**Church History Test 1** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MULTIPLE CHOICE (2 points each)

Choose the item that *best* answers the question or fills in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. When Jesus preached about the kingdom of God, he was challenging people to \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** replace the Roman government with a righteous government

 **b.** recognize God’s absolute lordship over all

 **c.** force others to become His followers

 **d.** gain power in the Roman government

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jesus preached about a new covenant between God and man which would \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** make it unnecessary to obey God **b.** restore Israel’s glorious rule

 **c.** add to the Law of Moses **d.** fulfill the Law of Moses

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. After His resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus told His followers that \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** they would witness for Him throughout the world **b.** they would witness for Him in Jerusalem

 **c.** the Holy Spirit would fill them with power **d.** all of the above

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. At first, all members of the church \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** became missionaries **b.** were Jews

 **c.** were God-fearers **d.** were zealots

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Many Gentiles were converted to Christianity by the missionary work of \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** Paul **b.** Peter

 **c.** Cornelius **d.** Stephen

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. At the Jerusalem Council, it was decided that \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** Gentile Christians do not need to keep the Law **b.** only Jews could become Christians

 **c.** only Christians could be filled with the Holy Spirit **d.** Gentile Christians must keep the Law

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. The church began to spread beyond Jerusalem because of \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** renewed missionary vision **b.** persecution

 **c.** the apostles’ miracles **d.** works of charity

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following was NOT a reason for the early growth of the church?

 **a.** the spread of Jews throughout the Roman Empire **b.** the power of the Holy Spirit

 **c.** the conversion of Jewish leaders at Jerusalem **d.** the popularity of mystery religions

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The entire Roman Empire was evangelized by the end of the AD \_\_\_\_\_ .

 **a.** 100s **b.** 200s

 **c.** 300s **d.** 400s

MATCHING (2 points each)

Items may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. ruled the entire Mediterranean region **a.** Sadducees

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. had the dominant culture of the Mediterranean region **b.** Hellenistic Jews

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. strictly obeyed the Law of Moses and followed traditions **c.** Greeks

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. held positions of priestly and political power **d.** God-fearers

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. armed rebels who hated Roman rule **e.** Pharisees

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. interpreted the Law of Moses very narrowly **f.** Romans

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Gentiles who were attracted to Judaism **g.** Essenes

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. lived in isolated religious communities **h.** zealots

SHORT ANSWER/ESSAY

18. Give two common responses to the message of Jesus, along with the Jewish group that tended to have each response. (4 points)

19. Where was the church centered for the first few year of its existence? (2 points)

20. How did the Christianity first spread to Africa? (2 points)

21. What apostle first shared the gospel with Gentiles and influenced others to accept Gentiles into the church? (2 points)

22. Most early Christians came from what class? (2 points)

BONUS (1 possible point each)

Give at least three ways in which Christian standards of holiness stood out from Roman society.

\_\_\_\_\_ In which of the following ways was was Nero’s persecution of AD 64 NOT typical of Roman persecution of Christians?

 **a.** temporary **b.** fueled by pagan hostility toward Christians

 **c.** motivated by the refusal to worship the emperor **d.** it was local

Circle the approximate amount of time you spent outside of class preparing for this test.

0–5 min. 5–10 min. 10–20 min. 20+ min.