

# SOME VITAL QUESTIONS & BIBLE ANSWERS

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## INTRODUCTION

There are many very vital religious questions with which we are confronted. Every man is responsible for his own soul, and must learn the truth on all such questions. The writer believes that the Bible is the Supreme authority in all matters religious, and as the final authority it provides a sufficient answer to every problem of life. For this reason, we have presented the more common and vital questions of the day, with a scripture reference for the answer. Believing that the opinions of men are confusing, and have no place in religion, we have sought to eliminate all comments of our own, that you may read your Bible and know what it says.

It is our earnest desire that you will know and obey the truth. *John 8:24; Romans 6:16-17.*

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the gospel. *Acts 2:37; Romans 10:13-15; James 1:25; Revelation 3:20.*
2. Believe in Jesus as Christ. *John 8:24; Romans 10:10; Mark 16:16; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Romans 5:1.*
3. Repent. *Luke 13:3-5; 24:46; Acts 2:38; 17:30.*
4. Confess Christ. *Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-37.*
5. Be baptized. *Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27; I Peter 3:21.*

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

1. It is a burial & resurrection. *Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12.*
2. It is a planting. *Romans 6:3-5.*
3. It is a bodily washing. *Hebrews 10:2-22.*
4. It is a birth of water. *John 3:3-5.*
5. The element used is water. *Acts 8:36-39.*
6. It requires much water. *John 3:23.*
7. It requires going down into water. *Acts 8:38.*
8. It requires coming up out of water. *Acts 8:38.*

## WHY BE BAPTIZED?

1. Christ commanded it. *Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16.*
2. For (unto) the remission of sins. *Acts 2:38.*
3. For (unto) the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38; Romans 8:9, 11.*
4. To wash away sins. *Acts 22:16.*
5. To enter the church. *I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23.*
6. To complete regeneration. *John 3:3, 5; James 1:17; Galatians 3:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17.*
7. Baptism saves. *I Peter 3:21.*
8. To enter Christ. *Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27.*
  1. In Christ we are new creatures. *2 Corinthians 5:17.*
  2. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7.*
  3. In Christ we have reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-19.*
  4. In Christ we have all spiritual blessings. *Ephesians 1:3.*
  5. In Christ there is life. *2 Timothy 1:1.*
9. To reach atoning blood of Christ, shed in his death. *Romans 6:3-4; John 19:34; Revelation 1:5.*

## CAN A CHRISTIAN FALL FROM GRACE - BE LOST?

1. God warned against it. *I Corinthians 10:12.*
2. Some had fallen. *Galatians 5:4.*
3. God provided for a brother's return. *James 5:19; Acts 8:22.*
4. He made eternal life conditional. *Revelation 2:10; I Corinthians 15:2; Hebrews 6:4-6; 2 Peter 1:10; I Corinthians 9:27; 2 Peter 2:20-21; John 8:15; Galatians 6:7-9.*

5. If a Christian can sin, he can be lost. *Revelation 21:8,27; Galatians 5:19-21.*
6. Weak brother can perish. *1 Corinthians 8:11.*
7. If Christians live after the flesh, they will die. *Romans 8:13.*
8. Some gathered out of the Kingdom, cast into fire. *Matthew 13:41; (All in Kingdom are saved, John 3:3).*
9. God did not spare angels that sinned. *2 Peter 2:4.*

### **SHOULD CHRISTIANS KEEP THE SABBATH?**

1. The Sabbath was given to Israel only. *Deuteronomy 5:1-5; Exodus 31:13.*
2. It was a sign between God and Israel. *Exodus 31:16.*
3. It was given for remembrance of deliverance out of Egypt. *Deuteronomy 5:15.*
4. It was to endure throughout their generations. *Exodus 31:13-16.*
5. It was to end at Christ's crucifixion. *Amos 8:4-9; Mark 15:33.*
6. The Sabbath was part of the "law of Moses," "law of God," "law" delivered at Sinai. *Nehemiah 1:1-8; Romans 7:4,7.*
7. Christians are dead to that law. *Romans 7:4-7.*
8. We are delivered from that law. *Romans 6:6.*
9. Christ is the end of that law. *Romans 6:14; Galatians 5:18.*
10. The Sabbath was blotted out at the cross. *Colossians 2:14.*

### **WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

1. It is the body of Christ. *Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23.*
2. It is the family of God. *1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 2:19.*
3. It is the Kingdom of God, or Christ. *Matthew 16:16-19; Acts 2:38-42,47.*
4. It is the Temple of God (the habitation of God through the Spirit). *Ephesians 2:20-22; 2 Corinthians 6:16.*

### **WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I JOIN?**

1. Only one church by divine appointment.
2. "There is one body." *Ephesians 4:4.*
  - a. The Body is the church. *Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18.*
  - b. Therefore there is only one church.
3. There is "but one body" (Church). *1 Corinthians 12:20.*
4. "I will build my church" (one). *Matthew 16:18.*
5. You can't join it. Be saved and the Lord will add you to it. *Acts 2:47.*
6. Gates of Hades shall not prevail against His church. *Matthew 16:18.*
7. Every plant God has not planted shall be rooted up. *Matthew 15:13.*
8. Don't become member of anything you can "join."

### **MUST ONE BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO BE SAVED?**

1. All the saved in the Church. *Acts 2:47.*
2. The Church will finally be offered to Christ. *Ephesians 5:25-27.*
3. Christ purchased it with His own blood. *Acts 20:28.* Did He purchase a non-essential?
4. Christ gave Himself up for it. *Ephesians 5:25.* Did He give Himself for a non-essential?
5. Christ built the church. *Matthew 16:18.* Did He build a non-essential?
6. God planned the church. *Ephesians 2:11.* Did He plan a non-essential?
7. If some are saved in it and some out of it, there are two ways. *Matthew 7:13-14.*
8. Reconciled in the body. *Ephesians 2:16.* Body is the church.

### **HOW DOES ONE ENTER THE CHURCH?**

1. By being saved. *Acts 2:47.*
2. See "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" (above)

### WHAT CONSTITUTES "TRUE WORSHIP"?

1. Teaching the word. *Acts 2:42.*
2. Contribution of means on the first day of the week. *I Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 2:42.*
3. Singing. *I Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 13:15.*
4. Praying. *Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 14:15; I Thessalonians 5:17.*
5. Observing the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. *Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 11:26; Acts 20:7.* These acts performed from the heart. *Colossians 3:16.*

### WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHURCH?

1. Church of God. *I Corinthians 1:1-2; I Timothy 3:15.*
2. Church of the Lord. *Acts 20:28 A.S.V.*
3. Churches of Christ. *Romans 16:16.*
4. My Church (The Lord's). *Matthew 16:18*

### WILL GOOD PEOPLE OF ALL CHURCHES BE SAVED?

1. Not everyone, be he that does the will of God. *Matthew 7:21.*
2. Some will be rejected. *Matthew 7:23.*
3. The chief of sinners was conscientious. *Acts 23:1; I Timothy 1:15 -- And lost. Acts 9:6; 22:16.*
4. Some doctrines false. *Matthew 24:24; I John 4:1.*
5. One can believe a lie and be damned. *II Thessalonians 2:11-12.*
6. To prove all things, hold fast to that which is good. *I Thessalonians 5:21.*
7. One should test the spirits. *I John 4:1.*
8. One must search the scriptures to determine whether these things are so. *Acts 17:11.*
9. Religious people will not be saved unless they are born again. *John 3:3, 5. Converted. Matthew 18:3.*
10. God does not approve of religious division. *Galatians 5:19-21; John 17:11; 20-23; I Corinthians 1:10.* He who practices it cannot go to heaven. *Galatians 5:19-20.*

### WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH?

1. Christ is the head. *Ephesians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:18.*  
The Church is subject to Him. *Ephesians 5:23.*
2. Elders in every church. *Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; I Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17; I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-10.*
3. Deacons as helpers. *I Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-8.*
4. Members. *I Corinthians 12:27.*
5. No ecclesiastical orders, synods, conferences, conventions, etc. Each congregation independent of all others yet bound together in love for a common salvation. *Jude 3.*

### WHAT WERE THE MEMBERS CALLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

1. As followers of Christ - disciples. *Acts 20:7.*
2. As to purity of life - saints. *I Corinthians 1:2.*
3. As related to the Father - children of God. *Galatians 3:26; Romans 8:16.*
4. As related to each other - brethren. *Hebrews 3:1; I Corinthians 15:1,6.*
5. CHRISTIANS. *Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Peter 4:16.*

### **DO WE NEED CONTINUOUS REVELATIONS?**

1. All scripture is inspired of God. *2 Timothy 3:16-17.*
2. God has given all things that pertain to life and Godliness. *2 Peter 1:3.*
3. Faith was once delivered to saints. *Jude 3.*
4. Holy Spirit to reveal to apostles ALL truth. *John 16:13.*
5. The Apostles wrote their revelation. *Ephesians 3:1-4.*
6. When we read we may understand. *Ephesians 3:1-4.*
7. If someone preaches any other gospel than Paul preached, he/she is accursed. *Galatians 1:6-9.*

### **DO MEN TODAY POSSESS MIRACULOUS POWERS?**

1. The time for miracles has passed. *1 Corinthians 13:8,10.*
2. The purpose for miracles ceased.
  1. Purpose was to confirm word. *Mark 16:20; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 8:6; Hebrews 2:1-4.*
  2. Once the Word was confirmed, there's no need to be continually confirmed.
  3. Means of obtaining miraculous powers cut off.
    1. The Power was given by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:4, 43.*
    2. The Power was given by the laying on of Apostles' hands. *Acts 6:6; 8:6; 8:12-21; 19:6.*
    3. We do not have access to either of these today.

Get your Bible and read these references for yourself, "to see if these things are so" (*Acts 17:11*). "do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (*1 John 4:1*). Jesus said "you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (*John 8:32*).

There is a church of Christ near you that teaches and practices according to the New Testament.