. What direction is this town from Jerusalem?
99. Who was the king of Judah who tried to kill baby Jesus?
100. Where did Joseph and Mary flee to escape this man?
101. How old was young Jesus when He questioned the rabbis in the temple?
102. How old was Jesus when He began his public ministry?
103. What was Jesus' first miracle?
104. What was the purpose of Jesus' miracles?
105. What were two characteristics of the pharisees?
106. What was a characteristic of the sadducees?
107. What was a publican?
108. In what verse did Jesus claim to be the way, the truth, and the life?

109. In what verse did Jesus say, "I am the light of the world"?
110. In what book and chapter did Jesus say, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden"?
111. On what side of the Sea of Galilee were the cities located that Jesus cursed for their unbelief?
112. What chapters of Matthew contain the Sermon on the Mount?
113. In what chapter in Matthew did Jesus give a great prophecy of the future?
114. What book and chapter contains Christ's high priestly prayer?
115. What book and chapter contains Christ's teaching to Nicodemus?
116. In what garden did Jesus pray before He was arrested?
117. On what mountain was this garden located?
118. In what direction from Herod's Temple was this garden located?
119. What was the name of the judge who condemned Jesus to die?
120. What prophecy described the piercing of Jesus' hands and feet?
121. What prophecy described the soldiers gambling for Jesus robe?
122. What prophecy described Jesus' burial in a rich man's tomb?
123. What lie did the Jews tell about Jesus' body?
124. How many days did Jesus remain with the disciples after His resurrection?
125. What commandment did Jesus emphasize during this time?

126. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to more than how many people at once?

Questions on The Book of Acts

127. What does the word *Pentecost* mean?

128. Those who were saved on Pentecost continued steadfastly in what four things?

129. Why is it impossible for churches to select apostles today?

130. Who was the first Christian martyr?

131. Who were the two disciples who died because they lied to the Holy Spirit?

132. What evangelist preached to the Ethiopian eunuch?

133. What chapter of Acts describes the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch?

134. Paul was on his way to what city when he saw Christ and was converted?

135. What was his purpose in going to this city?

136. Who was the centurion who became the first Gentile convert?

137. What was a centurion?

138. What chapter of Acts describes a conference to settle the place of the law in the Christian life?

139. What chapter in Acts describes the sending out of the first foreign missionaries?

140. After Paul had a vision of a man who said, "Come over and help us," where did he go?

141. Who was the first convert in the city of Philippi?

142. In what city did a silversmith stir up trouble against Paul?

143. Paul preached on what hill in Athens?

144. What chapter in Acts describes this?

Questions on The Gospel and Evangelism

145. What passage gives the complete gospel in two verses?

146. What verse says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God?

147. What verse says the devil has blinded the minds of them which believe not?

148. What verse says the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked?

149. What verse says that the wages of sin is death?

150. What New Testament verse says without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin?

151. What verse says the believer is made the righteousness of God in Christ?

152. In what book and chapter did Peter say that baptism is a figure?

153. What passage says that salvation is by grace through faith without works?

154. What verse says that if the gospel is by works, then it is no more by grace?

155. What verse says that whosoever believes in Christ will not perish?

156. What verse says whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved?

157. What is repentance?

158. In what verse did Paul say he preached repentance toward God and faith toward Christ?

159. What verse says that there is no name other than *Jesus* whereby men must be saved?

160. What book and chapter says that Jesus is the only mediator between God and man?
161. What book and chapter says that God would have all men to be saved?
162. What verse says the believer is an ambassador for Christ?

Questions on Bible Prophecy

163. What are one reason why Bible prophecy should be interpreted literally?
164. What is the first prophecy in the Bible?
165. What is the meaning of *mystery* in the New Testament?
166. What book and chapter describes the perilous times that will come because of apostasy?
167. What book and chapter says, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine”?
168. What is the main chapter in the New Testament that describes the Rapture?
169. What is one reason why the Rapture will occur before the Tribulation?
170. What does *Messiah* mean?
171. What is the Greek equivalent for *Messiah*?
172. What prophecy foretold the virgin birth of Christ?
173. What prophecy said that Jesus would be called the mighty God?
174. What prophecy describes Jesus as a lamb before shearers?
175. What is a New Testament passage that mentions the Antichrist?
176. Where will this man go to set himself up as God?

177. What Old Testament prophet gave the prophecy of the 70 Weeks?
178. How many weeks of years are left to be fulfilled?
179. What prophet and what chapter describe the return of Israel to her land in two stages?
180. What is the name of the place where the final battle against the antichrist's armies will occur?
181. What prophecy says the wilderness will blossom as a rose in Christ's kingdom?
182. What prophecy says the wolf will dwell with the lamb in Christ's kingdom?
183. What prophet describes the millennial temple?
184. What is the New Covenant?

Questions on Doctrine

185. What verse says all Scripture is given by inspiration of God?
186. What book and chapter says holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit?
187. What New Testament book and chapter warns about taking away from and adding to Scripture?
188. What verse says the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword?
189. What verse says the Word of God is a light unto my feet and a lamp unto my path?
190. What verse says the young man cleanses his way by the Word of God?
191. What Psalm says the man is blessed who meditates in God's Word day and night?
192. What verse says faith comes by hearing and hearing by God's Word?

193. What does *Jehovah* mean?
194. How is this name translated in the Old Testament in the King James Bible?
195. What is the doctrine of the Trinity?
196. What is a verse that clearly teaches the Trinity?
197. What book and chapter teaches that the Holy Spirit is received “after that ye believe”?
198. What is the filling of the Spirit?
199. What does the name *Jesus* mean?
200. What is a verse that teaches that Jesus is sinless?
201. What is the meaning of *grace*?
202. What is the meaning of *justification*?
203. What is the meaning of *sanctification*?
204. What is the meaning of *propitiation*?
205. What is the meaning of *atonement*?
206. What is the meaning of *redemption*?
207. What is the meaning of *hope* in the New Testament?
208. What verse says we are elect according to the foreknowledge of God?
209. What are two reasons why you know that a true believer has eternal security?
210. What is a chapter in the New Testament that teaches the purpose of the law of Moses?
211. What book and chapter says that angels are ministering spirits?
212. What book and chapter says the devil is an angel of light?
213. What verse says the devil walks about as a roaring lion?
214. What verse says the devil is a liar and a murderer?

215. What is the difference between the natural man, the spiritual man, and the carnal man?
216. What book and two chapters describe these three types of men?
217. What verse says man has a body, soul, and spirit?
218. What is a book and chapter that says the believer is to put off the old man and put on the new?
219. What verse says, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace”?
220. What verse says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins”?
221. What verse says the church is the pillar and ground of the truth?
222. What verse says, “I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man”?
223. What is the main passage that describes the believer’s judgment?
224. What book and chapter describes the Great White Throne judgment?

Questions on Defense of the Faith

225. What are two evidences that the Bible is the inspired Word of God?
226. Prove from Scripture that death does not mean to sleep in the grave.
227. Prove from Scripture that the New Testament believer does not keep the sabbath.
228. What are two verses that teach that Jesus is God?
229. If Jesus is God, why did He pray to God?
230. What are two evidences for Jesus’ resurrection?

231. What are two ways that Genesis 1 contradicts the teaching of evolution?
232. What did James mean when he said, “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only”?
233. How do we know that punishment in hell is eternal and that sinners aren’t annihilated?
234. What is the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching about the mass?
235. What is the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching about salvation?
236. According to the Catholic Church, what is the first step of salvation?
237. How do you know that the Bible is the sole authority for Christian faith and practice?
238. What are three major Protestant denominations?
239. In what century did the Protestant Reformation begin?
240. What is wrong with infant baptism?
241. What is book and chapter that teaches that baptism is by immersion?
242. When did Pentecostalism begin?
243. What book and chapter teaches the purpose of the gift of tongues?
244. What was this purpose?
245. When did New Evangelicalism begin?
246. What are two major principles of New Evangelicalism?
247. Why is it wrong for Bible-believing churches to join together in ministry with churches that have different doctrine?
248. What are two things that are wrong with contemporary Christian music?

249. What is the main danger with borrowing some things from contemporary Christian music?
250. Why do you believe that Jesus was not a rock party guy?
251. What is one danger of using the music of the Gaithers and contemporary Southern Gospel?
252. What is the emerging church?
253. What are two ways that independent Baptist churches are in danger of becoming emerging?

Questions on Terms in the King James Bible

254. What was the length of a standard Jewish cubit?
255. What is a *battlement*?
256. What is the meaning of *quick*?
257. What is the meaning of *anon*?
258. What is the meaning of *bewray*?
259. What is the meaning of *bruit*?
260. What is the meaning of *chambering*?
261. What is the meaning of *concision*?
262. What is the meaning of *conversation*?
263. What is the meaning of *earing*?
264. What is the meaning of *fuller*?
265. What is the meaning of *haft*?
266. What is the meaning of *haply*?
267. What is the meaning of *hardly bestead*?
268. What is the meaning of *her hap was to*?
269. What is the meaning of *husbandman*?
270. What is the meaning of *to let*?
271. What is the meaning of *mess*?
272. What is the meaning of *noisome*?

273. What is the meaning of *pap*?
274. What is the meaning of *pate*?
275. What is the meaning of *pilled*?
276. What is the meaning of *plait*?
277. What is the meaning of *poll*?
278. What is the meaning of *prevent*?
279. What is the meaning of *shambles*?
280. What is the meaning of *signet*?
281. What is the meaning of *sod*?
282. What is the meaning of *sottish*?
283. What is the meaning of *straiten*?
284. What is the meaning of *trow*?
285. What is the meaning of *verily*?
286. What is the meaning of *ward*?
287. What is the meaning of *wax*?
288. What is the meaning of *wist*?
289. What is the meaning of *wont*?

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Suggestions for Self Study

There are many Bible tools available today for self study.

Among other things, Way of Life Literature publishes the *Advanced Bible Studies Series*, which is currently composed of 20+ courses. These can be used for self study as well as for a classroom context.

A good place to start is with the following courses:

THE EFFECTUAL BIBLE STUDENT. This 12-hour introductory course into Bible study has four major sections: (1) The spiritual requirements for effectual Bible study, (2) tips for daily Bible study, (3) principles of Bible interpretation, (4) how to use Bible study books. It also deals with Bible study software on a computer and a tablet. It is available as a package consisting of the videos of the course and the book with the notes and review questions for testing. The course can be taught to classes and home schools either by using the videos or by a teacher using the book. It can also be used for self study. *The Effectual Bible Student* can be purchased as a DVD package, and it can be downloaded for free from www.wayoflife.org. See the Bible Study section of the *Articles Library* using the button at the top of the web site's home page. (The DVD package is scheduled for publication in August 2015.)

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Bible geography, Bible culture, and Bible history. It has a two-fold objective: to present apologetic evidence for the Bible and to give background material to help the student better understand the setting of Bible history. We cover this fascinating history from Genesis to the New Testament, dealing with the Table of the Nations in Genesis 10, the Tower of Babel and Ancient Babylon, Ur of the Chaldees, Egypt, Baal worship, the Philistines, the Canaanites, David's palace, Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Ahab and Jezebel, the fall of the northern kingdom, the Assyrian Empire, Hezekiah and his times, Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylon, the Medo-Persian Empire, Herod the Great and his temple, the Roman rule over Israel, life in the Roman Empire, and the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. The course also deals with Bible culture, such as weights and measures, plant and animal life, Caesar's coin, the widow's mite, ancient scrolls and seals, phylacteries, cosmetics, tombs, and the operation of ancient lamps, millstones, pottery wheels, seals, and olive presses. *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms* begins with an overview of Israel's geography and a timeline of Bible history to give the student a framework for better understanding the material. The course is packed with important but little-known facts that illuminate Bible history and culture. The preparation for the book is extensive, the culmination of 40 years of Bible study, teaching, and research trips. In this context the author built a large personal library and collected information from major archaeological museums and locations in North America, England, Europe, Turkey, and Israel. We guarantee that the student who completes the course will read the Bible with new eyes and fresh enthusiasm. Each section includes maps to help the student place the events in their proper location. There are also review questions throughout the course to help the student test his knowledge.

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY. This course gives an extensive survey of Old Testament history as

well as the geography of the Bible. The September 2014 edition is significantly enlarged and is accompanied by a CD containing 55 professional Bible maps and pictures of the Tabernacle and Herod's Temple. It is also keyed to the studies in *Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms*.

THE FOUR GOSPELS. This course begins with the period between the Testaments, then covers the book of Matthew, finally dealing with some of the unique aspects of Mark, Luke, and John. It gives an overview of the life of Christ.

ACTS. This course covers one of the most important and exciting books in the Bible. It gives the Bible student an understanding of early church history and deals with important doctrines and practices such as the resurrection and second coming of Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, repentance, inspiration, preaching, prophecy, baptism, church membership, the Lord's supper, Christian charity, apostles, deacons, missionaries, pastors, bishops, ordination, church offerings, the nature of the church, prayer, holiness, martyrdom, and evangelism. The course refutes false doctrines that are prevalent today and clears up many controversial issues, such as Pentecostal tongues, healing, the difference between the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit, the woman's role in the ministry, baptismal regeneration, election, sign miracles, repentance, and modern church growth practices. The October 2014 edition is significantly enlarged and is accompanied by a CD containing 55 professional Bible maps.

By completing these courses (*The Effectual Bible Student*, *Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms*, *Old Testament History and Geography*, *The Four Gospels*, and *Acts*) the student gains an understanding of the Bible as a whole, of Bible geography and culture, and of Bible times. He also learns how to interpret the Bible and how to use Bible study tools such as a

concordance, the *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity*, the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, and select commentaries, starting perhaps with the *Bible Believer's Commentary* and the *Bible Knowledge Commentary*.

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

The following tools will pay great dividends if they are obtained and used:

BELIEVER'S BIBLE DICTIONARY. This volume is the Bible dictionary part of the *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity*. It is based upon the King James Bible and is written from a dispensational, Baptist perspective. The studies are thorough, practical, devotional, and designed to be used by preachers, teachers, and homeschoolers. The Believer's Bible Dictionary is designed to be more affordable and transportable than the Encyclopedia. We encourage every believer, young and old, to have his own Bible dictionary and to have it right beside his Bible as he studies, and we are convinced that this is the best Bible dictionary available today. There are eight reasons why you need this Bible dictionary, which is the product of forty years of study: (1) **You need it to understand the Bible.** The first requirement for understanding the Bible is to understand its words. (2) **You need it to understand out-of-use words and phrases from the King James Bible**, such as blood guiltiness, die the death, and superfluity of naughtiness. (3) **You need it to do topical studies.** The student can study the full range of Bible doctrines by following the thousands of cross references from entry to entry. (4) **You need it to study issues relating to morality and practical Christian living**, such as capital punishment, child training, cremation, and divorce. (5) **You need it to study Old Testament types of Christ**, such as day of atonement, high priest, Melchizedek, passover, and tabernacle. (6) **You need it to find the meaning of Bible**

customs and ancient culture, such as agriculture, idolatry, military, money, music, and weights and measures. (7) **You need it to study Bible places and geography**, such as Assyria, Babylon, Caesarea, Ephesus, and Jordan River. (8) **You need it for preaching and teaching**. The doctrinal material in this dictionary is presented in a practical manner with outlines that can be used for teaching and preaching, in the pulpit, Sunday Schools, Bible Colleges and Institutes, home schools, family devotions, prisons and jails, nursing homes, etc. Missionary author Jack Moorman calls the dictionary “excellent” and says, “The entries show a ‘distilled spirituality.’” 385 pages

THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD: A HANDBOOK OF BIBLICAL DIFFICULTIES. ISBN 1-58318-002-8. This volume deals with a variety of biblical difficulties. Find the answer to the seeming contradictions in the Bible. Meet the challenge of false teachers who misuse biblical passages to prove their doctrine. Find out the meaning of difficult passages that are oftentimes overlooked in the Bible commentaries. Be confirmed in your confidence in the inerrancy and perfection of the Scriptures and be able to refute the skeptics. Learn the meaning of difficult expressions such as “the unpardonable sin.” A major objective of this volume is to protect God’s people from the false teachers that abound in these last days. For example, we examine verses misused by Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, and others to support their heresies. We deal with things such as the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, cremation, head coverings, did Jesus die on Friday, God’s repentance, healing in the atonement, losing one’s salvation, sinless perfectionism, soul sleep, and the Trinity. Jerry Huffman, editor of *Calvary Contender*, testified: “You don’t have to agree with everything to greatly benefit from this helpful book.” In researching and writing this book, the author consulted roughly 500 volumes, old and new, that deal

with biblical difficulties and the various other subjects addressed in *Things Hard to Be Understood*. This one volume, therefore, represents the essence of a sizable library. Sixth edition Feb. 2014, enlarged and completely revised, 441 pages

WAY OF LIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE & CHRISTIANITY - PRINT EDITION. ISBN 1-58318-005-2.

This hardcover Bible encyclopedia contains 640 pages (8.5x11) of information, over 6,000 entries, and over 7,000 cross-references. A product of 40 years of Bible study and research, it is a complete dictionary of biblical terminology and features many other areas of research not often covered in such volumes, including Bible Versions, Denominations, Cults, Christian Movements, Typology, the Church, Social issues and practical Christian living, Bible Prophecy, and Old English Terminology. It does not correct the Authorized Version of the Bible, nor does it undermine the fundamental Baptist's doctrines and practices as many study tools do. The 5th edition (October 2008) contains new entries, extensive additions to existing entries, and a complete rewriting of the major articles. Many preachers have told us that apart from *Strong's Concordance*, the *Way of Life Bible Encyclopedia* is their favorite study tool. A missionary told us that if he could save only one study book out of his library, it would be our Bible encyclopedia. An evangelist in South Dakota wrote: "If I were going to the mission field and could carry only three books, they would be the Strong's concordance, a hymnal, and the *Way of Life Bible Encyclopedia*." Missionary author Jack Moorman says: "The encyclopedia is excellent. The entries show a 'distilled spirituality.'" 5th edition, 640 pages.

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WAY OF LIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE & CHRISTIANITY - SWORDSEARCHER EDITION. The *Way of Life Encyclopedia* plus our commentary *Things Hard to Be Understood* are available in modules for *Swordsearcher*. The CD-ROM containing the *Way of Life Encyclopedia* and *Things Hard to Be Understood* in *Swordsearcher* format is \$30. Please note that the Way of Life modules require *Swordsearcher* version 4.2 and above. The Way of Life books require a CD-ROM installation of *Swordsearcher*; they will not work with the free download from the *Swordsearcher* web site.

SWORDSEARCHER. This is our favorite electronic Bible study software package. *SwordSearcher* has a host of features and resources for improving your Bible study, featuring numerous resources, including excellent commentaries, dictionaries, maps, illustrations, and topical guides. There are 14 Bible texts, 8 dictionaries and encyclopedias (including the 1828 *Webster's* and the multi-volume *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*), 14 commentaries (including Matthew Henry, Barnes, Gill, Gaebelein, Poole, Pulpit, and Jamieson Fausset Brown), over 360 maps, charts, and illustrations. (We operate this software on our Macs using VMware Fusion and Parallels.)

Concluding Challenge

We challenge each child of God to get serious about Bible study. Find a way to carve out an hour each day to devote to God's holy Word. Yes, I am talking about getting serious! Where there is a will, God will help you make a way.

Spend the first half hour reading the Bible with a systematic annual plan, then spend a half hour or more studying the courses previously described.

It might work out best to separate the Bible reading from the study time, such as having the Bible reading in the morning and the Bible course study time in another part of the day.

If you establish a habit of daily Bible study and make a commitment before God to persist, you will be amazed at the progress you make as the months pass. The Bible will become more of an open book, and your relationship with God and usefulness for God will reach new heights.

You will never regret it. It will not only benefit your own life, but that of your family and church and other lives that you touch.

Bible study is the renewal of the mind process that transforms the life.

“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” (Romans 12:2).

Answers to Bible Knowledge Test - Brief

1. Ecclesiastes
2. 1 Cor. 13
3. Heb. 11
4. 1 Cor. 15
5. Tigris and Euphrates
6. From the north to the south parts of the country
7. The Jordan
8. Galilee
9. Dead Sea
10. To show the genealogy of Jesus Christ
11. Abraham
12. Gen. 12
13. Ishmael and Isaac
14. Isaac
15. The altar of sacrifice
16. Two
17. The mercy seat
18. Hebrews
19. Saul, David, Solomon
20. There were no godly kings in the north
21. Assyria
22. Babylon
23. Ezra and Nehemiah
24. Babylon and Persia
25. Micah 5:2
26. John 14:6

27. John 8:12
28. Psa. 22
29. Isa. 53
30. 500
31. Acts 13
32. 1 Cor. 15:3-4
33. Rom. 3:23
34. 2 Cor. 4:4
35. Jer. 17:9
36. Rom. 6:23
37. Eph. 2:8-9
38. Rom. 11:6
39. A change of mind that results in a change of life
40. Something hidden in the Old Testament times and revealed in the New Testament
41. Anointed
42. Christ
43. Isa. 7:14
44. 2 Tim. 3:16
45. The free, unmerited favor of God
46. Declared righteous because of Christ's sacrifice
47. Satisfaction of a debt
48. To purchase
49. The certainty of salvation
50. Rom. 3, or 2 Cor. 3, or Gal. 3
51. 18 inches
52. Living
53. Manner of life
54. Perhaps

55. To hinder
56. To go before
57. To think
58. To increase, grow
59. To know
60. To be in the habit of doing

Answers to Bible Knowledge Test - Full

Introductory Questions

1. Salvation in Jesus Christ
2. 40 authors - 1,600 years
3. 39
4. 27
5. (Yes) or (No)
6. Genesis - Deuteronomy
7. Moses
8. Job - Ecclesiastes
9. Job
10. Ecclesiastes
11. 150
12. 119
13. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
14. Isaiah
15. 1 Cor. 13
16. Heb. 11
17. Eph. 6
18. 1 Cor. 15
19. Paul
20. Paul wrote them while in prison in Rome
21. The church's sins and errors
22. False teaching about the gospel

Questions on Bible Geography

23. Tigris and Euphrates
24. Moab, Edom, Ammon
25. Egypt
26. From the north to the south parts of the country
27. The Jordan
28. Galilee
29. Dead Sea
30. Nazareth
31. West
32. Both
33. North
34. East

Questions on Old Testament History

35. “the evening and the morning”
36. Cain
37. Abel
38. To show the genealogy of Christ
39. Shem, Ham, Jephath
40. Sedimentary rock layers throughout the world
41. God multiplied the human languages
42. Abraham
43. Gen. 12
44. To bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him
45. Ishmael and Isaac
46. Isaac

47. 12
48. Joseph
49. 10
50. Christ's death for man's sin
51. Putting sin out of the life after salvation
52. The altar of sacrifice
53. Two
54. Candlestick, altar of incense, table of shewbread
55. Christ as light, high priest, and bread
56. The tablet containing the law
57. The mercy seat
58. Hebrews
59. The high priest went into the holy of holies and made atonement for the nation
60. 40
61. Israel did not believe God and refused to enter the land
62. Joshua
63. Gad, Reuben, and the half tribe of Manassah
64. Deborah
65. Gideon
66. Samson
67. Every man did that which was right in his own eyes
68. Saul, David, Solomon
69. David
70. Jeroboam
71. Bethel and Dan
72. There were no godly kings in the north
73. Ahab
74. Jezebel

75. Baal
76. Elijah
77. He did not die but went to heaven in a fiery chariot
78. Elisha
79. Solomon
80. Solomon
81. There was no king then
82. Isaiah
83. Jeremiah
84. Assyria
85. Babylon
86. Nebuchadnezzar
87. 70
88. Ezra and Nehemiah
89. the temple
90. Nehemiah
91. Persia
92. Alexander
93. Babylon and Persia
94. 400

Questions on The Life of Christ

95. They give a four-fold view of Christ
96. Rome
97. Micah 5:2
98. South
99. Herod
100. Egypt

101. 12
102. 30
103. Turning water into wine
104. To show that He was the Messiah
105. They were self-righteous and added their tradition to God's Word
106. They did not believe in the resurrection or in angels
107. A tax collector
108. John 14:6
109. John 8:12
110. Matthew 11
111. North
112. Matthew 5-7
113. Matthew 24
114. John 17
115. John 3
116. Gethsemane
117. Mt. of Olives
118. East
119. Pilate
120. Psa. 22
121. Psa. 22
122. Isa. 53
123. That the disciples stole it
124. 40
125. To go into all the world and preach the gospel
126. 500

Questions on The Book of Acts

127. 50
128. Apostles doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers
129. No one is an eyewitness of Christ's life and resurrection
130. Stephen
131. Ananias and Sapphira
132. Philip
133. Acts 8
134. Damascus
135. To persecute the believers
136. Cornelius
137. He was over 100 soldiers in the Roman army
138. Acts 15
139. Acts 13
140. Macedonia
141. Lydia
142. Ephesus
143. Mars
144. Acts 17

Questions on The Gospel and Evangelism

145. 1 Cor. 15:3-4
146. Rom. 3:23
147. 2 Cor. 4:4
148. Jer. 17:9
149. Rom. 6:23
150. Heb. 9:22

- 151. 2 Cor. 5:21
- 152. 1 Pet. 3
- 153. Eph. 2:8-9
- 154. Rom. 11:6
- 155. Jn. 3:16
- 156. Rom. 10:13
- 157. A change of mind that results in a change of life
- 158. Acts 20:21
- 159. Acts 4:12
- 160. 1 Tim. 2
- 161. 1 Tim. 2
- 162. 2 Cor. 5:20

Questions on Bible Prophecy

- 163. (1) It has been fulfilled literally so far (2) If not interpreted literally we have no way to know what it means
- 164. Gen. 3:15 enmity between Eve's seed and the serpent's
- 165. Something hidden in the Old Testament times and revealed in the New Testament
- 166. 2 Tim. 3
- 167. 2 Tim. 4
- 168. 1 Thess. 4
- 169. (1) The Tribulation is not for the churches but pertains to the world and Israel (2) the Rapture is imminent, meaning it is not preceded by the signs that will happen in the Tribulation
- 170. Anointed
- 171. Christ

- 172. Isaiah 7:14
- 173. Isaiah 9:6
- 174. Isaiah 53
- 175. Mat. 24; 2 Thess. 2; 1 John 2; Rev. 13
- 176. The Jewish temple
- 177. Daniel 9
- 178. One
- 179. Ezek. 37
- 180. Armageddon
- 181. Isaiah 35
- 182. Isaiah 11
- 183. Ezekiel
- 184. The covenant God will make with Israel when she is converted

Questions on Doctrine

- 185. 2 Tim. 3:16
- 186. 2 Pet. 1
- 187. Rev. 22
- 188. Heb. 4:12
- 189. Psa. 119:105
- 190. Psa. 119:9
- 191. Psa. 1
- 192. Rom. 10:17
- 193. The faithful, promise-keeping God
- 194. LORD
- 195. There is one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit

196. Mat. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 5:7
197. Eph. 1
198. Being under the control of the Spirit
199. Saviour
200. 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5; Heb. 4:15; 7:26
201. The free, unmerited favor of God
202. Declared righteous because of Christ's sacrifice
203. Holy, set apart to God
204. Satisfaction of a debt
205. To make one, to reconcile
206. To purchase
207. The certainty of salvation
208. 1 Pet. 1:2
209. (1) God's promises such as John 3:16 (2) Christ paid for all our sin
210. Rom. 3; 2 Cor. 3; Gal. 3
211. Heb. 1
212. 2 Cor. 11
213. 1 Pet. 5:8
214. Jn. 8:44
215. The natural man is unsaved; the spiritual man is saved and walking after the Spirit; the carnal man is saved but walking after the flesh
216. 1 Cor. 1-2
217. 1 Thess. 5:23
218. Eph. 4; Col. 3
219. Heb. 4:16
220. 1 Jn. 1:9
221. 1 Tim. 3:15

- 222. 1 Tim. 2:12
- 223. 1 Cor. 3
- 224. Rev. 20

Questions on Defense of the Faith

- 225. (1) fulfilled prophecy (2) unity of doctrine (3) candor of the writers (4) indestructibility (5) scientific accuracy
- 226. (1) Paul said absent from the body is present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8) (2) Peter said death is putting off the tabernacle of the body (2 Pet. 1:14) (3) Those who are dead will come from heaven with Jesus (1 Thess. 4:14) (4) James taught that the body dies not the spirit (Jam. 2:26)
- 227. (1) The sabbath is a sign between God and Israel (Ex. 31) (2) Paul taught that we are not to be judged about the sabbath (Col. 2)
- 228. Mat. 1:23; Acts 20:28; John 1:1; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:15; 2:9; 1 Tim. 1:15-17; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 1:3; Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:16
- 229. He is the Son of God and He came as God's Servant
- 230. (1) The empty tomb (2) the eyewitnesses
- 231. (1) Genesis says everything was made in 6 days (2) Genesis says everything was made to reproduce after its own kind (3) Genesis 1 says man is made in God's image
- 232. Works is the evidence of saving faith
- 233. Mat. 25:46; Rev. 14:10; 20:10
- 234. It is the actual body and blood of Christ
- 235. Salvation is by grace plus sacraments and works.
- 236. Baptism

237. It is able to make the man of God perfect, so nothing else is needed 2 Tim. 3:16-17
238. Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian
239. 1500s
240. It has no Scriptural authority
241. John 3; Acts 8; Romans 6
242. Early 20th century
243. 1 Cor. 14
244. A sign to the Jews
245. 1940s
246. Two of the following: (1) Rejection of separation (2) Judge not (3) Be positive
247. One of the following: (1) The Bible says we should separate from error (Rom. 16:17), (2) The Bible says we should have one mind (Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 1:10)
248. Two of the following: (1) CCM music is worldly, (2) CCM promotes ecumenism, (3) CCM music mostly comes from the charismatic movement
249. By borrowing one builds bridges to the one-world church
250. One of the following: (1) We don't see rock parties in the Gospels and Acts, (2) Jesus is holy and separate from sinners (Heb. 7:26), (3) We don't see rock parties in Revelation's description of heaven
251. One of the following: (1) It builds bridges to their ecumenical world, (2) It is worldly music that creates an appetite for worldly music
252. It refers to churches that want to adapt to the new times; they are emerging with the times
253. Two of the following: (1) By giving up on separation or by not emphasizing separation, (2) by using contemporary music, (3) by not being properly

educated about errors and spiritual dangers we are facing today, (4) by not liking clear warning and reproof, (5) by adopting the “judge not” philosophy, (6) by biblical ignorance

Questions on Terms in the King James Bible

- 254. 18 inches
- 255. A wall around the edge of a roof
- 256. Living
- 257. Immediately
- 258. Reveal
- 259. Report, sound out
- 260. Immorality
- 261. Circumcision, Jew
- 262. Manner of life
- 263. Plowing
- 264. Washer of clothes
- 265. Handle of a tool
- 266. Perhaps
- 267. Badly treated
- 268. She happened to
- 269. Farmer
- 270. To allow
- 271. Portion of food
- 272. Grievous, destructive
- 273. Breast
- 274. Forehead
- 275. Pealed
- 276. Braid

- 277. Cut
- 278. Go before
- 279. Marketplace
- 280. A seal indicating ownership
- 281. To cook, boil
- 282. Drunken, foolish
- 283. To restrict
- 284. To believe
- 285. Truly
- 286. Prison, custody
- 287. Grow, increase
- 288. Know
- 289. In the habit of doing