

# Grade 8 Test

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Part 1: Fill in the blanks. Use the words in the word bank. (Not all words will be used.)

1. A **martyr** is someone who is killed for his faith.
2. Faith in the one God is called **monotheism**.
3. **Evangelization** means to spread the Gospel of Christ.
4. **Heresy** is when a baptized person persistently denies a truth that must be believed with faith because God has revealed it.
5. The **New Evangelization** involves presenting the Gospel to those regions of the world that had once received Jesus as Lord but have since abandoned the love they had at first.
6. The **laity** is the term given to the baptized faithful who serve the Church in the world and who are not ordained through Holy Orders or called to the religious life.
7. The **Enlightenment** is the the movement that claimed mankind could rely on human reason alone to make progress in life, rather than relying on God and his revelation in Jesus Christ.
8. The Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and the Church was revealed to the world on the Feast of **Pentecost**.
9. **Secular culture** is the term for a culture that does not look beyond this present life and concerns itself only with worldly matters..
10. A gathering of all the bishops of the world, in which they exercise their authority as successors to the Apostles, is called an **ecumenical council**.

monotheism  
philosophy  
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iconography  
heresy  
City of God  
atheist  
mendicant  
secular culture  
Acts of the Apostles

Part 2: Write “T” if the statement is completely true. Write “F” if it is even partly false.

- T** 1. When Jesus said he wanted to “cast fire upon the earth” (Lk 12:49), he revealed his desire to send the Holy Spirit into the hearts of his followers.
- F** 2. Protestants maintain full communion with the Church under the pope and accept the same number of Old Testament books as divinely inspired as the Church.

- T**   3. The core difference between Christianity and Islam is that Muslims reject the Incarnation—that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God made man.
- F**   4. The Church is not the fulfillment of God’s plan to gather people from every race, nation, and tongue into one family and save them from their sins.
- T**   5. The early Church embraced a philosophy that sought imitation of Christ and true contemplation of the wisdom of God.
- T**   6. By saying “Why do you persecute me?” to Saul on the road to Damascus, Jesus revealed that the Church is the Body of Christ.
- F**   7. Benedictine monasteries were never the primary centers of evangelization in pagan Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire.
- T**   8. According to Saint Augustine, the City of God is an *eternal* city because it is secure in Heaven, populated by angels and saints, and an *earthly* city because it exists in its pilgrim form on earth in the Church.
- T**   9. The Church needs reform for two reasons: (1) the Church is made up of fallen and imperfect humans, and (2) to announce the Gospel and unchanging truths of the faith with fresh clarity to new generations and changing situations.
- T**   10. The twentieth century saw more martyrdoms than all the previous nineteen centuries combined.

### Part 3: Answer the reflection question.

You have just accompanied the Church on her journey from her birth at Pentecost, through various challenges and persecutions—and times of both conflict and peace—up to the present day. In this journey, we can see the Church as beginning from a tiny seed and growing into a healthy, flourishing tree. But there are also times, such as the present day, when this tree must stand strong against heavy winds and violent storms. Our Creator, in his wisdom, chooses the members of the Church as instruments to keep this tree preserved from damage and to cultivate its greater flourishing. How do you plan to open yourself to the Holy Spirit and live as an instrument of both preserving and building up the Body of Christ?

**Answers may vary.**

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