

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE BIBLE AND YOUR LIFE
FAITH OF CHRIST MINISTRIES

The following is a list of questions which pertain to the Bible; its teachings in regards to its own authority, inspiration from God, the fall of man in sin, salvation from eternal damnation, the walk of one who has truly been forgiven of all sins and the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ on the last day.

THE BIBLE

1. How important is the Bible (the Old and New Testaments)? Do you believe that it is God's Word to man? Do you believe that it is without error (from the original Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament texts)? Is it the product of men or were men simply used as instruments to pen the writings which compose the Bible by God's direction and guidance? Do you believe that they have been corrupted by man?
2. Do you believe that we can pick and choose from the Bible what we want to believe and obey or should we be studying and searching the Bible with prayer to know what is God's will? Do you believe that the Bible is outdated (or old fashioned)? Do you believe that only parts of the Bible are the Word of God (ie. only the ten commandments, the words of Christ, the New Testament only etc.)
3. Do we believe that there is more to divine truth than the Bible, alone and in its entirety as the word of God? Do we believe that there are other inspired books, writings, dreams or visions which are not recorded in the Bible which we believe also came from God? Do we believe that God is still bringing messages today in the form of a tongue (language)?
4. Do we believe that certain church writings (a creed, confession of faith etc.) or the teachings of a certain theologian or Bible teacher has equal or greater authority to that of the Bible? Are they to be carefully examined by the Bible?

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

1. Is He able to do anything? Is He able to sin against His own laws?
2. Is He a God of love? Is He a God of judgment and wrath?
3. Did He cause man to fall into sin?
4. Is He in anyway bound by man's desires or decrees? Is He a servant to anyone?
5. Is He the author of all the religions of the world?
6. Who are Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in relation to God?
7. Are there many Gods or is there only one?
8. Is Christ sinlessly perfect?

THE FALL OF MAN IN SIN

1. What does it mean that man is created in the image of God?
2. Is 'sin' the breaking of God's law, the Bible?

3. Is every person who ever lived, past, present and future is a sinner? _
4. Do you believe that every person deserves the eternal punishment of God for any sin committed? Will God send anyone to this place of eternal punishment? Is this everlasting or is it only for a short period? If it is only for a short period of time, will everyone then eventually become saved and go to heaven?
5. Can man choose to become saved (accept Christ)? Is he in such bondage to loving sin that deep down in his desperately wicked heart, he will never surrender his will entirely to the God of the Bible?

THE SALVATION OF THE BIBLE

1. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?
2. What is a person saved from?
3. Who or what does salvation depend on ultimately, God or man? Can man work his way in order to become saved? Can he at least contribute at least something to his salvation?
4. What part does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ have in salvation? Was Jesus Christ, God come in the form of a man to be a perfect sacrifice for all who would ever believe on Him (the elect)?
5. What was finished when Jesus hung on the cross and said "It is finished!"?
6. Did Jesus Christ pay for the sins of every person that ever lived (all mankind)?
7. Can one lose true salvation?
8. What are evidences of salvation in a person's life?
9. Do I believe that anyone who has become saved is saved from before the foundation of the world (predestined)? Do I believe that God foresaw before the foundations of the world that some would choose His salvation and therefore God would predestine them to salvation.
10. Is physical water baptism or the partaking of the Lord's Supper a requirement for salvation?
11. Is it important to examine oneself if he is really saved?
12. Is there such a thing as sinless perfection for a true believer?

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE/ WALK

1. After one is truly saved, is there to be a difference in their lifestyle from that of one who is not saved? How do I spend my spare time?
2. What does it mean to not love the world? Can we love the world and Christ at the same time? Are most television and radio programs, magazines etc. good for a true believer to listen to?
3. Does a true believer now have a license to sin?

4. Is daily Bible reading still important for a true believer? What does it mean that we are to no longer take milk, but desire the meat of the Word of God?
5. What does it mean to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
6. Is there such a thing as Christian liberty? Is smoking cigarettes and drinking liquor a part of my life? Do I see the importance of not giving an appearance of evil by some things which I do? Do I care about not being a stumblingblock to another believer?
7. Do I pray to the Lord every day? Do I pray for the Lord's direction in my life as well as for other brothers and sisters in the Lord? Do I pray for the salvation of others who may not be saved?
8. Do I believe that being a good testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ before all around me (at home, work, church, etc.) is important? Do I ask the Lord for forgiveness and to increase my faith in Him after I sin? Am I truly sorry for my sins? Is there an on-going desire to do the will of God from the Bible and readiness to examine what I believe and how I live in the light of the Bible?
9. Do we realize that God is in control of our lives and that He works all things together for good if we are truly one of his elect believers?
10. Do we take heed to not abandon the assembly of the saints regularly on the day of worship on Sunday? Should I seek to be under the authority of elders and deacons in a church setting if at all possible? Do I believe that the Lord's Supper is for today?
11. Do we believe it is the responsibility of Christian parents to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord?
12. Is the Christian husband the spiritual head of the household? What does it mean for the husband to love the wife as Christ loves the church? What does it mean that if one does not provide for his own, and especially his family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever? Is the wife to submit to the husband as long as he does not violate the Word of God? Is she to work outside the home if the family has children? Is she to pursue a full-time career outside the home? Is it right for a wife to keep her maiden name in correspondence? Do you spend your money wisely since it is the Lord's money?
13. Do we believe that it is ever right to divorce a spouse?
14. Is it right for Christian couples (or any people) to use birth control to limit the amount of children that they might have? Does God give permission to try to limit human births which He is in charge of?
15. Is it right for a man to lust with physical desire after a woman? Is it right for a woman to dress immodestly so as to tempt men to lust after her? How are the married husband and wife to treat each other?
16. Are homosexuality and lesbianism lifestyles that are pleasing to God?
17. Is it ever right to disobey the political government of our country? Do we pray for our officials (president, king, queen, congress etc.) and realize that even if they are unfair or evil, they are appointed by God to be in their position?
18. Do I understand what it means to have respect of persons? Do I realize that all human beings are created in the image (likeness) of God? Is it right to dislike a person because of their appearance (ie. unattractive, different color of skin, different language, food, clothes and way of expression etc.)

THE GLORIOUS RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Do I believe that the Lord Jesus will return on the last day to judge all who are unsaved?

2. Do I believe that the Lord Jesus will judge the true believers on the last day?
3. Do I believe that the world will become more godly as we get closer to the last day?
4. What will happen after the last day?
5. Will there be rewards in Heaven?
6. Will there be more than one judgment day?
7. What do you understand about the one thousand years found in Revelation chapter twenty?
8. Do you understand passages like Daniel 11 and Revelation 20 to be speaking of political kingdoms or spiritual forces at work within the church of God?
9. Do you believe passages such as Matthew 24, Luke 21 and the entire book of Revelation have been fulfilled already?
10. Do you believe that there will be a time in the future when the Lord will accept animal sacrifices as payment for sins?