

6. **Bible Fact #2.** The NT Church could not have existed during the lifetime of Jesus. Why? Jesus had to die (Acts 20:28) to purchase it. (Eph 5:23) “*Christ is the _____ of the _____: and he is the _____ of the _____*” and (Col 1:18) “*he is the _____ of the _____, the _____.*” Jesus shed his blood in His death (Jn 19:34) and (Heb 9:22) “*without shedding of _____ is no _____.*” The NT Church couldn’t exist before Jesus bought it with His shed blood.
7. **Bible Fact #3.** The NT Church couldn’t exist before Jesus’ generation saw it come with power. Jesus foretold (Mk 9:1) that it was imminent (ie: at hand) and many then living wouldn’t die “*till they have _____ the _____ of _____ come with _____,*” or (Mt 16:28) “*till they _____ the Son of man _____ in his _____.*” This occurred on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) just a couple of months after the crucifixion of Jesus. Until something arrives it isn’t there.
8. **Some Basic Facts** The Bible teaches us (a) that Jesus lived and died under the Law of Moses and that (b) the Jews had been God’s chosen people and were the ones prepared (ie: made ready) for the Age of Christ, first by John the Baptizer, then by Jesus, for several years prior to the actual establishment (Acts 2) of the NT Church. The prophecy of (Isa 40:3) was fulfilled in this brief period as recorded in (Mt 3, Mk 1 & Lk 3) with the words, “*_____ ye the _____ of the _____.*” (c) Those Jews that believed and received (Mk 1:4) “*the baptism of _____ for the _____ of sins*” were approved of God and ready to be “set in” the NT Church once it came.
9. **The Prepared State Of Approval** Jesus was baptized (Mt 3:15) to “*fulfil all _____*” and provide (1 Pet 2:21) “*an _____.*” The Apostles (Jn 3:22-23) had received the baptism of John and baptized others. Every sincere pre-Pentecost (Acts 2) recipient of the baptism of John was fully prepared to be a “charter member” of the NT Church the instant God endowed the Apostles with (Lk 24:49) “*with _____ from on _____.*”
10. **Back To Bible Facts** It is a fact that when Jesus began to call out those (Lk 6:13) “*whom also he _____ apostles*” that these twelve, and the other disciples from whom they were chosen, would constitute the “ground floor” of the church. So would their converts who submitted to the baptism of John and lived circumspectly. It is a fact that no one could be IN the church until it existed. It couldn’t and didn’t exist until it was divinely empowered on Pentecost (Acts 2).
11. **What Does This Mean?** The recipients of John’s preparatory baptism before Pentecost Day had no need of rebaptism. They were already “made ready.” That was the purpose of the baptism of John. Some understand this much and conclude that since these “made ready” Jewish believers will/did constitute what we describe herein as the “ground floor” of the NT Church that they were already IN the church. One can “get ready” to be legally married but he/she cannot be IN wedlock until the governing requirements are met. The church (ie: members) is the spiritual bride of Christ and is called (Rev 21:9) “*the Lamb’s _____.*” There is no marriage until Almighty God recognizes it. God recognized the consummation of Christ and the NT Church on Pentecost Day (Acts 2) when His prophecies were fulfilled and His miraculous p-o-w-e-r came (Refer to Q#7).

Read All Choices And Circle The Best Answer

12. The “ground floor” consisted of? **Gentiles** two of these recipients John’s baptism **Jews**
13. Jesus called the twelve? **to dinner** into Samaria **apostles** infrequently
14. The NT Church existed? **before power came** before marriage before 67 AD before Pentecost
15. The Church? **different from kingdom** came without power same as kingdom is imaginary
16. At hand means? **light years away** very close somewhere in perpetuity out of reach
17. Church existed? **before Moses** during Law of Moses after Moses before and after Moses
18. The Kingdom? **worldly** quasi-spiritual future and material present and spiritual