

Application Questions

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon

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Question number 1 for 10 points. Application question.

When was the book of Galatians written?

G 1 Around A.D. 49

FBSE, 1877

Question number 2 for 20 points. Application question.

To whom did Paul write Galatians?

G 1:2 Churches he and Barnabas had converted in the southern part of the province of Galatia, including Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.

FBSE, 1877

Question number 3 for 20 points. Application question.

Why should pleasing people not be the goal of Christians?

G 1:10 People cannot effectively spread Christ's message if they are more concerned about what people think than what God desires.

FBSE, 1880

Question number 4 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why did Paul want to preserve the, quote, "truth of the gospel message"?

G 2:5 If we neglect or abandon any part of the gospel, we begin to tear down the only message that can save us from eternal destruction.

FBSE, 1881

Question number 5 for 20 points. Application question. 2-part answer.

In the Bible, what is the difference between mercy and grace?

G 2:20 Mercy means we are spared from the judgment and bad things we deserve.
Grace means we are given favor and good things we do not deserve

FBSE, 1883

Question number 6 for 20 points. Application question.

Describe righteousness.

G 2:21 When by faith we receive God's forgiveness, we are declared not guilty before God and are transformed so we desire to live correctly before God and have an ongoing relationship with Christ.

FBSE, 1883

Question number 7 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

Where does the Old Testament say, quote, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life"?

G 3:11 Habakkuk 2:4

SP

Question number 8 for 20 points. Application question.

Why does Moses say everyone hung on a tree is cursed?

G 3:13 The executed body of a criminal was hung up for public exposure, treating them with utter contempt. To those justly condemned, God added his eternal disapproval.

Boles

Question number 9 for 30 points. Application question. 3-part answer.

Until Christ came what did the Law do?

G 3:19 Revealed God's standard for his people's behavior
Provided blood sacrifices to cover the people's sins
Pointed prophetically to Christ's death

FBSE, 1885

Question number 10 for 20 points. Application question.

Why could the law not give life or righteousness?

G 3:21 God never intended the law to impart life or produce adequate righteousness. The job of the law is to reveal that mankind is dying from a lack of righteousness.

Boles

Question number 11 for 10 points. Application question.

What does Abba mean?

G 4:6 Abba is Aramaic, meaning "Father."

FBSE, 1886

Question number 12 for 20 points. Application question.

Why did Paul say he was in labor pains?

G 4:19 The heartache, emotional pain and spiritual affection Paul feels for Galatians who have abandoned faith in Christ to follow false leaders reflects the pain women feel while giving birth. FBSE, 1887

Question number 13 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean by, quote, “faith expressing itself in love”?

G 5:6 Faith is more than an intellectual belief. It is a trust that actively surrenders control of life to Christ’s leadership and follows His command to love God and love people. FBSE, 1888

Question number 14 for 30 points. Application question. 2-part answer.

What two forms does false teaching usually take?

G 5:7 It denies the foundational truths of the Christian faith, or
It claims that something in addition to what is found in the New Testament is required for a believer to be a complete Christian. FBSE, 1888

Question number 15 for 20 points. Application question.

Why can believers not use our freedom to satisfy our sinful nature?

G 5:13 While Christ sets his followers free from rule-based religion, they are still accountable to follow Christ’s commands and the moral standards and principles of God’s laws. FBSE, 1889

Question number 16 for 10 points. Application question.

How do we overcome the struggle between the sinful nature and the Spirit?

G 5:18 Jesus delivers us from guilt and the Spirit installs a new set of desires which we live by. Boles

Question number 17 for 10 points. Application question.

How do we carry each other’s burden?

G 6:2 Pray earnestly for people and help meet their needs in practical ways. FBSE, 1892

Question number 18 for 20 points. Application question.

How do Christians mock God?

G 6:7 Those who claim to be Christians, while knowingly catering to the selfish and ungodly desires of their sinful nature, are guilty of mocking God. FBSE, 1892

Question number 19 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean when he says, quote, “my interest in this world has been crucified”?

G 6:14 Because of Christ, Paul was dying to the world’s desires, being freed from its control, and no longer responding to its influences. FBSE, 1893

Question number 20 for 10 points. 2-part application question.

When and from where was the book of Ephesians written?

E 1 Around A.D. 62 from prison in Rome FBSE, 1894

Question number 21 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean by God’s, quote, “mysterious will”?

E 1:9 Though revealed, God’s will often challenges and frustrates human wisdom and reasoning. FBSE, 1894

Question number 22 for 10 points. Application question.

How should Christians see the wicked and sinful people of the world?

E 2:2 Christians should have great compassion and mercy for them, because they are still trapped in their sins. FBSE, 1901

Question number 23 for 20 points. Application question.

Since we are not saved by our actions, why does Ephesians 2:10 say God wants us to do good works?

E 2:10 It is part of what we are created to do. Good works show our love and gratitude to God, and influences others to come to Christ. FBSE, 1902

Question number 24 for 10 points. Application question.

Who are the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places?

E 3:10 They are both angels who serve God, as well as Satan and the demons who oppose God in this world. FBSE, 1903-04

Question number 25 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean when he says God is able to accomplish, quote, “infinitely more than we might ask or think”?

3:20 God can do for us more than we can ask, desire, or even imagine, but it depends on the degree of the Holy Spirit’s presence, purpose, and power operating in our lives. FBSE, 1904

Question number 26 for 20 points. Application question.

What does Paul mean when he says there is one body?

E 4:4 The church, the body of Christ, is made up of all those whom God has accepted into his family. Though we are many, yet in Christ we form one body. Boles

Question number 27 for 10 points. Application question. 5-part answer.

Ephesians chapter four mentions what five ministry gifts?

E 4:11 Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers JBQ #561

Question number 28 for 20 points. Application question.

What is the primary role of those who have the five ministry gifts?

E 4:12 Their primary role is to train and equip believers to use their God-given abilities to minister both inside and outside of the church body to both help others and build up the church. FBSE, 1905

Question number 29 for 10 points. Application question.

What does it mean to put off our old self?

E 4:22 Putting aside the way we lived before we were born again, when we went our own God-defying ways. FBSE, 1774

Question number 30 for 30 points. Application question.

Is anger sinful?

E 4:26 Some anger is sinful and offensive toward God because it does not show love toward God and others. Some anger is not sinful for it is based on devotion to God and desires to see his standards of right and wrong accomplished in this world. FBSE, 1910

Question number 31 for 20 points. Application question.

What should we do if we have justified anger?

E 4:26 We must be careful not to act in ways that could dishonor God. To do so allows anger to control us, giving Satan a prime opportunity to stir that anger into resentment, bitterness or hurtful actions. FBSE, 1910

Question number 32 for 30 points. Scripture text application question.

Why does Ephesians 5 call out sins that have, quote, “no place among God’s people”?

E 5:3 In a God-defying world, there are many activities, behaviors and practices that are common but completely inappropriate for God’s people. We cannot completely escape such things in this world, but we must not deliberately expose ourselves to and take part in them. FBSE, 1911

Question number 33 for 20 points. Application question.

Why should Christians expose evil?

E 5:11 To speak out humbly and sincerely against ungodliness is to hate sin, to stand beside God against evil and to imitate Christ, who also exposed evil behavior. FBSE, 1911

Question number 34 for 30 points. Application question. 3-part answer.

What is the difference between psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs?

E 5:19 Psalms are specifically Old Testament psalms but also include singing the Bible.
Hymns are songs of praise to God that focuses on his acts or character.
Spiritual songs are any songs that honor God and uplift the worshiper. FBSE, 1912

Question number 35 for 20 points. Application question.

What does it mean to submit to one another?

E 5:21 Yielding one's own rights for the sake of another, doing what is best for others and helping them fulfill their God-given purposes. FBSE, 1912

Question number 36 for 10 points. Application question.

How did Jesus view the commandment to obey his parents?

E 6:1 Jesus submitted to his parents and obeyed them even though he was wiser than they were. Boles

Question number 37 for 20 points. Application question. 4-part answer.

What are the reasons children should obey their parents?

E 6:1 You belong to the Lord.
It is the right thing to do.
It is one of the 10 Commandments.
It has a promise. Boles

Question number 38 for 30 points. Application question.

As our weapon, how important is the sword of the Spirit?

E 6:17 We must know God's Word and be confident of its power and effectiveness. Satan will try to twist God's Word, as he has from the beginning, and he will make every effort to undermine or destroy the Christian's confidence in God's Word. FBSE, 1914

Question number 39 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

How should Christians view Paul's command to, quote, "Pray in the Spirit at all times"?

E 6:18 Prayer is not to be viewed just as another spiritual weapon, but as part of the actual conflict itself. We literally do battle in and through prayer as we work together with God to gain the victory for ourselves and others. FBSE, 1915

Question number 40 for 10 points. 2-part application question.

When and from where was the book of Philippians written?

P 1 Around A.D. 63, from prison in Rome FBSE, 1916

Question number 41 for 20 points. Application question.

What is joy?

P 1:4 Deeper than emotional happiness, joy is happiness based on God's immeasurable love for us, and on the peace, hope, and delight we have because of what Christ has done for us. FBSE, 1918

Question number 42 for 10 points. Application question. 2-part answer.

What is the difference between being pure and blameless?

P 1:10 Pure means without any mixture of evil.
Blameless means not causing offense to God or another person. FBSE, 1919

Question number 43 for 20 points. Application question.

Why did Paul think it did not matter if people preached the gospel with false motives?

P 1:18 Paul would argue the character of ministers was important, but he also recognized that the nature and power of the gospel would do its work regardless of the character of the person. Ash

Question number 44 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why would Paul say, quote, “dying is even better”?

P 1:21 Paul’s life was completely occupied and filled by his relationship with Christ. Death, when it came would simply be the end of his earthly mission and the beginning of a greater life with Christ for eternity.

FBSE, 1919

Question number 45 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why does Paul want believers to work together with, quote, “one mind and purpose”?

P 2:2 Spiritual unity of believers is a primary factor in accomplishing God’s purposes and confirming the truth of the message about Christ. In John 17, Jesus prayed for this unity.

FBSE, 1656

Question number 46 for 10 points. Application question.

What was Christ’s attitude that we should have?

P 2:5 Complete selflessness, servanthood and sacrifice that puts the needs of others before ourselves. FBSE, 1920

Question number 47 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean when he says, Jesus, quote, “did not think of equality with God as something to cling to”?

P 2:6 Jesus is, was, and always will be God. He willingly let go of his privileges and glory in heaven in order to live on earth as a man and eventually die that we might be saved.

FBSE, 1921

Question number 48 for 20 points. Application question.

What does it mean that Jesus had a human form?

P 2:7 Although he remained fully God, Christ took on a human nature with its temptations, humiliations and weaknesses; yet, he endured all of these without sin.

FBSE, 1921

Question number 49 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why do we obey God with, quote, “deep reverence and fear”?

P 2:12 This does not refer to an attitude of fright, doubt or anxiety, but an attitude of deep awe and sober awareness of God’s power, holiness and judgment against sin while we obey God and pursue His purposes.

FBSE, 1921

Question number 50 for 20 points. Application question.

What is a liquid offering?

P 2:17 Commonly called a drink offering. Under the Law, it was wine presented with special sacrifices to God. It was poured either over the sacrifice or onto the ground.

FBSE, 1922

Question number 51 for 20 points. Statement and application question.

In Philippians 3, Paul uses the illustration of running a race to reveal his determination in following Christ.

How does this section apply to us today?

P 3:13 Such determination is necessary for all of us. Despite all kinds of distractions, temptations, and past events both good and bad, we must not take our eyes off the prize of being with Jesus forever.

FBSE, 1924

Question number 52 for 20 points. Application question. 2-part answer.

How do we hold on to the progress we have already made?

P 3:15 We must not become complacent in our spiritual growth.

We must put into practice the Biblical truth we already have and comprehend.

FBSE, 1925

Question number 53 for 10 points. Application question.

What type of people make their appetite their god?

P 3:19 Self-centered people who allow their desires (not just physical ones) to come before anything else.

FBSE, 1925

Question number 54 for 20 points. Application question.

Why does Paul say we are citizens of heaven?

P 3:20 Christians are no longer citizens of this world; by choosing to follow Jesus, they have become strangers and aliens on the earth.

FBSE, 1925

Question number 55 for 20 points. Application question.

After 2000 years, why do Christians still act like Jesus is coming soon?

P 4:5 Jesus' followers must be so attached to him as their greatest love and treasure that their deepest hope and longing is for his return.

FBSE, 1574

Question number 56 for 20 points. Application quotation question.

Quote the verse of Philippians that tells us what to do instead of worrying.

P 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

JBQ #539

Question number 57 for 10 points. Application question.

What is peace?

P 4:7 An inner sense of calm and assurance that comes from the Holy Spirit, not our emotions or circumstances.

FBSE, 1926

Question number 58 for 30 points. Application question.

How do we learn to be content?

P 4:11 The key to contentment is realizing that God has given you everything you need to endure, grow closer to him and remain victorious in your relationship with Christ. This ability must be learned and developed through dependence on and obedience to Christ.

FBSE, 1926

Question number 59 for 10 points. Application question. 3-part answer.

Which three books did Tychicus deliver on the same trip?

C 1 Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon

FBSE, 1894, 2003

Question number 60 for 30 points. Application question.

Why did Paul write Colossians?

C 1:2 Paul wrote against heresy that had entered the church through false teachers. They taught that devotion to Jesus and following the teachings of Christ's apostles were not enough for salvation. They claimed to have special revelation by visions.

FBSE, 1930

Question number 61 for 10 points. Application question.

Why is it important that Paul recorded his prayer in Colossians 1:9-12?

C 1:9-12 This prayer provides an excellent example of how to pray for others Christians.

FBSE, 1930

Question number 62 for 10 points. Application question.

Why is the devil not as powerful as God?

C 1:19 The devil was created by God and has been defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection.

JBQ #466

Question number 63 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

What does Paul mean when he said, quote, "God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ"?

C 1:19 Paul was describing in simple terms that Jesus was fully God.

FBSE, 1931-32

Question number 64 for 20 points. Application question.

Why does Paul say Jesus disarmed spiritual rulers and authorities?

C 2:15 Through his death and resurrection, Christ stripped the devil and his demons of their power to hold men and women captive to the control of evil against their will. FBSE, 1934

Question number 65 for 20 points. Application question.

How does Paul's teaching in Colossians 2:16 regarding eating, drinking, and holy days apply to us?

C 2:16 Paul teaches that a Christian is no longer required to follow obligations such as dietary rules and observing specific holy days to be saved. FBSE, 1934

Question number 66 for 20 points. Application question.

Why should Christians not fall for the heresy of worshipping angels?

C 2:18 Jesus Christ is the only intermediary between God and humans. Worship and prayer to anyone other than God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are unbiblical and must be rejected. FBSE, 1934

Question number 67 for 20 points. Application question.

Why is a greedy person called an idolater?

C 3:5 Throughout the Bible, idolatry refers to worshipping anything in place of the one true God. Greed is letting things become our sole focus instead of God. FBSE, 1936

Question number 68 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

How do you let the message about Christ, quote, "fill your lives"?

C 3:16 Scripture must be continually studied to see how it can be applied to our lives. Then we must put those principles into practice. FBSE, 1936

Question number 69 for 20 points. Application quotation question.

How should a Christian do all things?

C 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. JBQ #523

Question number 70 for 30 points. Application question.

Paul's instruction to fathers teaches us what?

C 3:21 Fathers should give their children the instruction and correction that are a necessary part of a Christian upbringing. They must encourage as well as correct. They should dedicate their lives to their children with hearts full of the fruit of the Spirit. FBSE, 1938

Question number 71 for 20 points. Application question.

What can we learn from Paul's prayer request for many opportunities to spread the gospel?

C 4:3 God does not want us to sit passively and wait for a sign before we take action in serving him. We should pray that God would both give us opportunities and help us recognize them. FBSE, 1937, 1940

Question number 72 for 20 points. Application question.

What is attractive conversation?

C 4:6 Conversation that is right for the occasion, wholesome, and pure. Like salt, it should enhance and add flavor in a spiritual sense, giving people a thirst and appetite for God. FBSE, 1940

Question number 73 for 10 points. Application question. Chapter analysis answer.

Where did Philemon live?

Ph Colosse FBSE, 2003

Question number 74 for 30 points. Application question.

Instead of encouraging rebellion against slavery, what did Paul do?

Ph Paul defined Christian principles that removed the harshness of Roman slavery and shifted attention to godly character development among those involved. In time, this approach and these principles led to the abolition of slavery within Christianity.

FBSE, 2004

Question number 75 for 10 points. Application question.

What does Onesimus' name mean?

Ph 11 Useful

SP

Question number 76 for 10 points. Application question.

Why did Paul not command Philemon to free Onesimus?

Ph 14 He wanted Philemon and all masters to act voluntarily out of Christian love.

FBSE, 2005

Question number 77 for 20 points. Application question.

In his letter to Philemon, how did Paul show that he lived what he preached?

Ph 17-19 Just as Jesus willingly paid our debt for offenses against God, Paul expresses the same character by offering to pay for Onesimus' debt.

FBSE, 2005