

## FAITH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ FOR ADULT

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"The Advent Season"

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1. The word, "Advent" comes from a Latin word which means:
  - a. prepare yourselves for the Lord;
  - b. get ready for Christmas;
  - c. the coming of someone or something.
  - d. the beginning of the year.
2. In the Advent Season we spiritually prepare for:
  - a. the birth of Christ at Christmas;
  - b. the coming of Christ at the end of the world;
  - c. the birth of Christ at Christmas and the coming of Christ at the end of the world;
  - d. the end of life on earth.
3. The First Sunday of Advent for Christians marks:
  - a. the special Season of penance before Christmas;
  - b. the joyful time of expectation for the birth of Christ;
  - c. the preparation time for Christmas;
  - d. the beginning of a New Church Year.
4. Before it was made into a Christian symbol, the Advent Wreath was:
  - a. a pagan ritualistic magic wheel of time;
  - b. a Roman calendar wheel;
  - c. a Jewish traditional wheel of fortune;
  - d. a Babylonian crystal ball.
5. The Advent Season is divided into two sections of two weeks each. In the first two weeks
  - a. we reflect on the coming of Christ at His birth;
  - b. we reflect on the coming of Christ at the end of time;
  - c. we reflect on Mary, the mother of Jesus;
  - d. we reflect on the Annunciation story in the Gospels.
6. Of the four candles placed on the wreath,
  - a. three are royal purple and one is pink;
  - b. three are violet and one is pink;
  - c. three are red and one is white;
  - d. all of them are Christmas white.
7. In our Advent hymns we call Jesus, "Emmanuel", which means:
  - a. "The Messiah";
  - b. "The Lord is coming";
  - c. "God is with us";
  - d. "The Son of David".

8. The pink candle on the Advent wreath is lighted on:
- a. the fourth Sunday of Advent;
  - b. the third Sunday of Advent;
  - c. the first Sunday of Advent;
  - d. Christmas Eve.
9. Although it was later changed, the Advent Season, at first, began on:
- a. December 1;
  - b. December 8;
  - c. November 1;
  - d. November 11.
10. In the Church calendar, Advent is known as:
- a. "a period of penance and reconciliation";
  - b. "a period of devout and joyful expectation";
  - c. "a time for joyful anxiety";
  - d. the four week calendar which leads to the Birth of Christ.
11. A wreath is rarely, if ever, used during the Season of Advent in,
- a. northern Europe;
  - b. Scandinavia;
  - c. southern Europe (Greece, Italy, Portugal or Spain)
  - d. the United States .
12. The third Sunday of Advent is better known as:
- a. "Preparation for Christmas" Sunday;
  - b. "Immaculate Conception" Sunday;
  - c. "Gaudete" or "Joyful" Sunday;
  - d. "Holy Family" Sunday.

### CORRECT ANSWERS

1. **c.** Of course, that "someone" is Christ Himself, the Saviour and Judge of the world.
2. **c.** Christians reflect on both "comings of Christ" in Advent, the first and the last.
3. **d.** New Year's Day on the Church calendar is always celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent and not on the secular day of January 1.
4. **a.** It was used during the dark of winter in a pagan ritual to entice the days to get longer.
5. **b.** This is why the Mass Readings during these first 2 weeks of Advent always refer to the end times and the second coming of Christ.
6. **a.** Royal purple for Christ the King is the Advent colour. Penitential violet is used in Lent.
7. **c.** As was prophesied by Isaiah the Prophet (Is. 7:14) "They shall name Him Emmanuel".
8. **b.** It marks the end of our preparation for the second coming of Christ and begins the preparation for His first coming at Christmas.
9. **d.** Advent always began on the same day each year - November 11 (the feastday of St. Martin of Tours) and lasted 6 weeks to Christmas. It was shortened to 4 weeks in 601 A.D.
10. **b.** We devoutly and joyfully await to celebrate the anniversary of His birth and look forward to His second coming as King & Judge.
11. **c.** It was only used in northern Europe.
12. **c.** We "joyfully" focus on the Birth of Christ