



Colonial Beach
BAPTIST CHURCH
A Lighthouse for God

God's Tests

*"The LORD your God is testing you
to see if you love him with all your heart and soul."
(Deuteronomy 13:3 NLT)*

Christianity is not just a mind game played for entertainment – Higher Education is serious business! Life is a battery of tests designed to bring out your true colors.

My **intelligence test** determines your spiritual IQ; it indicates whether you're wise or just smart. If you learn My way, you'll become a new person from the inside out.

My **practical test** reveals how far you will go in obeying Me. To make a passing grade, you must do more than ponder My Word . . . translate it into action in everyday relationships.

My **authenticity test** checks the sincerity of your love for Me. To prove your love, devote yourself to Me 24/7. This essay question will take a long time to answer; in fact, it will take the entire course of your life. To give evidence of your genuine love ~ follow Me closely, seek to bring others to Me, carry your cross daily, value My friendship above all things, and keep your mind in tune with Truth.

My **cross-examination** demands the ultimate in introspection. Look within to verify the authenticity of your faith. If you see no evidence Christ lives in you, you fail heaven's most critical test. This is a True/False question -- it demands an either/or response. Either you have Christ in your heart, or you do not. What's your final answer?

My **daily quiz** tests your motives. If you do what you should, you'll enjoy the fulfillment of doing quality work for the right reason. There's no need to compare yourself with others; follow Christ's example and do your best for him. At the end of the day, that's all that matters.

My **endurance test** gauges perseverance through severity. Time educates for eternity by strengthening character. You're a student in Adversity University - never disenroll. You're running in Faith Marathon -- don't quit. Ignore sideline distractions . . . focus on Jesus. Start to finish, rely on the Spirit Wind for adrenaline. Hold on to Me for dear life.

My **final exam** will inspect your life's building materials. Fiery judgment will incinerate inferior work. Quality construction will shine brightly forever. Don't aim just to survive . . . graduate with honor!

