SIX [6] BIBLE QUESTIONS

Submitted to us by our granddaughter, Nancy

QUESTION NO. 1: How do we know that the Bible is really the word of God?

Answer: We don't. We believe it to be the word of God. Hebrew 1:1-2, tells us that God who in sundry time, and divers manners spake in times past, unto the fathers, by the prophet, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His son. God through the mouth of Moses said "The Lord thy God will raise up a prophet, unto thee from among thy brethern, like unto me, him shall ye hear. Deut. 18:15. In Matt. 17:1-5 We have the above prophecy fulfilled. Christ being that prophet, we are told in the 5th verse to hear that prophet. Thus over a period of several hundred years we are able to pinpoint the fulfillment of that prophecy, which could never have been accomplished ONLY by the hand of God. Likewise, we see every prophecy in the Bible being handled on time, and in order. Which to any reasonable person, is proof that the origin and groundwork of the Bible was authorized, inspired of God. To that we are in agreement with the apostle Paul in Rom. 3:4 when he said "let God be true and ever man a liar.

QUESTION NO. 2: What is the relationship between man and all living organism and the word of God?

Answer: Since God created man, Gen. 1:27, and all organisms, Gen. 2:19 Therefore, God is the creator and father of all. We owe it to Him (God) to believe Him, respect His word, and reverence Him, and Him ONLY, Jeremiah 10:23 says "O Lord I know that the way of man is not in himself: It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" Hence the word of God becomes a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our pathway, Psm. 119:105.

QUESTION NO. 3: How does the church justify supporting the armed forces, by army chaplins?

Answer: The church of Christ does not in any way try to support the armed forces, either with or without army chaplins. 2 Cor. 10:4 "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds." 2 Cor. 6:17 Informs us that we are a called out people. "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separte saith the Lord, and touch NOT the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord almighty.

We are a peculiar people, Tit. 2:11 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared unto all men; teaching us that dening ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us. that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

1 Peter 2:9 ,'For ye are a chosen generation, a royal pristhood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness, into His marvelous light."

Our warfare is strictly a spiritual warfare. Jno. 18:-36 "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now is my kingdom not from hence.

Our mission on earth is to save people and not to destroy them. (emphas J. C. S) Question No. v and answer continued Lk. 6:27-28 "but I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially them of the household of faith.

QUESTION NO. 4, Define God?

Answer: "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, MUST worship Him in spirit, and truth." Jno. 4:-24. Then to worship him in spirit, is to worship him with our whole soul, body, and spirit, In truth; means as the truth directs. (Emp. J. C. S)

QUESTION NO. 5, Does a man have to attend church, sing hymns, and read the word of God, to respect God and his will?

Answer: YES, YES, YES. It is God's will that his people attend the assembly, (church) Heb. 10:23-29 "Forsake NOT the assembly, as the manner of some is." Psm. 107:32 "Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders." Psm. 22:22 "I will declare thy name unto my brethern: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."

Psm. 1:1-2 Blessed is the man, that walketh NOT in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Question: How can any one, man or woman, meditate on the law of the Lord, if they do not read it?

Therein lies the evil of the television, folks become so busy watching T.V. they never have time to read the Bible. Just recently I was in a friend's home, and I asked him if he read his Bible very much. His reply was, NO I do not have time. Then I looked over in the corner of his livingroom and there set a beautiful T.V. set. Surely that man is not able to bring himself to realize the IMPORTANCE of studying God's word.

QUESTION NO. 6: Of the many religeons, Buddhism, Hinduhism, Christianity, and etc. and their many facets (Catholicism, Lutherism, Methodist, Baptist, etc.) Who is to say which religion a man is to follow?).

Answer: By all means follow God. Christ during his personal ministry stressed the importance of following him, insomuch, that on one occasion one of his followers asked leave to go and bury his dead father, Matt. 8:21-22. Did Christ grant him the leave? NO, but said "Let the dead bury the dead, follow me." That of course to many people was a hard question, but, when we understand the truth, and grasp the importance of following God it is not so bad after all. Christ no doubt had reference to those who were not concerned with the following of the Christ, in other words those who were dead in sin. Certainly when one is dead in sin they are not fit to follow Christ until they have been processed by the gospel. To follow Christ is a full time job, never allow anything to disturb our christian duty. (Emp. J.C.S.).

Refering to the various denominations, mentioned in the sixth question: Since there is said to be about 200, such institutions, and since these six questions are Bible questions, we shall not attempt to dwell on any, other than the church of Christ, church of the first born, church of God.

Christ and God being spoken of as being one, Jno. 17:11. And Chrfist declaring "All mine are thine, and thine are mine," Jno. 17:10. It is easy to see why the church is sometimes spoken of as the church of God. Then too; since Christ was the first born from the dead, Col. 1:18 it is not difficult to understand why the church of Christ is sometimes spoken of as the church of the first born. In other words, to use the old addage, 'two things equal to each other are equal to the same thing." That we cannot say for any two of the various denominations: As there are no two of them alike, in doctrine and practice. If it were so, they would soon become ONE. Seeing then, that is impossile, so long as folks cintend for their various faiths, and doctrines, Why not come out from among them, obey the gospel, and let God add you to the church that he wants you to be a member of. Acts 2:47 Furthermore; since there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood, Heb. 9:22, And Christ purchased His church, with His own Blood, Acts 20:28. Why be a member of a church that has no blood about it?

Then too; He Christ is head of the body, THE CHURCH, THE beginning, THE first born from the dead, that in all things he might have THE preeminence. Webster says "Preeminence means distinguished above all; Supreme; Therefore the church of Christ is THE ONLY institution in which we can give Christ THE preeminence. Col. 1:18. You will notice too; it says "He is THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH." Then why belong to a church that ha sno head?

Dear reader, we trust that all who read these few lines, may do so in the same spirit in which they are written. That is; to give God the glory, which He is so justly due. And to cultivate the unity, for which Christ prayed, in the 17th chapter of St. John and as the apostle Paul recommends, in 1 Cor. 1:10.

Your humble servant,
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Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life. And they are they which testify of me. Jno. 5:39 - Acts 17:11. Meeting Aug. 1-8