

Sunday August 30, 2026

This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines, typical of notebook paper. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

POP QUIZ

1. **What was John the Baptizer's God-appointed role?**
 - A. To establish a new priesthood
 - B. To replace Moses as Israel's lawgiver
 - C. To prepare Israel for the arrival of its King
 - D. To organize the first Christian church

2. **What message did John the Baptizer proclaim?**
 - A. Prosperity comes through obedience
 - B. Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near
 - C. Israel must overthrow the Roman government
 - D. Religious reform will bring salvation

3. **How was John's greatness most clearly demonstrated?**
 - A. Through the large crowds that followed him
 - B. Through the miracles he performed
 - C. Through his willingness to become smaller so Christ would be seen as greater
 - D. Through his knowledge of the Mosaic Law

4. **What did John mean when he said Jesus "existed before" him?**
 - A. Jesus began His ministry before John
 - B. Jesus was physically older than John
 - C. Jesus had previously served as a prophet
 - D. Jesus existed eternally before His birth in Bethlehem

5. **What does the Greek word *charis* mean?**
 - A. Judgment, punishment, or condemnation
 - B. Wisdom, knowledge, or understanding
 - C. Grace, favor, or a freely given gift
 - D. Law, commandment, or regulation

6. **What does the expression "grace upon grace" describe?**
 - A. A single blessing given at conversion
 - B. A continual and inexhaustible supply of God's grace

- C. A reward earned through faithful obedience
 - D. God overlooking sin without demanding repentance
7. **What did the illustration of successive ocean waves teach about God's grace?**
 - A. Grace is powerful but unpredictable
 - B. Grace is available only during severe trials
 - C. As one need passes and another arrives, fresh grace is already there
 - D. Believers must earn greater grace by stepping out in faith
 8. **Why can Jesus continually provide grace without exhausting His supply?**
 - A. He receives a new supply from faithful believers
 - B. He gives grace only to those who deserve it
 - C. He possesses the entire fullness of God's nature
 - D. He limits the amount of grace each believer receives
 9. **What contrast did the storage tank and natural spring illustrate?**
 - A. The Law is temporary, but creation is eternal
 - B. A storage tank is depleted, but Jesus is an inexhaustible fountain of grace
 - C. Christians must store grace before adversity comes
 - D. God's grace is available only in certain locations
 10. **According to Keypoint #2, how do God's Law and God's grace work differently?**
 - A. The Law diagnoses our sin, while grace provides the cure
 - B. The Law saves Israel, while grace saves the church
 - C. The Law forgives sin, while grace rewards obedience
 - D. The Law and grace provide two separate ways of salvation

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Monday — Christ Must Increase | John 1:15; John 3:30

- In what area of your life are you seeking recognition or control instead of becoming smaller so that the Lord may be seen as greater?
- How can we help one another make much of Jesus rather than drawing attention to ourselves?

Tuesday — Jesus Is the Eternal Son | John 1:15

- How should knowing that Jesus existed eternally before Bethlehem strengthen your worship, obedience, and trust in Him?
- Why does the Lord's eternal existence prove that He is infinitely greater than every prophet, teacher, and religious leader?

Wednesday — Grace Upon Grace | John 1:16

- Where do you need to stop relying on your own strength and receive the Lord's sustaining grace today?
- How have you experienced the Lord providing fresh grace for changing needs and different seasons of life?

Thursday — From Christ's Fullness | John 1:16

Keypoint 1: Jesus will provide grace, but not in the way or in the time you think.

- Are you trusting Jesus to provide the grace you need even when His timing or method differs from what you expected?
- How can we encourage one another to trust the Lord's inexhaustible fullness while waiting for His provision?

Friday — The Law and Grace | John 1:17

Keypoint 2: God's Law diagnoses our sin while God's grace provides the cure.

- What has God's Law revealed about your sin, and how does that revelation lead you to depend completely upon Christ?
- How can we clearly explain that the Law reveals our guilt but only Jesus can save us and give us new life?

Saturday — Jesus Reveals the Father | John 1:18

- Is your understanding of God shaped by Jesus and Scripture, or by tradition, feelings, fears, assumptions, and past experiences?
- What do the character, words, and saving work of Jesus reveal about who God is and how He relates to His people?