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*Year 8*  
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# Practice Questions

- ① What is the correct order in which the four books of the Gospels appear in the Bible?
- A Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
  - B Luke, John, Matthew, Mark
  - C John, Luke, Matthew, Mark
  - D Mark, Matthew, Luke, John
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- ② Justice can be defined as a concern for
- A peace and genuine respect.
  - B prosperity and achievement.
  - C discipline and punishment.
  - D health and happiness.
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- ③ Which word correctly completes the 'Sign of the Cross' prayer?

In the name of the \_\_\_?\_\_\_ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

- A Saviour
- B Redeemer
- C Father
- D Creator



# Test Instructions

There are 50 multiple choice questions.

Read each question carefully and choose the answer from the four options, A, B, C or D.

Shade the letter of the option you have chosen on the answer sheet, not the test paper.

Mark only one answer for each question.

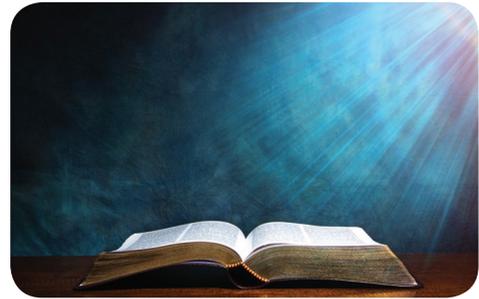
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Make sure you have filled in your name, school code and other information on the answer sheet.

# Test Questions

- 1 During the Sacrament of Baptism which symbol invokes God's protection?
- A Sign of the Cross
  - B white clothing
  - C oil
  - D Baptismal light
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- 2 The Bible is considered sacred because it is
- A a book of prayer.
  - B the inspired Word of God.
  - C given directly by Jesus.
  - D written by the apostles.



- 3 What is the correct order of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures?
- A Deuteronomy, Numbers, Leviticus, Exodus, Genesis
  - B Exodus, Deuteronomy, Genesis, Numbers, Leviticus
  - C Leviticus, Genesis, Numbers, Exodus, Deuteronomy
  - D Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
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- 4 Which day is considered the spiritual birthday of the Church?
- A Christmas
  - B Pentecost
  - C The Annunciation
  - D Ascension Thursday

- 5 The following extract is from the *Canticle of Creation*, a song of praise written by St Francis of Assisi.

***“Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth  
fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.”***

In the extract above, St Francis was

- A reflecting upon the beauty of creation.
  - B exploring different creation stories.
  - C worshipping the earth.
  - D reciting Scripture.
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- 6 Recognising the importance of prayer, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them the prayer we now know as the

- A Angelus.
  - B Hail Mary.
  - C Lord’s Prayer.
  - D Apostles’ Creed.
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- 7 **Read the Scripture passage to answer question 7.**

***“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”***

(MATTHEW 7:12)

What advice does this Scripture passage offer people regarding how to live their lives?

- A Consider what others will think of you.
- B Treat others with dignity and respect.
- C Live according to your own rules.
- D Act the same way as others around you.

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Using the table below, identify the correct order of the responses for the Angelus Prayer:

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| <p><b><i>The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,</i></b><br/>Response 1<br/>(Hail Mary...)</p> <p><b><i>Behold the handmaid of the Lord.</i></b><br/>Response 2<br/>(Hail Mary...)</p> <p><b><i>And the Word was made flesh,</i></b><br/>Response 3<br/>(Hail Mary...)</p> <p><b><i>Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,</i></b><br/>Response 4</p> | <p>Let us pray:</p> <p><b><i>Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Through the same Christ our Lord.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Amen.</i></b></p> |
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|   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
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| A | R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. | R. And dwelt among us.                                   | R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.                 | R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.            |
| B | R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.            | R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. | R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.            | R. And dwelt among us.                                   |
| C | R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.                 | R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.            | R. And dwelt among us.                                   | R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. |
| D | R. And dwelt among us.                                   | R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.            | R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. | R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.                 |

9 By providing reusable bottles at World Youth Day 2019, the event organisers wanted to encourage participants to

- A rely on others for water.
- B be stewards of creation.
- C affirm their identity to the group.
- D take responsibility for their own hydration.



10 One of the central themes of the Bible is the concept of the covenant between God and the Hebrew people. 'Covenant' refers to a

- A protest.
- B deed or title.
- C deal with a god.
- D solemn agreement.

11 **Read the Scripture passage to answer question 11.**

***“Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.””***

(JOHN 3:5)

This Scripture passage refers to the Sacrament of

- A Reconciliation.
- B Confirmation.
- C Eucharist.
- D Baptism.

12 Traditionally, a cathedral is a church that holds the seat of a

- A priest.
- B bishop.
- C deacon.
- D acolyte.

- 13 Which book recounts the story of Moses freeing the Israelites from slavery and receiving the Law on Mount Sinai?
- A Ruth
  - B Daniel
  - C Exodus
  - D Genesis
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- 14 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that,

“the first man was not only created \_\_\_\_\_, but was also established in friendship with his Creator.” (CCC374)

- A well
  - B male
  - C good
  - D intelligent
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- 15 A key understanding of sin is that it
- A allows us to be judged by others.
  - B makes us unworthy of God’s mercy.
  - C permits us to act with our conscience.
  - D affects our relationship with God and others.
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- 16 The New Testament tells us that Jesus would get up before it was light in order to find a quiet place to pray to God the Father. What is the best expression of Jesus’ understanding of prayer?

- A it was a morning conversation
- B it was at the very heart of this relationship
- C it was a part of his daily routine
- D it was a duty to be fulfilled



- 17 The principle of human dignity recognises the
- A ability of individuals to accomplish great things.
  - B inherent worth of each person.
  - C value each person places on themselves.
  - D common good of all people.
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18 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

While in communion with the Pope as the visible head of the Catholic Church, each particular \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ has its own distinct theology, spirituality, liturgy and law.

- A parish
  - B diocese
  - C Eastern Catholic Church
  - D Christian denomination
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- 19 Catholic Earthcare Australia states its purpose is “to enable a loving and sustainable relationship with the natural world”.

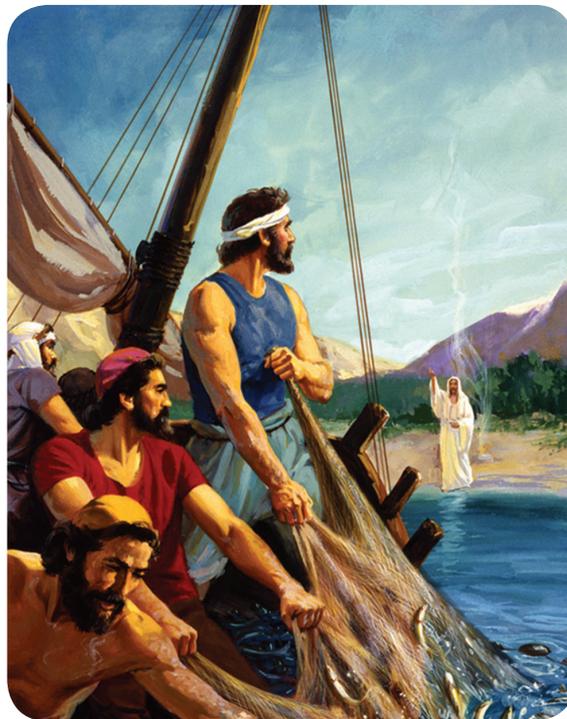
Which image demonstrates an example of this?



20 Which of the following elements, when used in the sacraments, is a sign of being sealed and part of the mission of Christ?

- A bread and wine
  - B water
  - C fire
  - D oil
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21 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 21.



***“Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.”***

(LUKE 5:10-11)

In this Scripture passage, what does Jesus challenge Simon and his friends to do?

- A change their lives to follow him
- B trust that he was right
- C not be scared of him
- D stop fishing

22 Read the Scripture passage to answer questions 22 and 23.



***“When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.”***

(GENESIS 22:9-10)

This story in Genesis is one that illustrates the requirement of

- A service.
- B obedience.
- C worship.
- D martyrdom.

23 In doing what was asked of him, what did Abraham’s actions demonstrate?

- A his knowledge of sacred ritual
- B his ability to follow Jewish law
- C his willingness to build an altar
- D his commitment to the Lord

- 24 In recognising the importance of right relationships, how should you respond to the following scenario?

Last night, you and your best friend had a major disagreement online. When you arrive at school the next day, you are hoping that

- A you will be able to work through the issue.
  - B others will support your point of view.
  - C your friend is in a better mood.
  - D the issue goes away.
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- 25 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 25.

***“Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.””***

(GENESIS 1:26)

What responsibility does God give humankind?

- A to maintain natural order
  - B to care for the natural world
  - C to use creation for human gain
  - D to manipulate the natural world
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- 26 Why were early Christians persecuted?

- A They wore crucifixes.
- B They were uneducated fisherman.
- C They were not good law-abiding citizens.
- D They did not worship the Roman gods.

27 What does Jesus' Great Commandment call Christians to do?

- A serve their enemies
  - B obey the Commandments
  - C love God and love their neighbour
  - D live faithfully as followers of God
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28 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 28.

*“And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.”*

(MATTHEW 14:23)

This passage reminds us of the importance of which elements of prayer?

- A physical activity
  - B being by yourself
  - C stillness and silence
  - D being separate from other people
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29 Some Catholic prayers come directly from the Bible. Which prayer is found in the Gospel of Luke?

- A Hail Holy Queen
  - B The Magnificat
  - C Glory Be
  - D Hail Mary
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- 30 Read the following extract from a Catholic primary school newsletter to answer question 30.

*Students are encouraged to support the local St Vincent de Paul winter appeal by donating good quality blankets and warm clothing. Please bring items to the office by August 5. Additionally, students are invited to the Parish picnic from 11.00am–3.00pm on 15 August to commemorate the feast of the Assumption.*



This extract highlights

- A Catholic Marian devotion.
  - B the charism and tradition of the school.
  - C the importance of community involvement.
  - D the strong links that exist between school, parish and Catholic agencies.
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- 31 The two sources of Divine Revelation that Catholics believe in are

- A Scripture and tradition.
  - B prayer and Scripture.
  - C faith and tradition.
  - D prayer and faith.
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- 32 What is the main purpose of icons in the Catholic Tradition?

- A to enable Catholics to have a conversation with God
- B to decorate the prayer space
- C to express in images the Gospel message
- D to hang in the family home

**33** Read the Scripture passage to answer question 33.

*“The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?’ Jesus answered, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”*

(LUKE 5:30-32)

How does the Scripture passage challenge us to imitate Jesus?

- A to judge others for what they do
- B to undertake community service
- C to act as advocates for all people
- D to treat others with compassion and love

**34** Read both of the statements to answer question 34.

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Statement 1</b> | Paul travelled extensively throughout the Roman Empire worshipping imperial gods.                                 |
| <b>Statement 2</b> | Paul had a significant influence in helping the early Church to realise that it was more than just a Jewish sect. |

- A Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
- B Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.
- C Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.
- D Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.

- 35 Christians pray as a means to
- A demonstrate they know Catholic prayers.
  - B show God they are pious.
  - C seek a reward from God.
  - D love and experience God.
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- 36 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 36.

***“Jesus said to the disciples, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.””***

(ACTS 1:8)

A *Christian witness* means to

- A be baptised and testify through one’s life, words and actions.
  - B tell others of the good works you have done.
  - C pray for the needs of the world.
  - D participate in all of the Sacraments.
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- 37 Which of the following is an example of a Christian organisation which promotes good living?

- A Sydney Archdiocesan Anti-Slavery Task Force
- B Amnesty International
- C Heart Foundation
- D Jewish Community Action

**38** Read the Scripture passage to answer question 38.

*“These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.”*

(PSALM 104:27-30)

Psalm 104 is a hymn that

- A demonstrates faithfulness to God’s promises and plans.
- B praises God’s creative wisdom and power.
- C gives thanks for God’s generosity.
- D demands obedience to God’s commandments.

**39** Read the Scripture passage to answer question 39.

*“Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:*

*He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.”*

(LUKE 1:67, 69-70)

This Scripture passage refers to the connection between

- A the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- B the Book of Revelation and the Gospels.
- C the Book of Wisdom and the Letters.
- D Genesis and Exodus.

**40** Read both of the statements to answer question 40.

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Statement 1</b> | Evil can be viewed as the presence of all things in the world that are opposed to God’s nature and will.        |
| <b>Statement 2</b> | Evil occurrences do happen as a matter of course in the world or when free will is wrongly exercised by humans. |

- A Statement 1 is true and statement 2 is false.
- B Statement 1 is false and statement 2 is true.
- C Both statement 1 and statement 2 are false.
- D Both statement 1 and statement 2 are true.

41 Choose the correct order of the recommended steps in making an informed decision.

- A Think about one's actions; seek advice; ask what the Church teaches; consider the consequences of one's actions; pray.
- B Pray; seek advice; think about one's actions; consider the consequences of one's actions; ask what the Church teaches.
- C Seek advice; ask what the Church teaches; pray; think about one's actions; consider the consequences of one's actions.
- D Ask what the Church teaches; think about one's actions; consider the consequences; pray; seek advice.

42 Read the statement to answer question 42.

***“He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.”***

(APOSTLES' CREED)

The above statement presupposes the belief in the

- A human nature of Christ.
- B divine nature of Christ.
- C Original Sin.
- D Resurrection.



43 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 43.

*“First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*

(2 PETER 1:19-21)

What is the key message of this passage?

- A that individuals are called to discern if Scripture is relevant to their lives
  - B that individuals can infer the meaning of the text
  - C that the text is understood literally
  - D that Scripture should be read with the mind of the Church
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44 Read the statement to answer question 44.

*“Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!”*

(REDEMPTORIS MISSIO 2, 1990)

This statement encourages Catholics to

- A share in the prayer life of the Church.
  - B participate in social activism.
  - C go to Mass regularly.
  - D participate in the missionary activity of the Church.
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45 How is Revelation understood in the Catholic Tradition?

- A the way God, who has always existed, gave life to creation.
- B God disclosing or showing Himself to humans.
- C as a book in Sacred Scripture.
- D as a theory in cosmology.

**46** Read the passage to answer question 46.

***The 'Close the Gap' campaign calls for generational change in the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to end health inequality by 2030.***

In response to this contemporary issue, Catholic Social Teaching requires believers to

- A attack the root causes of injustice informed by the principle of subsidiarity.
  - B proclaim the Good News to First Peoples.
  - C form an opinion and judge the ethical standards of society.
  - D pray for forgiveness.
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**47** Signs by which the Church bestows the grace of God are known as

- A customs.
  - B sacraments.
  - C acts of worship.
  - D meditative prayers.
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- 48 The term 'virtue' can be best defined as
- A a judgement about right and wrong.
  - B pity and concern for the sufferings of others.
  - C a firm disposition to do good.
  - D trust or confidence in someone or something.
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- 49 Read the statement to answer question 49.

***“For the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life.”***

(EVANGELII NUNTIANDI 41, 1975)

What would best characterise an authentically Christian way of life?

- A weekly attendance at Mass
- B completing all of the sacraments
- C participating in Planned Giving
- D fidelity to Christ

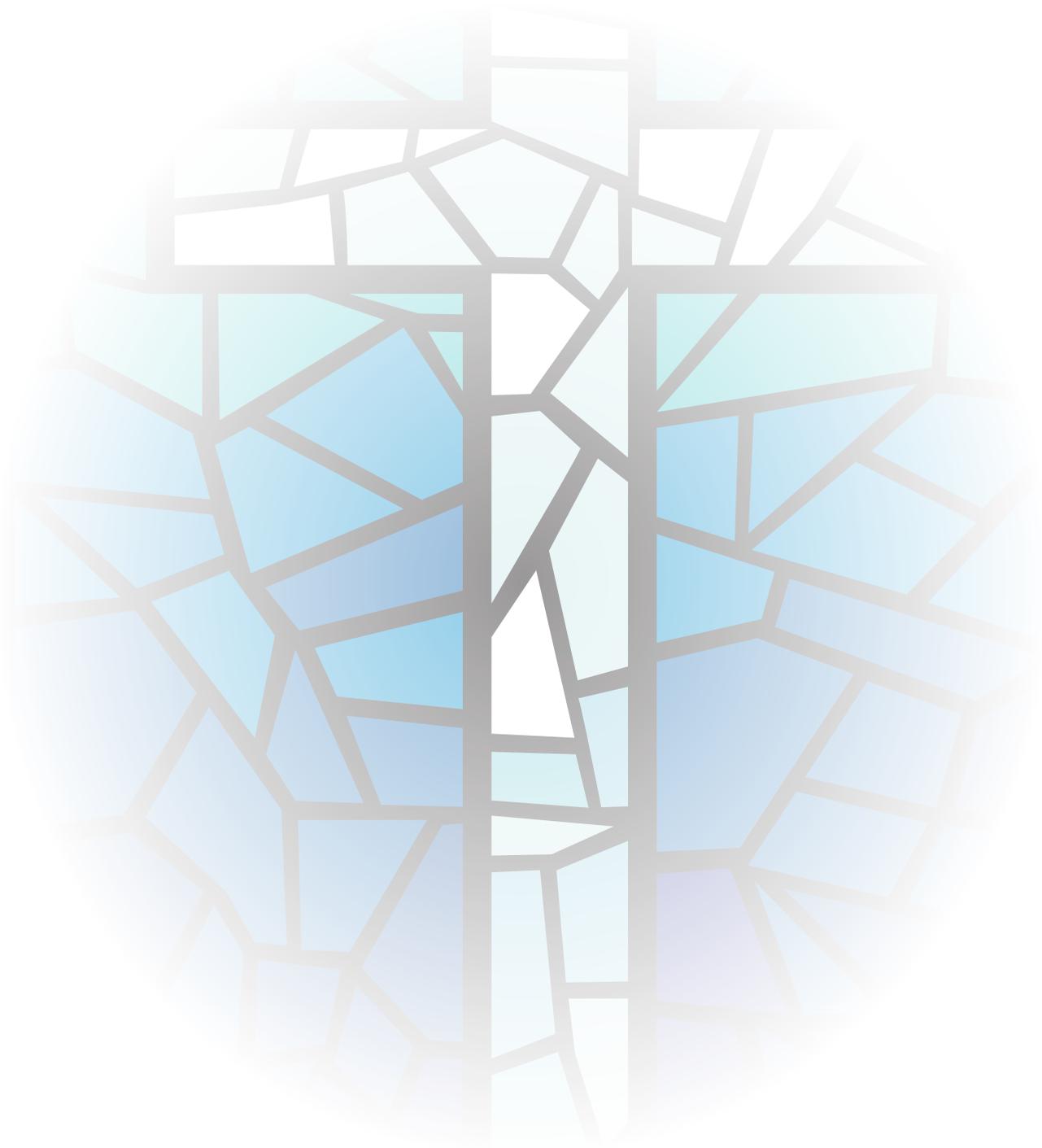
50 Read the Scripture passage to answer question 50.

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”*

(PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5)

According to this Scripture, how are Christians called to live?

- A to be joyous and open to the presence of God
- B to surrender to God’s will
- C to be grounded in the love and faithfulness of God
- D to proclaim the Gospel



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