- 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? 400

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?

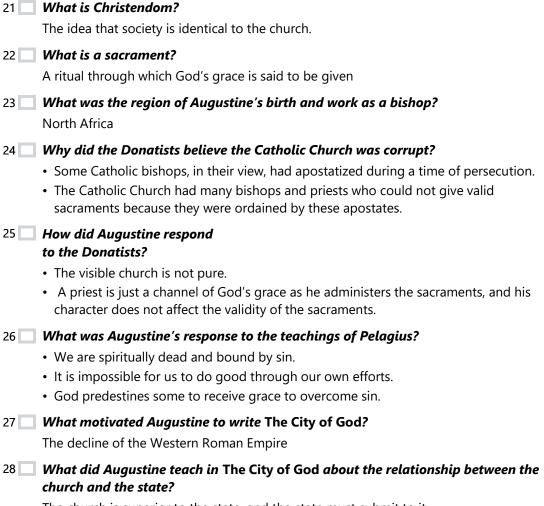
- The Edict of Milan
- 313

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



The church is superior to the state, and the state must submit to it.