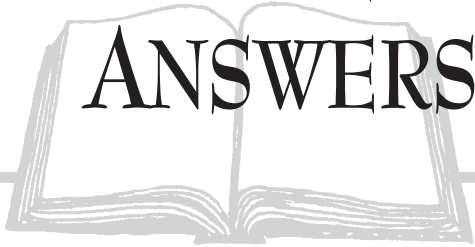


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1. WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life. (John 5.24).

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved. (Acts 16.31).

Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2.38).

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. (Romans 10.9).

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. (Mark 16.15-16).

2. WHAT MUST WE HEAR?

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him! (Matthew 17.5).

Moses said, THE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED in everything He says to you. (Acts 3.22).

If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. (Revelation 3.20).

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1.16).

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. (Romans 10.17).

God... in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things. (Hebrews 1.1-2).

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28.18).

3. WHAT MUST WE BELIEVE?

See Acts 16.31 and Romans 10.17 above.

If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8.37).

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3.16).

4. WHAT MUST WE CONFESS?

See Romans 10.9, Question 1.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 John 4.15).

That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2.11).

Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10.32).

5. WHY MUST ONE BE BAPTIZED?

Repent, and let each of you be baptized... for the forgiveness of your sins. (Acts 2.38).

Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins. (Acts 22.16).

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3.27). Read also Romans 6.3.

In which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water (Noah's salvation in the ark). And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you. (1 Peter 3.20-21).

See also Mark 16.15-16 above.

6. WHAT CONSTITUTES BAPTISM?

And they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. (Acts 8.38-39).

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6.4).

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. (Romans 6.5).

Buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (Colossians 2.12).

7. OF WHAT CHURCH SHOULD ONE BE A MEMBER?

Upon this rock I will build My church (words of Christ). (Matthew 16.18).

He (Christ) is also head of the body, the church. (Colossians 1.18).

The substance belongs to Christ. (Colossians 2.17).

Shepherd the church of God (Paul to the elders). (Acts 20.28).

The churches of Christ greet you. (Romans 16.16).

8. HOW MANY CHURCHES DO WE READ OF IN THE NEW TESTAMENT? HOW DO WE BECOME MEMBERS OF THAT CHURCH?

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4.4-6).

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ. (Romans 12.5).

Read also Scriptures under Question 7.

And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2.47).

Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3.5).

9. WHAT ARE CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS CALLED?

And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. (Acts 11.26).

If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God. (1 Peter 4.16).

To all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints. (Romans 1.7).

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ. (Colossians 1.2).

10. HOW MUST CHRISTIANS WORSHIP?

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4.24).

(The things which we are commanded to do in worship are told in answers to the next six questions.)

11. WHAT MUST WE TEACH (PREACH)?

Preach the word. (2 Timothy 4.2).

This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ. (Acts 17.3).

And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. (Acts 8.35).

They kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. (Acts 5.42).

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. (Mark 16.15).

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. (Matthew 28.19-20).

Teach and preach these principles. (1 Timothy 6.2).

But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we (the apostles) have preached to you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1.8).

12. WHAT KIND OF MUSIC IS COMMANDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SUCH MUSIC?

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises. (James 5.13).

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5.19).

Teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3.16).

13. WHAT EXHORTATIONS REGARDING PRAYER ARE FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5.17-18).

Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension. (1 Timothy 2.8).

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. (James 5.16).

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority. (1 Timothy 2.1-2).

Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; (Ephesians 5.20).

14. WHAT SCRIPTURES SHOULD GUIDE THE CHRISTIAN IN GIVING OF HIS MEANS?

On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper. (1 Corinthians 16.2).

Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9.7).

He who gives, with liberality. (Romans 12.8).

15. HOW REGULARLY SHOULD CHRISTIANS MEET AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

Not forsaking our own assembling together. (Hebrews 10.25).

And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them. (Acts 20.7).

16. WHAT EXHORTATIONS SHOULD GUIDE THE CHRISTIAN IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD?

(All of the following Scriptures are taken from 1 Corinthians 11.)

Verse 25. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Verse 26. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Verse 27. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

Verse 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Verse 29. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

17. CAN A CHRISTIAN SIN? IF SO, WHAT SHOULD HE DO?

For we all stumble in many ways. (James 3.2).

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1.8).

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1.10).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.9).

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 John 2.1).

Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. (Acts 8.22).

18. WHAT ARE SOME SCRIPTURES WHICH WILL HELP THE CHRISTIAN TO LIVE ACCEPTABLY TO GOD?

I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (Romans 12.1).

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12.2).

If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3.1).

Keep yourself free from sin. (1 Timothy 5.22).

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15.58).

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. (Romans 13.14).

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. (Ephesians 4.1).

And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. (Galatians 6.9).

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul. (1 Peter 2.11).

19. WHAT ARE THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTIES TOWARD HIS FELLOW-MEN?

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (Galatians 6.10).

Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7.12).

Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor. (1 Corinthians 10.24).

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see

your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5.16).

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, (1 Peter 2.13).

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's. (Matthew 22.21).

Behave properly toward outsiders. (1 Thessalonians 4.12).

20. WHAT PROMISES ARE CONTAINED IN GOD'S WORD FOR CHRISTIANS?

There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. (Hebrews 4.9).

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2.10).

I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14.2-3).

In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (2 Timothy 4.8).



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