

- 1 **Church History Review 2**
- 2 **What is the canon?**
 - The canon of Scripture is the list of books that are accepted as God's Word.
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Standards for inclusion of books in the New Testament canon

 - Was it written by an apostle or someone close to an apostle?
 - Is it widely used in Christian worship?
 - Does it have power?
- 4 **By about what date was the New Testament canon fixed?**

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- 5 **What did Gnostics teach about salvation?**

We are saved by freeing the soul from the body through knowledge.
- 6 **What were the two competing Gnostic views of morality?**
 - Since matter is evil, we should build up the soul by denying the body.
 - Since matter is evil, we cannot make our bodies good no matter what; therefore, we can do whatever we want with our bodies
- 7 **What did Marcion teach about the God of the Old Testament?**
 - Creator of the world
 - Angry and violent
 - Loves only the Jews
 - NOT the Father of Jesus
- 8 **What were the main teachings of Montanus and his followers?**
 - Opposition to Gnosticism
 - Opposition to worldliness and compromise
 - The rapid return of Christ
 - Those who disagree blaspheme the Holy Spirit.
- 9 **What did Ebionism teach about Jesus?**

Jesus was an ordinary man who became the Messiah through exceptional righteousness.
- 10 **What did Docetism teach about Jesus?**

Jesus was 100% spirit, and His humanity, body, suffering, and death were only illusions.
- 11 **What did Arianism teach about Jesus?**

Jesus is a created spiritual being, not God Himself.

- 12 ***Until the early 200s, what was the opinion of most Christians about church members who committed serious sins such as apostasy and murder?***
They could not be readmitted into the church, even if they repented.
- 13 ***What support was given for a change in this view starting in the 200s?***
- Christ gave spiritual authority to the apostles, who passed it along to bishops.
 - Bishops could therefore forgive these grave sins after the sinner had shown appropriate sorrow and repentance.
- 14 ***What groups denounced this new view as a path to the corruption of the church?***
- Novatianists
 - Donatists
- 15 ***Correctly define the following.***
- Hermit
 - Monk
 - Nun
 - Monastery
 - Convent
- 16 ***What are the basic practices of monasticism?***
- Poverty
 - Renunciation of possessions
 - Chastity
 - Renunciation of marriage
 - Discipline
 - A highly structured lifestyle and submission to authority
 - Labor
- 17 ***Why did Constantine convert to Christianity?***
He believed the Christian God had helped him defeat his enemies.
- 18 ***What edict of Constantine, in what year, legalized Christianity?***
- The Edict of Milan
 - 313
- 19 ***What council did Constantine sponsor to resolve the dispute over Arianism?***
The Council of Nicea
- 20 ***What emperor, in what year, made Christianity the Empire's only legal religion?***
- Theodosius I
 - 380

- 21 **What is Christendom?**
The idea that society is identical to the church.
- 22 **What is a sacrament?**
A ritual through which God's grace is said to be given
- 23 **What was the region of Augustine's birth and work as a bishop?**
North Africa
- 24 **Why did the Donatists believe the Catholic Church was corrupt?**
- Some Catholic bishops, in their view, had apostatized during a time of persecution.
 - The Catholic Church had many bishops and priests who could not give valid sacraments because they were ordained by these apostates.
- 25 **How did Augustine respond to the Donatists?**
- The visible church is not pure.
 - A priest is just a channel of God's grace as he administers the sacraments, and his character does not affect the validity of the sacraments.
- 26 **What was Augustine's response to the teachings of Pelagius?**
- We are spiritually dead and bound by sin.
 - It is impossible for us to do good through our own efforts.
 - God predestines some to receive grace to overcome sin.
- 27 **What motivated Augustine to write The City of God?**
The decline of the Western Roman Empire
- 28 **What did Augustine teach in The City of God about the relationship between the church and the state?**
The church is superior to the state, and the state must submit to it.