



1. a) **Assess the influence of the Parousia upon the life of the early Church Christians.**  
b) **Explain the New Testament understanding about the Parousia.**

Parousia simply refers to the belief in the second coming of Jesus on Earth for Judgment of both the Living and the dead. This belief had both Positive and negative effects.

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**Positive**

- Made many people repent of their sins
- Made apostles intensify preaching
- Caused moral living
- Made them carry out Lord's Supper celebration
- Made Christians to carry out missionary journeys
- Caused anxiety about the day.
- Many lived a hopeful life expecting rewards
- Intensified fellowships
- Prayers and fasting became common
- They carried out charitable works.
- Increased sharing of material wealth
- Its delay led to gospel writing.
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**Negatives**

- False teachers took advantage to give lies
- Others misinterpreted the gospel to their benefit.
- Caused redundancy in work.
- Others failed to marry thinking that it was very soon.
- Delay caused decline in faith.
- Other members back slide.
- Some sold their property becoming poor.
- Caused confusion in families.
- Others subjected themselves to unnecessary suffering.
- Spent more time in prayers than working.
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**b) Explain the New Testament understanding the Parousia.**

- The second coming of Jesus according New Testament is real and near.
- He is coming back to Judge the living and the dead.
- No one knows the day, not even the son but God only.
- There will be great signs before his return e.g Earthquakes, famine, wars e.t.c
- Family disobedience will occur i.e. the father and children will fight.
- Christians are urged to be very alert and watchful to avoid being deceived
- Christians were to remain hopeful for the coming of Messiah
- They were to prepare themselves through repentance of one's sins.
- 1Peter talk of possessing heavenly rich blessings that God has kept for his people.
- 1Peter says God's people will be judged first.
- When Jesus appears as chief shepherd, he will reward the shepherds for the good work done.
- The pagans are to give an account for their life before God.
- The dead will arise to life again before judgment
- The trumpets will be sounded and those who will still be alive will be transformed instantly
- Paul says suffering in this present age cannot be compared to the glory that is going to be revealed on the day of the Lord Rom. 8:18
- On that day God's grace will be revealed to those who share in his glory.
- Paul promises that Jesus would keep them firm up to the end, so that they are free from fault on the day of the Lord.
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**2. a) Comment on the ways Christians in the early church lived.**

- The ways of living of the early Christians can be observed as follows;
- They engaged in fellowship especially in peoples' homes and other convenient places.
- They performed miracles e.g. Peter healed the lame man at the gate of the Jerusalem temple.
- They shared material wealth between the rich and the poor ACTS 4:32.
- They endured persecutions reflecting on the life of Jesus.
- They conducted prayers and fasting both in good and bad moments.
- They went out for missionary journeys e.g. Paul went to Corinth, Galatia and Ephesian.
- They carried out charitable works by helping the vulnerable groups e.g. the orphans, widows and the elders.
- They preached and converted people to Christianity e.g. Peter on a single day converted 3000 people Acts 2.
- They exercised spiritual gifts e.g. prophesying and speaking in different tongues.
- They formed new churches e.g church at Corinth, Galatia.

- They baptized new converts e.g Paul baptized Crispus, Gaius, Stephanus and his family.
- They celebrated the lord's supper in memory of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- They regularly visited one another for comfort and remaining strong in new faith.
- Some wrote down the Gospels and letters e.g; Mark, Mathew, John and Luke, Corinthians, Galatians, James etc.
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**b) How has the modern church been influenced by the way of life of the early church?**

- They preach the Good News.
- They baptize new converts.
- They perform miracles.
- They establish churches.
- Christians compose Christian songs.
- They share both financial and material possessions
- They engage in prayer and fasting
- They also engage in fellowships
- They offer guidance and counseling to their flocks.
- They engage in missionary journeys.
- They share the holy Eucharist.
- Christians offer catechital services to the newly converted
- They carry out charitable works to the poor, widow, orphans e.t.c. e.g. compassion Uganda.
- They carry out pilgrimages e.g. to Namugongo.
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**3. a) Explain the significance of the Lord's Supper celebrated between Jesus and his disciples in mark's gospel.**

- It concurred with Passover feast which was a reminder of what the Lord did for the Israelites in Egypt.
- It involved taking bread which symbolized body of Jesus.
- Taking of wine standing for Jesus' blood shed on the cross to set man free from sin.
- It promoted sense of sharing among the disciples.
- It formed one of the central aspects of worship.
- It provided an opportunity for Jesus to expose his betrayer i.e. Judas Escariot.
- It signified the Humanity of Jesus because he ate bread and took wine witnessed by fellow disciples
- It indicated the divine nature of Jesus since he was able to protect his deast and the betrayer.
- It promoted sense of unity and the brotherhood
- It made them come up with the new covenant between man and God through Jesus.
- It strengthened their faith for Jesus as a center of their belief.
- It showed the importance of praise and singing for the Lord.
- It exposed Jesus as the long awaited messiah of mankind.
- It marked the climaxing events in Jesus' public ministry, there after he died.
- It showed Jesus as the suffering servant of God in fulfillment of Isaiah 53
- It fulfilled the O.T scriptures especially Jeremiah 31:31-35 about the new covenant to be made.
- It inaugurated the reconciliation between God and sinful mankind to be forgiven.
- Indicated the coming joy and happiness in coming kingdom of God.
- It signified God's love for mankind to give his own son.
- It strengthened the believers' hope for eternal life.
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**b) Explain how the event is celebrated among the Christians today.**

- The practice varies from one religious denomination to another.
- Catholics regularly carry out the Lord's supper for most of meeting times.
- Protestant carry out the Lord's Supper once in the month but local churches may take long.
- In most cases churches, it is celebrated on Easter days, good Fridays and Christmas day.
- On this day, bread is eaten to symbolize the body of Jesus
- Wine is also taken to signify blood of Jesus.
- In the celebration, the event is presided over by religious leaders e.g. Reverends, Pastor, Bishops e.t.c

- The bread is dipped in wine and given to the celebrants to eat in remembrance of Jesus' death.
- In Catholics and Protestants, the practice is carried out only by baptized and confirmed, however in Pentecostal all can take.
- The scriptures are read in memory of what Jesus told his disciples.
- Christians are always encouraged to cross examine themselves before partaking the bread and wine.
- Songs and hymns are also sung to accompany the Lord's Supper.
- In Adventist churches, there is washing of one another's feet before taking the meal like what Jesus did to his disciples.
- In Adventist churches and some Pentecostal churches, they use juice or soda to symbolize blood.
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**4. a) Comment on the Eschatological discourse as presented in the gospel of Mark...**

**(Mk 13:1-37)**

- Eschatological teaching deals with last things to happen before the end of The age. Mark makes the following comment on this Hence:-
- Jesus advises the leaders and disciples to be on the alert to avoid being deceived.
- Many men will rise up claiming to be speaking for Jesus
- He says don't be troubled when you hear the noise of battles from far and near.
- Countries will fight each other.
- Kingdoms will attack one another.
- There will be earthquakes everywhere.
- There will be famine.
- Many things will be like the first pain of child birth.
- Many will be arrested and taken to courts.
- Many will be beaten innocently in synagogues
- He encouraged them to continue preaching the gospel to all people before the end was to come.
- There will be family disobedience where fathers will turn against their children and vice versa.
- He says it will be terrible for pregnant women and those with little babies.
- The troubles of those last days will be far worse than the world has ever known since the creation of the universe.
- False prophets and Messiah will appear with the ability to perform miracles.
- The sun will grow dark and the moon will no longer shine and stars will fall down from heaven.
- The son of mankind will appear in clouds coming with great power, glory and will send anger to the four corners of world.

- Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of God will never pass away.
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**b) The relevance of the above events include the following:-**

- They should be alert about the false teachers of the world.
- They should be patient because the final victory of the kingdom of god has not yet come.
- They expect the second coming of Jesus Christ anytime.
- They should be prepared to face trial before the end of the world.
- They should seek heavenly wisdom to identify the false teachers.
- They should acknowledge Jesus as a long awaited Messiah.
- They should prepare for the end of the world.
- They should repent for their sin as they wait for the day.
- They should continue preaching the gospel as they wait for the end of the world.
- They should expect rewards on the day of the Lord.
- They should promote unity and peace among families and countries.
- They should be physically and emotionally stable.
- They should expect Jesus to appear in the great glory.
- They should guard against the influence of false teachers.
- They should believe in the word of God because all will pass away but the word will remain.
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**5. a) Examine how the gospel of Mark presents Jesus as a perfect king, a prophet and a messiah.**

**A- Jesus as a King**

- Jesus is presented as a descendant of King David.
- During the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, he rode on a colt indicating that he was the prince of peace.
- During the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, people laid cloaks and leaves on either side of the streets to welcome him to the royal city.
- He was anointed with an expensive perfume at Bethany by a woman the way the kings of Israel
- Were anointed.
- During his trial, Pilate asked him whether he was the king of the Jews and his answer confirmed it.

- Jesus normally referred to himself as the Lord of the Sabbath.
- James and John's request to sit side by side with him in his glorious kingdom showed he was a king.
- The notice on the cross was "Jesus the King of the Jews" hence a king.
- Bind Bartmaeus called him as the son of David.
- Jesus is one who had come to bring total liberation of his people from suffering.
- He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand side of God.
- He perfected the law because he was a King.
- He preached about the kingdom of God.
- He majestically cleaned the Jerusalem temple because he is a King.
- Pilate asked Jesus what they wanted to do with the one they called the King of the Jews.
- The soldiers mocked Jesus by calling him as "long live the king of Jews".
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### **B- JESUS AS A PROPHET.**

- Jesus was chosen and sent by God.
- He was God's spokesman who preached his word.
- During the eschatological discourse, he predicts what would happen in future.
- He predicted his own death and the kind of death he would face.
- The evil spirit confessed that Jesus was God's holy messenger at Capernaum hence a prophet.
- He predicted Judas Iscariot's betrayal.
- During the transfiguration event, Moses and Elijah appeared standing besides him implying he was a fellow prophet.
- He called people to turn away from their sins.
- He cursed a fig tree as a prophet and it dried completely.
- Some people referred to him as either Elijah or Moses or one of the prophets.
- He never received payment for his work.
- He was persecuted by the religious leaders just as the Old Testament prophets were persecuted.
- He commanded his disciples where to find a colt that was to be used during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
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### **C- JESUS AS A MESSIAH.**

- Jesus' coming was a fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures.
- During his baptism the Holy Spirit came upon him in form of a dove.
- God's voice declared him as his beloved son.
- John the Baptist prepared the way for his coming.
- John the Baptist said that Jesus was far greater than him that he was not even fit to untie his sandals.
- Jesus performed miracles of nature.
- He performed miracles of healing incurable diseases.
- He performed miracles of exorcism.
- He performed miracles of raising the dead to life.
- He performed miracles of showing his power over nature.
- Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah.
- The transfiguration event of Jesus clearly showed that he was the Messiah.
- Jesus resurrected from death.
- He was the suffering servant predicted in the book of Isaiah 53.
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**6. Jesus said to his disciples, "I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you yet a little while, and the world will see me no more but you will see me" John 14:18-19 RSV.**

**a) Explain the meaning of this statement;**

- It meant that Jesus would soon return to his father.
- It meant Jesus' death and resurrection.
- It meant that Jesus would appear to his disciples before he ascended to heaven.
- It meant that Jesus would send a comforter (Holy Spirit) to his disciples.
- It meant that Jesus had handed over his disciples to his father's hands or control.
- It meant that the disciples had failed to understand him i.e. Judas Iscariot asked why Jesus would not reveal himself to the world but only to the disciples.
- Jesus was instructing his disciples to keep his commandments.
- It meant that Jesus would soon come back.
- It meant that Jesus was instructing the disciples to carry on with the work of preaching his father's word.
- It meant that Jesus had completed his ministry on earth.
- It meant that Jesus was a son of God, for he would go back to his father.
- It meant that Jesus was preparing his disciples for a ministry a head of them.
- It meant Jesus' love for mankind i.e. he was not completely abandon them but a suitable comfort was to come.
- It meant Jesus was divine and time; he was to go back to his heavenly father who sent him.



- It brought out the great intimacy Jesus had with his disciples i.e the world would not see him but the disciples would see him.
- It also meant that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah who had come save mankind.

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**b) What are the manifestations of God's presence amongst Christians today?**

- Through miracles.
- Through prayers.
- Gifts of the holy spirit e.g. speaking in different tongues, prophecy e.t.c
- Love among Christians.
- Dreams.
- Through messengers e.g. priest, pastors' visions during retreats.
- By answering prayer requests
- Unity of the church
- Relative peace in the world.
- Good health among Christians
- Constructing churches.
- Evangelism.
- Presence of wealthy Christians.
- Saving some people from terrible accidents.
- Direct revelations to people.
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**7. a) Discuss the meaning of the Jesus' healing the crippled man at the pool of Bethzatha.**

**b) Show how Jesus continues to heal people today.**

- The water at the pool signified the ideal of healing power.
- It meant Jesus as the long awaited Messiah who had come to heal mankind.
- The 38 years the crippled man spent down meant the 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert.
- It meant God's love for mankind manifested through his son Jesus Christ.
- It brought Jesus as the son of god because he refers to the heavenly Supreme as his father.
- It increased hostility towards Jesus as his ministry because of working on the Sabbath and calling himself son of God.
- It also meant that Sabbath was not only a holly day but also could be used to do the will of the father.

- It indicated Jesus as the servant of mankind because he was shown to be at work.
- It increased the faith of the people who were present and witnessed the event.
- It brought out the divinity of Jesus because he was able to heal just by the word of mouth.
- Humanity of Jesus was also manifested because he was sympathetic with man and healed him.
- It showed Jesus as the source of Joy and happiness.
- It signified Jesus' powerfulness over all kinds of sickness.
- Jesus was shown as the Lord of the Sabbath because he had the powers to use it in the way he wishes.
- It also brought the ineffectiveness of Judaism as reflected in the long period of 38 years in bondage until Jesus' intervention.
- It meant the fulfillment of the Old Testament scriptures especially Isaiah 35:4-6
- It also revealed the glory of God on the Universe.
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**b) How Jesus continues to heal people today can be observed below;**

- Many sick people are prayed for and get healed
- Some Pastors and Rev. Fathers have the powers chase out demons from the people.
- With God powers the lame, blind and deaf have been healed.
- Through personal prayers and fasting people are able to overcome problems.
- In times of sorrow reference is made to Jesus' passion stories and people are consoled psychologically.
- Other people by God's grace survive terrible accidents.
- Through the trained doctors and nurses, Jesus is able to heal his people.
- In some instance the local herbalists also call upon Jesus for their medicine to be effective in the healing process e.g. Namutebi A.K maamaFiina
- Other people visit Namugongo and others churches like Synagogue church for Pastor Kakande for the healing water in Jesus' name.
- Others visit hospitals and Prisons to pray for them and anoint them to overcome their sickness.
- Jesus has also delivered people from some social evils e.g. Alcoholism, drug addiction and sexual immoralities.
- Others through prayers have been healed of poverty.
- Jesus also heals his people out of wars, diseases and other natural calamities.
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**8. a) Women were good disciples of Jesus as reflected in the Gospel of Mark and John.**

**Do you agree?**

Give reasons for your answer.

- **Yes women were good disciples as seen in Mark's gospel.**
  - It was Mary who mothered Jesus.
  - The bleeding woman brought out the powerful effect of faith by touching Jesus' garment and was healed instantly. Mark 5:25
  - The raising of Jairus' daughter presented Jesus as the messiah Mk5. 35 – 38.
  - The raising of Jairus' daughter gave hope for life after death. Mark 5:35-38
  - The Phoenician woman also showed a lot of faith in Jesus and begged him to heal her daughter. Mark 6:7:24
  - The healing of the Phoenician daughter brought up the universal nature of Jesus. Mark 7:24
  - Jesus praised the poor widow for the generous offering Mark 12:41
  - The anointment of Jesus by a woman at Bethany was to be preached and told in memory of her. Mark 13
  - The slave girl exposed the hypocrisy of Peter that he denied Jesus three times. Mark 14:68
  - Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of the young James and Joseph and Salome followed Jesus to the cross Mark 16:1
  - The Angel of the Lord instructed the three women i.e. Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of young James and Salome to inform the disciples about the Jesus' resurrection Mark 16:1
  - Jesus appeared to Magdalene after his resurrection.
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**John's Gospel**

- Mary mothered Jesus the savior.
- Mary mother of Jesus provoked Jesus into making a sign of turning water into wine at Cana John 4:1
- The Samaritan woman caused the reconciliation between the Jews and the Samaritans. John 4:1.
- The Samaritan woman confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, a teacher and a prophet which attracted people (Samaritan) to follow Jesus John 8:1
- Jesus' saving the adulterous woman sowed the seed of forgiveness among Christians. John 8:1
- The raising of Lazarus from the dead was upon the faith of Mary and Martha. John 11
- Jesus was anointed by Mary in preparation for his death John 12:1
- The slave girl created an opportunity to expose the hypocrisy of Peter that he denied Jesus three times.

- Mary Magdalene witnessed the empty tomb of Jesus and alerted Simon Peter and the beloved disciples.
- Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene after his resurrection and the information spread.
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**b) Justify the view that women can effectively spread the Good News today.**

- Women preach the gospel e.g. Pastor Imelda Namutebi, Irene Manjeri, Joyce Meyers.
- Women are great ushers in churches.
- Women are compassionate to the suffering e.g. they visit hospitals and prisons for prayers.
- Women perform miracles e.g. Namutebi and Manjeri.
- Women have constructed churches as shelters for God's flocks e.g. Rebecca Majwega, Namutebi of Liberty worship center, Manjeri of Bethel healing center.
- Women compose songs for Praise and worship e.g. Judith Babirye, Jackie Ssenyongae.t.c
- They convert men (husbands) to Christianity
- They lead fellowships in homes.
- They are role models in repentances, fasting and prayers.
- They clean and decorate churches.
- They form charity organizations e.g. UWESO.
- Women contribute financially to the development of the church through offertories, tithes, pledges, thanksgiving e.t.c.
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**9. a) Examine Paul's teaching on the use of sexual immorality among the Corinthians.**

**b) To what extent is Paul's teaching relevant to Ugandan Christians today.**

- **On the account of sexual immoralities, Paul majorly deals with Incest and Prostitution as noted below.**

#### **On Incest.**

- He completely discourages people from getting involved because even pagans would be guilty of it.
- Condemns them for being proud of such an act in the church.
- He says they should instead be filled with sadness.
- He said Incest people should be expelled from the society.
- He says such a man should be handed to Satan for his body to be destroyed and soul/spirit be saved on the day of judgment.
- Their influence need to be eliminated because a little bit of yeast makes the whole batch of dough rise.
- While celebrating the Lord's Supper, such individuals were not to be brought on the table.
- He also makes reference to the earlier communication where they were discouraged from associating with the immoral people.
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- **Other forms of immoralities including Adultery, prostitution, drunkardness etc.**

- He says it was none of his business to pass judgment to Pagans, God would judge them for their conduct.
- He encourages them to judge members of their own fellowships.
- He says though he was not with them physically he had already passed judgment spiritually onto this young man.
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#### **Prostitution**

- He says though they had the freedom to do any thing not everything was good for them.
- In doing anything, they were not to become slave to prostitution.
- He condemns the use of their bodies for sexual immoralities.
- The bodies were to be used to serve the Lord
- He reminds them that their bodies are part of the Jesus, so it was not to be joined to that of prostitution.
- He encourages them to join their bodies with that of Christ because it makes them physically become one with the Christ.
- The act was condemned because it's a sin before God.
- The body of a Christian is the Lord's temple that it should be honoured.

- He says it should be used to glorify the name of God.
- He notes that their bodies don't belong to them but to God.
- He reminds them that they were bought for a price by God giving in his son Jesus in order to save them.
- However to avoid cases of sexual immoralities Paul encourages to marry than dying with a passion.
- Sex was also to be given a serious respect and only to be practiced in marriage.
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**b) To large extent, Paul's teaching is relevant in the following ways;**

- They should respect sex and only to be done in marriage.
- They should expel immoral people from their fellowships.
- They should live exemplary live instead of sinning.
- They should be alert about immoral people because they can easily influence them.
- They should keep their bodies holly aware that they are God's temple.
- They should use their bodies to glorify God's name.
- They should only join their bodies with Jesus for spiritual growth other than prostitutes.
- They should examine themselves before partaking the Lord's Supper.
- They should prepare themselves for the day of Judgment.
- They should use the Christian freedom consciously to avoid sinning.
- They should appreciate the fact that Jesus died to set us free and worship him.
- Those with sexual desires should marry.
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**However to a small extent, the message may not really be relevant as seen below:-**

- Some communities like Banyankole, Incest is allowed on the maternal side, so this is achallenge to Paul's teachings.
- Paul discourages association with the immoral yet it may be necessary yet it may be necessary
- in order to bring them to Christ like Pastor Bugembe does singing with those of the world.
- Paul condemns the incest man but the woman is completely left free.
- Paul urges Christians to leave judgment of the Pagans to God, yet it may be necessary to bring them to normal lest they loose truck.

- Today there is need to guide and counsel those who go wrong than just expelling them.
- The Sinners need to be forgiven to in order to win the on our side like Jesus did other than condemning them to death.
- Christians need to condemn the practice but not to circumstances.
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**10. a) Account for the confrontation between Paul and Peter at Antioch in the book of Galatians.**

**b) What are the causes of conflicts in the churches today between leaders?**

- Peters' conduct as a sign of hypocrisy because he had earlier associated with the gentile
- Christians.
- Peter was rebuked for his failure to show light and truth.
- Peter like Judaizers was still interested in laws and circumcision which Paul had out grown.
- Paul also saw Peter as one still spiritually blind therefore unable to provide the right example.
- It also appeared like Peter was trying to win cheap popularity.
- Peter's action was against the resolution of the Jerusalem council meeting where faith had been afreed to championed for salvation,
- Peter's action was a bad example to others.
- Peter's action was discriminated yet the new age of Christ was for unity.
- Peters' conduct was making Paul's work difficult because many began to doubt him.
- He was rebuked because he was failing to emulate the example of Jesus.
- The practice was causing confusion in the church on what exactly must be followed for one to become a Christian.
- Paul also wished to show that he was a true servant / apostle of Jesus divinely called.
- The practice was to hinder the expansion of the church.
- It was to make the non believers loose respect for the church leaders.
- It also indicated Peter have more respect for the Judaizers instead of God.
- Peter himself was preaching about faith for salvation, therefore his withdraw was putting his message on the cross-road.
- It also meant that Peter was still slave of the law.
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**b) The causes of conflicts in churches today among church leaders include:-**

- It may arise out of unfaithfulness.
- It may arise out of Idol worship e.g. many accuse Pr. Kakande of being evil worshipper.
- It may be out of power struggles in church.
- Exploitative and oppressive way of wealth acquisition.
- Others are proud which is against Christian principles.
- Others are discriminative and segregation to their followers.
- Many are very materialistic and live extravagant life style.
- Conflict may arise of the numbers i.e. followers for commercial gains.
- Misinterpretation of the scriptures.
- Sexual immoralities.
- Bad examples to the Christian community i.e. liars.
- Corruption / embezzlement of church funds.
- Others are full of rumour mongering
- Hypocritical tendencies i.e. preach what they don't practice.
- Others are divicine in church.
- Others are politically motivated.
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**11. “My brothers as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance” James 2:1 GNB.**

**a) What led James to make this statement?**

- There was discrimination among Christians.
- Christians discriminated themselves basing on outward appearance and dressing.
- The rich were respected and the poor were insulted.
- Discrimination had made Christians to act as judges for evil acts.
- There was no love among Christians.
- Discrimination had forced the rich to drag the poor into courts of law.
- Because of discrimination, the rich had exploited the poor
- Christians had committed sin due to favouritism.
- Christians threatened the harmony and unity of the church.
- James wanted to show that both the rich and the poor were equal before God.
- Christians had asked God's judgment because of discrimination.
- Christians had failed to show a good example to others in church.
- He wanted to tell them that God's judgment is not based on outward appearance.



- He wanted to defend the poor
- There was pride among the early church Christians.
- Many of the Christians were ignoring God in their prayers believing in themselves (self confidence)
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**b) Examine what Christians in Uganda can learn from this teaching.**

- Christians should be careful about the dangers of wealth
- Christians should create harmony and unity in the church.
- They should repent so that God can forgive them.
- They should love one another.
- They should defend the weak and the rejected (the poor)
- They should pay wages of the poor
- They should practice charity.
- Christians should live exemplary lives.
- Christians should treat all people equally.
- Christians should live humbly gently and kindly.
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**12 PS**

**12. a) The letter of first Peter was a consolation to those undergoing suffering”  
Discuss**

**To large extent, the letter was a consolation to the suffering Christians as may be noted below:-**

- He says suffering is a test of one’s faith.
- He encourages them to be glad about the living hope even if it may require facing temptations and suffering.
- They should accept and take suffering as for normal.
- They were to endure suffering for it has rewards from God.
- He encouraged them to follow the practical example of Jesus Christ who went through suffering.
- Peter calls up on them to suffer for wrong doing.
- He says be happy for doing right.
- Suffering may be divine in some cases.
- Endure suffering because it was for a short while i.e. not permanent.
- They were not the, only ones suffering but even other Christians were to go through the same.

- The suffering Christians were to pay back evil with blessings instead of revenge.
- Suffering meant identifying with Jesus' name therefore they were not to be shamed of it.
- To Peter suffering united christians with Jesus.
- During suffering they were to remain faithful for great things to come.
- While suffering they were to remain holy and have honour for Jesus.
- When one suffers means, he has the spirit of God.
- Endure because the Parousia was near.
- To servants were to remain submissive to their masters both harsh and food for God's sake.
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**b) What challenges do modern Christians meet in accepting to live a suffering life today.**

- Inadequate faith among the Christians
- Doubts about rewards of suffering.
- Inadequate knowledge in life after death.
- Delayed Parousia.
- High desire for materialism .
- Lack of exemplaries in society.
- Increased levels of poverty.
- Peer influence.
- Inadequate inspirations from those who suffer and die.
- Satanic influences in the society.
- Inadequate inspiration from God inform of empowerment.
- Influence of science and technology challenging religious and its doctrines
- The desire to live easy life free of difficulties.
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