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#### **BIBLE TIC-TAC-TOE**

### Introduction

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe is a great entertainment for everything from potluck dinners to competition fundraisers, and can be used at house parties or in Sunday school classes for adults and older kids. It's easy to learn, easy to play — using the traditional tic-tac-toe grid and the concept of winning by creating three X's or Y's in a row. The fun-tastic addition is Scripture verses, and the game makes learning them and their Bible books easy!

#### Have fun but learn too!

The point of any game is to have lots of fun, and this one is no different! Players will see plenty of Bible verses that they recognize, running the gamut from the slightly familiar to extremely famous. It isn't necessary for players to know the book chapter and verse; however players will find themselves remembering these references like never before, simply by trying to get three X's or Y's in a row!

If you recognize a lot of Scriptures, but have trouble remembering which book of the Bible they are in, simply play a few rounds of Bible Tic-Tac-Toe, and you'll find this information sticking.

## How to play

The tic-tac-toe rounds are designed so that ten (10) Scriptures are presented from two (2) books of the Bible, five (5) from each book. The person or team playing X must identify a Scripture as being from the book assigned to them before placing an X on the grid. The person or team playing Y must identify the verses from the other book in the Bible before placing a Y on the grid. The first person or team to get the tic-tac-toe, three-in-a-row wins the round! Ten rounds are included in the package as follows:

Round #1: Romans versus Philippians

Round #2: Matthew versus John

Round #3: Proverbs versus Psalms

Round #4 Ezekiel verses Revelation

Round #5: Ephesians versus Hebrews

Round #6: Romans versus Corinthians

Round #7: Mark versus Luke

Round #8: Galatians versus Ephesians

Round #9: Proverbs versus Ecclesiastes

Round #10: James versus I John

Even if you are familiar with many Scripture verses, let the laughs and cheers begin as you begin to doubt yourself over which book they are in, or begin to feel confident in your knowledge like never before!

### What the game package includes

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe is very easy to assemble, requiring only that you print out all parts and have a roll of masking tape available. You will form your tic-tac-toe grid with masking tape, making it 3-feet by 3-feet--large enough to contain nine standard sheets of paper. Use a cleared tabletop, poster board, or the floor! The game can also be played on a chalk or white board. The game comes in just a few files:

- Rules and instruction for play;
- 10 game cards for five rounds, or 100 cards in all;
- Answer sheets for each round, complete with background on both books being used in the round;
- X and Y pieces, which only need to be cut out.

## Use the game in ways that work best for you

The real name of the game is "flexibility." Bible Tic-Tac-Toe will work for adults or kids, so long as the kids can read well. It can be used with teams or individuals. It works best with people who are somewhat familiar with Bible verses but would like more acumen in being able to use them, either for personal growth or to witness to others. The game will go slower for players who are completely unfamiliar with famous Bible passages, but the background of the books included on each Answer Sheet can sometimes give little clues as to which book the Scriptures in question comes from. *Any* player can have fun!

The game can be over in 10 minutes or, by adding more rounds, can last up to an hour. You can also repeat rounds. This reinforces the Scripture identities in player's minds. It's also great to introduce new rounds, and thereby two new books of the Bible. However much time you want or need, this game will serve you with both new materials and reinforcement of used material.

# What this game will do

Players who get serious will know the book and even the verse number of 100 of Christianity's most popular Scriptures. They will also have some historic and aesthetic background on 20 books of the Bible that Christians find themselves reading often—or books they would get into more often if only they had the time! Playing can get audiences cheering and shouting encouragement, or even giving answers if players are entertainers or raising funds for charity.

Get started raising those funds or attracting people to those potlucks, or simply having fun in Sunday school class. Order your copy of Bible Tic-Tac-Toe today!

#### **BIBLE TIC-TAC-TOE**

## Rules

*Bible Tic-Tac-Toe* is a fast-paced, yet simple, game that teaches the fundamental Scriptures of our faith from their very source—*the Bible!* It is almost as easy as regular *tic-tac-toe*, but with Bible verses involved. With one read-through, you should understand the instructions and exactly how to play! Ten rounds are included, each with popular and important verses from 20 different Bible books! Play the game often, and you'll be sure to know your Scriptures so you can share and use them regularly!

**Object:** Be the first person or team to create a tic-tac-toe by matching three Scriptures in the same book vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

Age Level: 8 & Up

### 3+ Players:

At least 1 player for the X team

At last 1 player for the Y team

A referee to confirm correct answers using the Answer Sheets

#### **Pieces**

- Giant Xs, Giant Ys
- Tick-Tac-Toe Grid
- 10 Rounds of Playing Cards
- 10 Answer Sheets

# **Preparation to Play**

- 1. Create the tic-tac-toe grid using masking tape on a clear surface, such as a washable tabletop, large poster board, chalk board, or white board. You will need the game board to be 3-feet by 3-feet, big enough to accommodate nine playing cards that are 8.5-by-11-inch sheets of paper. On a nearby table or the same table, you will also need room to lay out 10 sheets of paper, which are the cards for each round.
- **2.** Cut out the X and Y pieces included.
- **3.** Lay the 10 Scripture cards associated with the round face-up on the table. (If you are playing Round 1, you will lay out the 10 cards marked at the top *Bible Tic-Tac-Toe*, *Round 1*).

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**4.** Of the 10 Scripture verses in a round, five will be from one book of the Bible, and five will be from another. If you lay them out numbered as they are, from one to 10, they will be in alphabetical order, which is best.

### **Instructions for Round 1 (and future rounds)**

- 1. Decide which person or team is X and which is Y. If you have more than two people, also assign someone to be the referee, or the person to read from the answer sheets, confirming correct answers. X will go first in the first round.
- **2.** Inform Team X they will be looking for Scriptures from the *Book of Romans*. Inform Team Y they are looking for Scriptures from the *Book of Philippians*. The books are *not* marked on the 10 playing cards, but only on the Answer Sheets.
- 3. Team X will study the 10 Scripture cards. They will pick a Scripture they think is from the *Book of Romans*. They will lay it in the grid, in the position of their choosing, and put an X on top.
- 4. The referee will either confirm or deny that the Scripture they chose is from the *Book of Romans*.
- 5. If the Scripture is from the *Book of Romans*, the X team gets to keep the X in place. If the Scripture was *not* from the *Book of Romans*, the Y team takes possession of the Scripture. They can leave it where it is or move it to a new position on the grid, putting a Y on top of it. The Y team will also get the next turn.
- **6.** Team Y will then study the nine remaining Scriptures, trying to select one from the *Book of Philippians*. They will put it in the spot in the grid of their choosing with a Y on top.
- 7. The referee will either confirm or deny that the Scripture they chose is from the *Book of Philippians*.
- **8.** If the Scripture was from the *Book of Philippians*, the Y team gets to keep the Y in place. If the Scripture was *not* from the *Book of Philippians*, the X team takes possession of the Scripture. They can leave it where it is or move it to a new position on the grid, putting an X on top of it. The X team will also get the next turn.
- **9.** Keep playing until one team has tic-tac-toe or the round ends in a tie. Ties can be broken by playing the round over or playing a new round with new cards.

Note: Using the same cards you used for Round 1 will reinforce learning the Scriptures included from the Book of Romans and the Book of Philippians. Introducing a new set of cards will introduce two new Bible books to learn. Either is good!

- **10.** To start the next round, the winning team will go first, and all the rules for Round 1 apply.
- **11.** The team to win the most rounds wins the game. Use as many or few rounds as you want.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)

...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

# For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

If you declare with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord," and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

# Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is true worship.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Romans (X) or Philippians (Y)?

#### Answers to Round #1

# X = Romans Y = Philippians

The Apostle Paul wrote both *Romans* and *Philippians*. Both are written to primarily Gentile believers, and were written within five years of each other, probably between 57 and 62 A.D. The people of Philippi, mostly Roman Gentiles, felt a great deal of angst about associating with Jewish brethren, fearing reprisals from the local Roman government. Hence, Paul was often telling them to stop worrying—about money, spiritual growth, and possible repercussions of their actions. *Romans* is probably the most referenced book among Paul's Epistles for people trying to understand salvation through Christ. All these Scriptures are famous among today's Christians, and since the books have similar audiences, winning the round may come by remembering which book they are in!

#### (in alphabetical order)

- **1. Y** And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**
- **2. X** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **–Romans 8:28**
- **3.** Y Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. -Philippians 4:6
- **4. X** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. -**Romans 3:23**
- 5. **X** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23**
- **6. Y** He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **-Philippians 1:6**
- 7. **X** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **-Romans 10:9**
- 8. Y Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! -Philippians 4:4
- **9. X** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is true worship. **-Romans 12:1**
- 10. Y Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things. Philippians 4:8

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel".

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

....and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Matthew (X) or John (Y)

# Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

I am the way, the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father
but through me;

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

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# Jesus answered:

"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

Jesus replied,

"Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

Then Jesus said to her. "I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."

Matthew (X) or John (Y)?

#### Answers to Round #2

### X = Gospel of Matthew Y = Gospel of John

Matthew was a Jewish man, and some people think he was the Apostle Matthew, though most scholars think he was a different Matthew. He was writing to Jews, often using the Old Testament to prove to Jewish religious leaders that Jesus fulfills an amazing number of prophecies. John, on the other hand, rarely quotes the Old Testament but focuses more on presenting the philosophy that Jesus was one with God. The *Gospel of Matthew* contains the Sermon on the Mount, whereas the *Gospel of John* contains the eight great "I AM" statements of Jesus. While both tell the story of Jesus' life, Matthew is more historic, and John is more philosophic.

#### (in alphabetical order)

- **1. X** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel". -**Matthew 1:22-23**
- **2. X** And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. -**Matthew 1:16**
- 3. X Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3
- 4. Y I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me; -John 14:6
- **5. Y** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **–John 1:1**
- **6. Y** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" **John 14:9**
- 7. Y Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. -John 3:3
- **8. X** Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. -Matthew 26:27-28
- **9. X** Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." -**Matthew 26:31**
- **10. Y** Then Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. **–John 11:25-26**

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

# Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

...Better to have little, with fear for the Lord, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

Blessed is the one does not walk in step with the wicked, or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

# How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

Some trust in their war chariots and others in their horses, but we trust in the power of the Lord our God.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

Psalms (X) or Proverbs (Y)?

### **ANSWERS TO ROUND #3**

# $X = Book \ of \ Psalms \ Y = Book \ of \ Proverbs$

King David wrote 78 Psalms, or slightly more than half of those that are in the *Book of Psalms*. His son, King Solomon, wrote over 3,000 Proverbs, many of which are contained in the *Book of Proverbs*. A Psalm often reads like a hymn or a poem. *Psalms* sometimes start out with the speaker sounding discouraged or afraid, then leaping into a hopeful tone, inspired by renewed faith. *Proverbs* are more like short quotes or sayings. They often compare two things, such as being honest versus dishonest, or rich versus poor. Both kings ruled Israel in the century of 900 B.C., and so both the *Psalms and Proverbs* came into being around that time.

### (in alphabetical order)

- 1. Y A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. -Proverbs 31:10
- 2. X Be still and know that I am God. -Psalm 46:10
- **3. Y** Better to have little, with fear for the Lord, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil. **Proverbs 15:16**
- **4. X** Blessed is the one does not walk in step with the wicked, or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers. **-Psalm 1:1**
- **5. X** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **-Psalm 100:4**
- 6. Y How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver! -Proverbs 16:16
- 7. Y Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. -**Proverbs 1:8**
- **8. X** Some trust in their war chariots and others in their horses, but we trust in the power of the Lord our God. **-Psalm 20:7**
- **9. Y** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. -**Proverbs 3:5-6**
- **10. X** You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day. **-Psalm 91:5**

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If any one of you adds anything to them, God will add to you the plagues described in this scroll.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?'

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

Their entire bodies, including their backs, their hands and their wings, were completely full of eyes, as were their four wheels.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose.

Ezekiel (X) or Revelation (Y)?

### ANSWERS TO ROUND #4

## $X = Book \ of \ Ezekiel \ Y = Book \ of \ Revelation$

Ezekiel was a prophet who spoke and wrote after the invasion of the Babylonians into northern Israel between 595 and 563 B.C. The book is similar to *Revelation* in that it shares visions of a coming apocalypse. Scholars love to refer to both books (and also to the Book of Daniel) when trying to decide how things will happen in the time immediately preceding Christ's Second Coming. *Ezekiel* also contains many prophecies that came true within 200 years of their having been recorded, and UFO enthusiasts wonder if one of his visions wasn't a flying saucer. The *Revelation* was written by John, whom most people feel is the Apostle John. He wrote the book in approximately 96 A.D. while jailed on the Isle of Patmos. *Revelation* contains messages to seven churches and is then followed by visions that are entirely apocalyptic. It contains the famed four horsemen of the apocalypse, the seven trumpets and seven seals.

### (in alphabetical order)

- **1. Y** He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. -**Revelation 20:2**
- **2. Y** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. -**Revelation 21:4**
- **3. Y** Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me. -**Revelation 3:20**
- **4. Y** I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If any one of you adds anything to them, God will add to you the plagues described in this scroll. **–Revelation 22:18**
- **5. X** Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?' -Ezekiel 33:11
- **6. Y** The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. **Revelation 13:1**
- 7. **X** The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. -**Ezekiel 37:1**
- **8. X** Their entire bodies, including their backs, their hands and their wings, were completely full of eyes, as were their four wheels. **-Ezekiel 10:12**
- **9. X** This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. **-Ezekiel 1:16**
- **10. X** When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. **-Ezekiel 1:19**

And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Ephesians (X) or Hebrews (Y)?

### **ANSWERS TO ROUND #5**

# $X = Book \ of \ Ephesians \ Y = Book \ of \ Hebrews$

The *Book of Ephesians* was written by the Apostle Paul around 60 A.D., primarily to the Gentiles (non-Jews) living in Ephesus. His goal was to help them understand how to worship our God and Jesus. *The Book of Hebrews* has an unknown author and was written to newly converted Jews, most likely in Jerusalem, who needed encouragement in sticking to faith in Christ. With *Ephesians*, Apostle Paul wants to make sure the Gentiles feel like first-class citizens to the Lord even though they are not Jewish. One *Hebrews* theme is the need for endurance, as we will surely have our faith tested and will feel weary at times. These books often sound alike and are both quoted often by Christians. Therefore winning this round may be about recognizing these famous Scriptures and remembering which book they are from!

### (in alphabetical order)

- **1. Y** And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. -**Hebrews 11:12**
- **2. Y** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. -**Hebrews 11:6**
- **3. X** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household. **-Ephesians 2:19**
- **4. X** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. **Ephesians 5:18**
- **5. X** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. -**Ephesians 2:8**
- **6. X** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **-Ephesians 6:12**
- 7. **X** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **-Ephesians 2:10**
- **8. Y** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. -**Hebrews 12:11Y** Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. -**Hebrews 11:1**
- **10. Y** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **-Hebrews 12:1**

# As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;"

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners,

Christ died for us.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own...

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived - these things God has prepared for those who love him".

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans (X) or 1 Corinthians (Y)?

### **ANSWERS TO ROUND #6**

X = Romans Y = 1 Corinthians

The Apostle Paul wrote both Romans and 1 Corinthians, though the recipients were two very different groups of people.

The Christians in Rome were a mixed group of Jews and gentiles, but mostly gentiles. Paul wrote to the Romans around A.D. 57, and the book has been nicknamed "The Constitution of Christianity." because it is loaded with all the information about salvation that a new believer could want. There was no central church at the time, just groups of believers meeting in various houses. So it is funny that Rome would eventually become the home of the Vatican and all the popes!

Corinth was a crossroad for travel, a city containing two harbors, and roads going in all directions. It was also a den of partying, and the moral decay in Corinth was famous, even in far-off pagan cultures. Paul's 1 Corinthians had two purposes: First, he wanted to stop the divisions in the church, which could lead to great arguing, so he spoke of peace and maturity. Second, he wanted them to cut back on their partying and be morally upright in Christ. The book was actually written before Romans, around A.D. 55.

### (in alphabetical order)

- 1. X As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;" -Romans 3:10
- **2. X** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -**Romans 5:8**
- **3. X** Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will. **-Romans 12:2**
- **4. Y** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own... **-1 Corinthians 6:19**
- **5. Y** However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived these things God has prepared for those who love him" –**1 Corinthians 2:9**
- **6. X** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. -**Romans 8:18**
- 7. Y If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. –1 Corinthians 13:1
- 8. Y Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. -1 Corinthians 13:4

- **9. Y** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to us all. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. **-1 Corinthians 10:13**
- **10. X** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **Romans 5:6**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

"Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Mark (X) or Luke (Y)?

### ANSWERS TO ROUND #7

### X = Mark Y = Luke

Mark was not a disciple of Jesus, but was an early follower who accompanied Paul on missionary journeys. It is thought that he was brought to Christ by Peter, and much of the information in Mark's gospel seems to have come directly from Peter. The book was written sometime between 40 A.D. and 56 A.D. Mark is writing his gospel primary for the many gentiles in Rome, which explains why he doesn't use Old-Testament prophecy as much as Matthew, who was writing primarily to Jews in Jerusalem. (Gentiles would not have known the Old Testament.) This gospel is most famous for its ending, which includes the Great Commission and some verses that are highly controversial about miracles and speaking in tongues. These have some scholars saying that the verses were add-ons and not in the original manuscript. His gospel is the briefest, and all stories are in a to-the-point style.

The Gospel of Luke was written by a "great physician" or learned man, who also was not a disciple of Jesus. Some say Luke read the Gospel of Mark before writing his own gospel. He had many sources, and his goal was to prove the historicity of Jesus' life, including the miracles. Luke tells stories in rich detail that makes the individuals, often women, seem very important. The gospel is probably most famous for containing the entire Nativity story.

### (in alphabetical order)

- 1. **X** After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. -**Mark 9:2**
- 2. Y And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. -Luke 2:8
- **3. X** And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues. **-Mark 16:17**
- **4. X** He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." **-Mark 16:15**
- 5. Y "Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." -Luke 24:39
- **6. Y** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." **–Luke 1:35**
- 7. Y Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. –Luke 2:11
- **8. X** When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. -**Mark 16:9**
- 9. X Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. -Mark 16:16
- 10. Y "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" -Luke 6:46

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

Husbands, love your wives, just as

Christ loved the church and gave

himself up for her...

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

# "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, neither male nor
female, for you are all one in
Christ Jesus.

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

Galatians (X) or Ephesians (Y)?

### **ANSWERS TO ROUND #8**

### X = Galatians Y = Ephesians

The Apostle Paul wrote both the Book of Galatians and the Book of Ephesians. Because they are side by side in the Bible, many Christians confuse them. However, the situation in Galatia was different from the one in Ephesus.

Paul wrote to the Christians in Galatia specifically to address an error they were committing. The Galatian Christians had come to think that they all must not only believe in Jesus, but must also follow most of the Jewish laws. Paul wrote to assure them that faith in Christ is all they need to achieve salvation.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians to address common problems that Christians everywhere were facing. Even Christians living today will find that it applies perfectly to their daily challenges! Paul writes to Ephesians emphasize that Christians are one with Christ and are parts of the body of Christ.

### (in alphabetical order)

- **1. X** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... **Galatians 5:22**
- **2. Y** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. –**Ephesians 2:8**
- **3. Y** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. -**Ephesians 6:12**
- **4. Y** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... **Ephesians 5:25**
- **5. Y** "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. **-Ephesians 4:26**
- **6. X** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **-Galatians 6:9**
- 7. **X** So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." **-Galatians 3:6**
- 8. X So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. -Galatians 3:24
- **9. X** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **–Galatians 3:28**
- **10. Y** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **-Ephesians 6:13**

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

## As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of every human being...

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

...Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

### There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

Proverbs (X) or Ecclesiastes (Y)?

### **ANSWERS TO ROUND #9**

### X = Proverbs Y = Ecclesiastes

Most of the Proverbs and all of Ecclesiastes were written by the same man – King Solomon, son of King David, who was considered the wisest man ever born. Solomon died in 931 B.C., and Ecclesiastes is the last book he wrote.

Ecclesiastes reads very much like a journal of a man's thoughts—a man who loves God but can't always understand God. Even though Solomon is the wisest man in the world, it takes more than his knowledge to understand God, and consequently, he is often mystified by the purpose of life. However, he also believes man should enjoy life and try to understand God.

Proverbs is a compilation of wise sayings, many of which are attributed to Solomon. The proverbs may have been collected over a long period of time. The purpose of the book is to show readers how to live wisely or skillfully. Many proverbs are presented in "this, but that" formatting, with "this" and "that" being opposites. Others read like psalms or poetry.

### (in alphabetical order)

- 1. X A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. -Proverbs 31:10
- 2. X As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. -Proverbs 27:17
- **3. Y** Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of every human being. **–Ecclesiastes 12:13**
- **4.** Y ...Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body. –**Ecclesiastes 12:12**
- **5. X** Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. -**Proverbs 22:6**
- **6. X** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. -**Proverbs 1:7**
- 7. Y Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. –Ecclesiastes 1:17
- 8. X There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: -Proverbs 6:16
- 9. Y There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1
- 10. **Y** What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. -**Ecclesiastes 1:9**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows

God.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

## You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder.

James (X) or 1 John (Y)?

## **ANSWERS TO ROUND #10**

$$X = James Y = 1 John$$

People are sometimes confused about the Book of James and the Epistles of John because they think that James and John are brothers. The author of the Epistles of John is indeed John the Apostle, who also wrote the Gospel of John and Revelation. This James, however, was not the brother of John, the James who was martyred around 44 A.D. This James is thought to be the half-brother of Jesus. James did not believe his older brother was the Messiah until after the Crucifixion, perhaps not until he was present for a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus.

James can be read as a commentary on the life of Jesus, written for Jewish believers everywhere. It is thought to be one of the first books of the New Testament written. It covers the theme of faith and how faith is related to works for those who are saved. Faith must demonstrate itself as real, and that happens through works, James teaches. The book doesn't touch on much other Christian doctrine but is highly regarded as a book of wisdom.

1 John is one of five books in the New Testament written by John the Apostle. In this book, John touches often on the subject of love and what Christian love means. He also writes to argue against Gnosticism, which at that time was promoting the idea that Jesus had always been a spirit and not a flesh-and-bones human being.

## (in alphabetical order)

- 1. **X** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds **–James** 1:2
- **2. Y** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **–1 John 4:1**
- **3. Y** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. -**1 John 4:7**
- **4. X** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **–James 1:5**
- **5. Y** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **–1 John 1:9**
- **6. X** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. -James 5:14
- 7. X Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. -James 4:7
- **8.** Y This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. -1 John 4:10
- **9. Y** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **–1 John 5:14**
- **10. X** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder. **James 2:19**

## **XY Pieces**

Please print as many as you need of the  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}$  pieces and cut out the letters.





































