**Church History Quiz 8: Gnosticism** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Gnosticism is important partly because it \_\_\_\_ .

**a.** eventually became the dominant religion of the Roman Empire

**b.** is an accurate interpretation of the Bible’s teachings

**c.** was a major competitor of early Christianity

**d.** is based largely on the teachings of Greek philosophy

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Gnostics claimed to possess secret spiritual \_\_\_\_ .

**a.** knowledge **b.** characteristics

**c.** matter **d.** powers

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gnostics believed that matter \_\_\_\_ .

**a.** is holy **b.** is evil

**c.** flows from the supreme god **d.** is obtained through *gnosis*

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. According to Gnosticism, the supreme god \_\_\_\_ .

**a.** created the world

**b.** has other, inferior supernatural powers flowing from him

**c.** fights against other gods

**d.** is the God of the Jews

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. According to Gnosticism, salvation is found by \_\_\_\_ .

**a.** punishing the body

**b.** freeing the soul from the body through knowledge

**c.** believing in the death and resurrection of Christ

**d.** all of the above

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

0–2 min. 2–10 min. 10–15 min. 15+ min.