

Martin Luther Quiz

1. Which famous person was named after Martin Luther?
A. Muhammad Ali B. Genghis Khan C. Marilyn Monroe D. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. Martin Luther read in the Bible in the book of **Romans** that we are “saved” by:
A. Opening lots of savings accounts & having lots of money in the stock market
B. Sliding into home plate just ahead of the throw
C. Backing up our computer files
D. God’s grace and not our own works
3. Martin Luther said that as we read the Bible we *generally* interpret most of the things we read in one of two ways. These would be:
A. Icky or good-to-eat
B. Fashion-wise or fashion-disasters
C. Above sea level or below sea level
D. Law or Gospel
4. Martin Luther wanted every family to have a small booklet that they would read and that parents would use to instruct their children. This small booklet was called:
A. Harvey Pennick’s Little Red Book for golfers
B. Martha Stewart’s hot stock tips for investors
C. TV Guide
D. Martin Luther’s Small Catechism
5. In Luther’s Small Catechism which of the following is mentioned?
A. The New York Yankees’ salaries and payroll for last year.
B. The list of Super Bowl wins by the Minnesota Vikings.
C. Nostrodamus’ predictions for the millennium.
D. The Ten Commandments, The Apostle’s Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Sacrament of Holy Communion, The Office of the Keys, Confession
6. Martin Luther was which of the following?
A. Bishop B. Knight C. Pawn D. “Hey, hey, I’m a *monk-eee!*”
7. What did Martin Luther nail to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517?
A. 95 Halloween costumes he wanted to return
B. 95 Christmas decorations he was already putting up to beat the rush
C. 95 names of the most sinful people he knew and what their sins were
D. 95 *theses* or statements about specific things the church was doing that he didn’t like
8. These were all part of the original 95 theses. Which surprises you the most?
#1 “When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said ‘Repent’, He called for the entire life of believers to be one of penitence.”

#27 “There is no divine authority for preaching that the soul flies out of purgatory immediately the money clinks in the bottom of the chest.”

#36 “Any Christian whatsoever, who is truly repentant, enjoys plenary remission from penalty and guilt, and this is given him without letters of indulgence.”

#82 “Why does not the pope liberate everything from purgatory for the sake of love (a most holy thing) and because of the supreme necessity of their souls? This would be morally the best of all reasons. Meanwhile he redeems innumerable souls for money, a most perishable thing, with which to build St. Peter’s church, a very minor purpose.”

9. A little boy in a Sunday School class was asked if he could name the Ten Commandments in any order. He said, “Sure. 4, 8, 2, 9, 3, 1, 7, 10, 6, 5.” Can you do better? Here are the Ten Commandments. Can you put them in correct order?

- A. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor’s.
- B. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- C. You shall not commit adultery.
- D. Honor your father and your mother.
- E. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- F. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
- G. You shall not steal.
- H. You shall not kill.
- I. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.
- J. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods.

10. This is a quote from Martin Luther’s Preface to the Small Catechism.

“The deplorable conditions which I recently encountered when I was a visitor constrained me to prepare this brief and simple catechism or statement of Christian teaching. Good God, what wretchedness I beheld! The common people, especially those who live in the country, have no knowledge whatever of Christian teaching, and unfortunately many pastors are quite incompetent and unfitted for teaching. Although the people are supposed to be Christian, are baptized, and receive the holy sacrament, they do not know the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments, they live as if they were pigs and irrational beasts, and now that the Gospel has been restored they have mastered the fine art of abusing liberty.” p. 338, The Book of Concord

How would you respond to Martin Luther?

- A. I agree with the part about incompetent pastors.
- B. What does he mean about the Gospel being restored?
- C. Did I mention the incompetent pastors yet?
- D. Ouch. “Same old—same old.”