

Chapter 7 Test:

The City of God

Name: _____

Part 1: Circle the best answer.

1. **What resulted from Theodosius' edict establishing Catholic Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire?**
 - a. The Christians experienced more persecution from the Roman pagans.
 - b. Many people were tempted to lose sight of the distinction between church and state.
 - c. Many Roman citizens converted to Catholic Christianity.
 - d. The Roman government enacted new laws to accommodate Christian practices.
2. **Why did the Roman pagans blame the Christians for the fall of Rome?**
 - a. Because the Christians undermined the Roman government
 - b. Because the Christians were overtaking the Roman population
 - c. Because the Christians had banned the ancient worship of Rome's false gods
 - d. Because the Christians had converted too many Roman citizens
3. **What term did Saint Augustine use to describe God's kingdom, which is eternally present in Heaven and mysteriously present on earth?**
 - a. The New Eden
 - b. The Holy Vineyard
 - c. The City of God
 - d. The Mystical Body of Christ
4. **How did Saint Augustine respond to the fall of Rome?**
 - a. By blaming the Gothic tribes
 - b. By claiming that the Romans were not strong enough to endure invasion from the barbarians
 - c. By taking a neutral stance and blaming neither the Christians nor the pagans
 - d. By explaining the twofold nature of the City of God
5. **According to Saint Augustine, in what ways is the City of God an *eternal* city?**
 - a. It is secure in Heaven, populated by angels and saints.
 - b. It exists for only a limited period of time.
 - c. It is an immaterial city.
 - d. It exists only on earth.
6. **According to Saint Augustine, in what ways is the City of God an *earthly* city?**
 - a. It exists only on earth.
 - b. It exists in its pilgrim form on earth in the Church.
 - c. It contains only a supernatural nature.
 - d. It has only divine qualities.

7. What did Augustine say was the only lasting glory we can find?

- a. The heavenly glory of the true sons and daughters of God
- b. The glory of wealth and riches
- c. The glory of conquering nations and empires
- d. The glory of fame and political influence

Part 2: Write “T” if the statement is completely true. Write “F” if it is even partly false, and then rewrite the statement on the line below to make it true.

- T** 1. In 1 Peter 2:17, Saint Peter taught us to honor our leaders but reminded us that God alone deserves our superior respect and reverence.

- F** 2. According to the New Testament, the Church and the state are not distinct entities.

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- F** 3. In Matthew 22:21, Jesus taught us to honor God and dishonor government leaders.

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Part 3: Answer the reflection question.

According to Saint Augustine, true glory is found only in imitating the humility of Christ, whose only crown on this earth was made of thorns. To follow Christ and become worthy citizens of his eternal kingdom, we also must suffer with him. How is God calling you to imitate the humility of Christ on your journey to Heaven and eternal glory?

Answers may vary.
