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Chapter 2 Reading Guide

Introduction

Circle the correct answer.

- When the Church was just beginning, the only way to communicate over long distances was by _____.
a. phone call b. letter c. smoke signals
- Letters were often used to communicate when a community was having _____.
a. an important football game b. fireworks c. some kind of trouble
- Many of the early letters of Saint Paul and other Church leaders are now part of _____.
a. the Old Testament b. the New Testament c. government records

Understanding the New Testament Letters

Complete the sentences.

- The New Testament Letters usually begin with a _____ that includes the names of the writer and the recipient.
- The body of the letter addresses the writer's main _____.
- The letter concludes with personal messages, followed by a _____.
- We have to make an _____ about the concerns the New Testament Letters were responding to.

Themes in the Letters of Saint Paul

Complete the sentences.

- Paul's letters provided _____ and _____ to communities that had problems.
- Paul helped Christians understand that Jesus' death by _____ was necessary for our _____ to be forgiven.
- Paul explained that Jesus came to save not just the Jews but _____.



Themes in the Other Letters

Complete the sentences.

1. People had _____ and different _____ about how to live as a Christian.
2. Peter's first letter addressed the _____ that the first Christians experienced for living their _____ .
3. The Letter of James addresses the concern of living our faith with _____ .
4. The whole First Letter of John talks about the importance of _____ .
5. The New Testament Letters provide guidance for people of every _____ and _____ .



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Chapter 2 Quiz

Multiple Choice

Write the letter of the best answer in the space provided before each number.

- _____ 1. Where can the letters of Paul and other Church leaders be found?
- Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - government archives
- _____ 2. How many epistles are in the New Testament?
- 10
 - 613
 - 21
- _____ 3. Because we don't have the original messages that prompted the letter writers, we often have to _____ about the concerns of the early Christian churches.
- stop reading
 - give up trying to learn
 - make educated guesses
- _____ 4. What is the Greek word that means "letter"?
- resurrection
 - epistle
 - Gentile
- _____ 5. Which of the following is the conviction that not only our soul but also our transformed bodies will live on after death?
- resurrection
 - Gentiles
 - epistle



Fill in the Blank

Read the words in the word bank. Write the letter of the word that completes each sentence in the space provided before each number.

- _____ 6. Saint Paul helped Christians understand Jesus' death by crucifixion and our belief in the _____ of the body.
- _____ 7. Saint Paul explained that God's plan is for all people and that the Gentiles need not become _____ to be saved.
- _____ 8. The letter writers of the New Testament helped resolve _____ that naturally arose among new Christians and their communities.
- _____ 9. The New Testament letters provide guidance for _____ in the first century and today.
- _____ 10. Paul and other evangelists reached out to the _____ , baptizing them into the family of God.

- a. Jewish
- b. Gentiles
- c. Christians
- d. misunderstandings
- e. resurrection

