

Unit 1 Test Answer Key

Who Is Jesus?

Multiple Choice

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| 1. b | 8. b | 15. d | 22. d |
| 2. a | 9. a | 16. b | 23. c |
| 3. a | 10. b | 17. c | 24. a |
| 4. d | 11. a | 18. a | 25. d |
| 5. d | 12. b | 19. b | |
| 6. d | 13. c | 20. c | |
| 7. d | 14. d | 21. c | |

Matching

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| 26. d | 31. f |
| 27. i | 32. g |
| 28. h | 33. a |
| 29. j | 34. c |
| 30. b | 35. e |

Fill in the Blank

36. b
37. f
38. a
39. e
40. c

Essay

Responses will vary and should include at least three of the following points:

- A. What do God's will and free will have to do with each other?
- We cannot force someone to love us. Love has to be freely given, otherwise it is not truly love.
 - God has given us the gift of free will; he does not force us to believe in him or love him. It is our choice.
 - Through faith, we come to accept and believe the truth God has revealed to us.
 - God's grace makes it possible for us to say yes to God with our mind, heart, and will. We must be willing to believe and trust in what Jesus teaches us about God, about ourselves, and about how we should live.



- A life of faith means trusting that God wants what is best for us. Some people call this “surrendering to God’s will.”
- God also gives us the freedom to make our own choices. He wants us to use that freedom to make choices that will lead to our true happiness and the happiness of others.
- When we have faith, we trust that God knows what is best for us. We continually strive to surrender ourselves to God’s will and allow God’s truth to direct our lives and to guide our choices.
- Our free will allows us to follow God’s will.

B. What does Saint Paul mean when he says that faith in Jesus Christ is sufficient for justification?

- *Justification* is a word Paul uses to explain how faith in Christ saves us from sin and death.
- It refers to God’s act of bringing sinful human beings into right relationship with him.
- Justification flows from God’s forgiveness of our sin and the gift of God’s sanctifying grace to renew our holiness.
- Paul said that some had been deceived into believing they can be justified with God by following the Old Law. Paul proclaimed that the Old Law only brought judgment.
- Only faith in Jesus Christ can bring justification and our salvation.

C. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says that whoever wants to be a disciple must “take up his cross and follow me” (8:34). Why does he say this?

- At the time, many Jews believed the messiah would be an earthly military or political ruler who would overthrow Rome’s rule and return the Promised Land to the Jewish People.
- However, Jesus explained that the Messiah must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in order to save the world from sin and death.
- Because Jesus is a different type of messiah, it makes sense that he requires a different type of follower, or disciple.
- If Jesus, the Messiah, is willing to suffer, then his followers must be willing to suffer as well.
- Though we may not want ourselves or our loved ones to experience the sacrifice that comes with being a disciple of Christ, sharing in Jesus’ mission means accepting that sacrifice is sometimes part of that mission.
- We are called to accept the sacrifices we need to make, trusting that it will lead to healing in this life and eternal life with God after death.
- To truly live as one of Jesus’ disciples we must accept our crosses—the hardships and sacrifices that can come with being faithful to God’s will.
- If we remain faithful, our Messiah will save us from our sins and deliver us from death.

