

PREFACE:

1. Who wrote the preface?

a. _____

2. "Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbours was to _____ and _____ the _____ that has been _____ to nearly all Christians at _____ times."

3. "Our _____ should never be discussed except in the presence of those who have already come to believe that _____ and that Jesus Christ is His _____."

4. Explaining why he does not tackle areas of doctrinal disagreement between Christian denominations, Lewis says, "... I am not writing expound something I could call 'my _____, but to expound ' _____ Christianity, which is what it is and what it was long before I was born and whether I _____ it or _____."

5. Extra credit: What do you think about his statement that, "...one of the things Christians are disagreed about is the importance of their disagreements."

a. _____

6. Lewis concluded that this book, Mere Christianity, "... did at least succeed in presenting an _____, or _____, or _____, or 'mere' Christianity."

7. Extra credit: Has the word *Christian* become a useless word? Why or why not?

a. _____

8. So, what does the name *Christian* mean as Lewis uses it in this book?

a. _____

9. Extra credit: Speaking of the meaning of words, how would you respond to someone who says, "You can't believe anything someone writes or says about anything."?

a. _____

10. Extra credit: What do you think of the statement, "When a man who accepts the Christian doctrine lives unworthily of it, it is much clearer to say he is a bad Christian than to say he is not a Christian."?

a. _____

b. _____

11. Lewis compares this book to a 'hall' from which you can enter any of a number of 'doors' leading to 'rooms'. What does he mean by that?

a. _____

12. Extra credit: In practical, real life terms, what would be a situation where someone might spend some time 'waiting' in the hall? When and why is it important that she choose a 'door' and enter a 'room'?

a. _____

13. Some prudent advice as Lewis concludes the preface: "When you have reached your own room, be kind to those who have chosen _____ and to those who are still in the _____. If they are wrong they need your _____ all the more; and if they are your enemies, then you are under _____ to _____ for them."

FOREWORD:

1. Who wrote the foreword?

a. _____

2. Why was Lewis asked to give a series of wartime broadcasts on Christian faith?

a. _____

3. "Asked by the BBC to explain to his fellow Britons what Christians believe, C. S. Lewis proceeded with the task as if it were the _____ thing in the world, and also the most _____."

4. The writer of the foreword goes on to consider the state of the world today: "Our declaring the notion of sin to be _____ has not diminished human _____. And the easy answers: blaming technology, or, for that matter, the world's _____, have not solved the problem. The problem, C. S. Lewis insists, is _____. And the _____ and _____ generation of which the psalmists and prophets spoke many thousands of years ago is our own, whenever we _____ to systemic and individual _____ as if doing so were our only alternative."

5. "C. S. Lewis ... was once described by a friend as a man in love with the _____ ..."

6. Like Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer, "Lewis seeks ... to help us see the religion with fresh eyes, as a _____ faith whose adherents might be likened to an _____ group gathering in a _____ zone, a place where _____ seems to have the upper hand, to hear messages of _____ from the other side."

7. In closing the foreword, we're told that Lewis's "mere" Christianity ... is not a _____ or even a _____ ... It is a way of _____, ..."

8. Extra credit: Explain the statement in the previous question (question 7)?

a. _____

9. "It is what Christ asked of us in taking _____ our _____, sanctifying our flesh, and asking us in turn to _____ God to _____. If the world would make this seem a hopeless task, Lewis insists that it is not. ... that God is well aware of 'what a _____ machine you are trying to _____,' and asks only that you 'keep on, [doing] the _____ you can.' "
10. "The Christianity Lewis espouses is _____, but not _____: it asks us to recognize that the great religious struggle is not fought on a spectacular battleground, but within the _____ human _____, ... [and every day] we must decide what sort of _____ we wish to be."