

Answering Questions

Matthew 22:41-46

Not only was Jesus asked questions designed to discredit Him by various sects of the Jews, but He also asked them questions which they gave Him no answer to.

Today, there are so many questions asked that are answered based on the word of God! (John 3:4, 5.)

What questions are being asked? How does the Bible provide answers to these questions?

I. What Questions Are Being Asked?

- A. Some people are asking, “Are the Scriptures true and reliable?”
- B. Other people ask, “Are there still miraculous abilities, like speaking in tongues, available to Christians as they were in the First Century?”
- C. Still other people ask, “Do I really need to be baptized to be forgiven of my sins or can I pray with a penitent heart and be forgiven?”
- D. Others ask, “With so many churches in the world, which should I belong to?”

II. How Does The Bible Provide The Answers To These Questions?

- A. “Are the Scriptures true and reliable?” Jesus promised that His words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:35.) Jesus said, “But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.” (John 16:13.) As far as being reliable we have only to compare two Old Testament passages: Joshua 6:26 with I Kings 16:34!
- B. “Are there still miraculous abilities, like speaking in tongues, available to Christians as they were in the First Century?” In order for a Christian to receive miraculous abilities in the First Century an Apostle had to lay hands on them for that purpose. (Acts 6:6, 8:14-18; 9:6.) Without an Apostle any longer available these miraculous abilities are not available.
- C. “Do I really need to be baptized to be forgiven of my sins or can I pray with a penitent heart and be forgiven?” No one could deny that Saul had a penitent heart after he was confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul still needed to be baptized because his prayer did not take the place of obedience! (Acts 9:11-18; 22:16.) Paul and Silas taught the Philippian jailor and his family that they must be baptized. (Acts 16:30-34.)
- D. “With so many churches in the world, which one should I belong to?” Jesus built only one church—His church! (Matthew 16:18.) Paul called this church the churches of Christ! (Romans 16:16.) God promised the new name to His people long ago and this name was Christian. (Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26.) Jesus is the head of only one body! (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4-6.)