

- d. God blesses a mature believer at each stage of sanctification. At positional sanctification, the new believer receives the imputation of the thirty-six benefits of salvation, including plus-R. At experiential sanctification, the mature believer receives the imputation of blessings in time in six categories. At ultimate sanctification, the resurrected believer receives the imputation of rewards and blessings for eternity.

**58. Why is ten percent a proper tithe, and what is the Biblical significance of tithing today?**

- a. Both the Hebrew עֶבֶרִי ('*Ivriy*) and Greek Ἑλλήν (Héllēn) words for tithe mean "a tenth." Tithing was a part of the Mosaic Law and was instituted by God in Leviticus as a means of providing the Jewish people with a national budget.
- b. Ten percent was to be paid the Levitical priesthood for its sustenance.
- c. A second tithe was collected to finance the national festivals. And every third year a tertiary tithe was claimed for use as a national charity fund. Thus, the tithe was specifically set up to finance the nation Israel during its dispensation.
- d. The tithing of Christian churches today has no Biblical significance to the tithing of the Israelites. Rather, when a local church pesters its parishioners to tithe, it is placing them under the yoke of the law and at the same time fomenting a legalism which handicaps grace.
- e. Forced tithing limits the volition of the prosperous believer and places an undue burden on the poor one. No church should ever ask its members for money.
- f. To establish a minimum contribution, many times promising blessings from God for participation, is tantamount to blasphemy and borders on confiscation of private property.
- g. New Testament giving is to be "as God has prospered (I Corinthians 16:2)," and "every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give (2 Corinthians 9:7)."



## 59. For what will the Christian be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

- a. Only mature believers will receive rewards in eternity. Since there is no equality in the plan of God, those who do not make the transition from the Y to the Z radical will have a resurrection body in eternity, but no decorations will garnish their attire.
- b. On the other hand, those who receive blessings in time will see those blessings parlayed into blessings in eternity under the principle of "*ā fortiōrī*:" If the justice of God can provide the greater, i.e. the imputation of blessings in time to plus-R, it follows that the justice of God will provide the less, i.e. the imputation of blessings in eternity to the resurrection body.
- c. Blessing from God, therefore, is based on spiritual growth and not on works. The rewards of eternity are for the advance to maturity under the principle of the priesthood, not the production of maturity under the principle of ambassadorship.
- d. The above emphasizes the fact that there will be no equality in heaven. Further emphasis is shown by the fact that rewards will vary with the stage of maturity attained.
- e. Believers in supergrace A receive the Alpha Cross or the Crown of Righteousness, supergrace B the Bravo Cross or the Crown of Life, and ultra supergrace the Ultra Cross or the Crown of Glory. A Crown of Glory with an oak leaf cluster will be awarded the ultra supergrace pastor-teacher who leads a maximum number of his congregation to maturity. (Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4)

## 60. What is the Christian's responsibility to the state?

**Matthew 22:21** They replied, "Caesar's." He said to them, "Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (NET)



- a. The above statement by Christ to the Pharisees and Herodians, who represented the evil union of church and state, is the basis for the believer's attitude toward his nation and is the foundation principle behind his responsibility to that entity.
- b. Christ points out that there is a two-fold responsibility for the believer: **(1)** to the state, and **(2)** to God.
- c. To render properly and fully to Caesar, the believer should pay his taxes, serve in the military, obey the laws of the land, vote in elections, serve on juries, and respect the authority of law enforcement agencies, governmental leaders, and military superiors.
- d. To render properly and fully to God, the believer should take advantage of the freedom provided by his nation to take in Bible doctrine on a daily basis. Daily GAP results in the formation of a strong Pivot, which in turn stabilizes and encapsulates the nation.
- e. He should witness, teach (i.e., Prep School), pray for the establishment, support missionaries, and assume a pro-Semitic stance in society. In general, he should live his life under the principles of the Royal Family Honor Code.
- f. The believer should neither support a government which seeks to control the church nor a church which seeks to control the government. (Daniel **3:16-18**; Romans **13:1-7**; 1 Timothy **2:1-3**; 1 Peter **2:13-17**. Romans **12:1**; Ephesians **5:18-20**; Colossians **3:16**)

**61. What spiritual gift do you possess?**

- a. My spiritual gift is that of pastor-teacher.

**62. How did you attain it?**

- a. I received my spiritual gift at the moment of salvation as a part of the five salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit.

**63. How do you exercise your spiritual gift?**



- a. Below I have outlined the development of the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher using the format of the equation "X + Y + Z = The Good." Here I seek to demonstrate the prerequisites necessary before a person may exercise this gift.

$$\begin{array}{lclclcl} \mathbf{X} & (\mathbf{Sal} + \mathbf{SGf} & = & \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{BD} & = & \mathbf{H}_1) + \\ \mathbf{Y} & (\mathbf{Awr} + \mathbf{Asp} & = & \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{AP} & = & \mathbf{H}_2) + \\ \mathbf{Z} & (\mathbf{Off} + \mathbf{Cng} & = & \mathbf{P}_3 + \mathbf{CM} & = & \mathbf{H}_3) = \\ & \mathbf{The Crown of Glory} \end{array}$$

- b. **X radical** shows that salvation (**Sal**) plus the simultaneous assignment by the Holy Spirit of the spiritual gift (**SGf**) sets up the first potential (**P<sub>1</sub>**): awareness of having the gift of pastor-teacher. When pertinent Bible doctrine (**BD**) is added to the potential, they produce the first hope (**H<sub>1</sub>**): absolute confidence of having a spiritual gift and by continued intake of the Word, identification will be made possible. The plus (+) closing the **X radical** is where the candidate becomes aware that he has the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher. (1 Corinthians **12:11**; Ephesians **4:11**)
- c. **Y radical** shows that awareness (**Awr**) plus aspiration (**Asp**) sets up the second potential (**P<sub>2</sub>**): the attainment of the office of pastor-teacher. When the necessary academic preparation is added to the potential, they produce the second hope (**H<sub>2</sub>**): absolute confidence of eventually attaining the office under the principle that God uses prepared men. The plus (+) closing the **Y radical** is where the candidate attains the office, the event being officially recognized by the ordination ceremonies of his local church. (1 Timothy **3:1**; Acts **14:23**)
- d. **Z radical** shows that the office (**Off**) plus a congregation (**Cng**) sets up the third potential (**P<sub>3</sub>**) plus (+): **CM** Christian Maturity: the reception of the **Crown of Glory** in eternity. When a maximum number of parishioners in maturity is added to the potential, they produce the third hope (**H<sub>3</sub>**): absolute confidence of receiving the Crown of Glory among the real imputations at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (1 Corinthians **15:10**; Ephesians **4:12**; 1 Peter **5:2-4**)



- e. Consequently, for the pastor-teacher, **X + Y + Z equals CG the Crown of Glory** in eternity.
- f. I am presently in **Y** radical at the second hope. I have absolute confidence I will eventually attain the office under the principle that God uses prepared men. As a result, I am not presently exercising the gift since its function occurs in **Z** radical. (1 Timothy 3:6)

**1 Timothy 3:6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become arrogant and fall into the punishment that the devil will exact. (NET)

### **SECTION THREE**

#### **1. Define the following technical terms:**

- a. **Rebound:** The option of the believer's priesthood which provides for the cleansing of personal sin, restoration to fellowship with God, and regaining the filling of the Holy Spirit. The mechanics involve the believer citing his known sins to God. (1 John 1:9)
- b. **Angelic Conflict:** The unseen battle which occurs between the forces of Satan and the forces of God. (1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:7)
- c. **Faith-Rest:** The aspirator of the soul which sucks out the human and Satanic viewpoint sucked in by **ματαιότης (mataiotēs)**. Faith rest replaces such viewpoint with the Promissory Notes of Scripture and serves to stabilize the believer for concentration on and application of resident Bible doctrine to personal experience.
- d. **Divine Decrees:** God's simultaneous extraction in eternity past of all the thoughts, decisions, actions, and facts of history from all the knowable (omniscience} and guaranteeing their certain futurity.
- e. **GAP:** An acrostic for "Grace Apparatus for Perception;" the divinely ordained system for inculcating Bible doctrine whereby the believer, regardless of human intelligence, may understand the whole realm of revealed truth. (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)

- f. **Edification Complex:** The doctrinal structure of the believer's soul which contains the building blocks of spiritual maturity. The complex is built on a foundation of **ἐπίγνωσις** (*epínnōsis*) doctrine and includes grace orientation, mastery of the details of life, the relaxed mental attitude of impersonal love, the selectivity of personal love, and the sharing of God's perfect happiness as its components. **ICE:** An acrostic for **Isagogics**, **Categories**, and **Exegesis**; the hermeneutical system for correct interpretation of Scripture: **Isagogics** being the research of the historical framework in which a passage is written; **Categories** being the amalgamation of all the facts of Scripture on a given subject and classifying them into a doctrinal statement; and **Exegesis** being the grammatical and syntactical analysis of a passage in its original language. (Isaiah 28:10)
- g. **Divine Establishment:** The divinely ordained system for human order which encapsulates mankind under the principle of authority from which laws are derived for the protection of individual freedom and its inseparable components, privacy and property.
- h. **Reversionism:** The retrogression of the believer in either the Y or Z radicals due to negative volition toward Bible doctrine. Reversionism may occur any time after salvation adjustment to the justice of God and, unchecked, results in the sin unto death.
- i. **Scar Tissue of the Soul:** The seventh stage of reversionism (also called "hardening of the heart" in the case of the unbeliever and the "great blot-out" in the case of the unbelieving Jew) where the negative-volition believer comes under the control of the **ματαιότης** (*mataiōtēs*) vacuum which draws false doctrine into the right lobe. The result is spiritual paralysis which shuts down all former divine thought and results in blackout of the soul. (Ephesians 4:17; 2 Peter 2:18)
- j. **Supergrace:** The status of all believers in Z radical; experiential sanctification; spiritual maturity. The supergrace believer is able to live the normal Christian life by utilizing grace to the maximum in either prosperity or adversity. Such a believer glorifies Jesus Christ in both time and in eternity.

