

Q&A
PART 1
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"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."
II Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

QUESTION 1: Why is our world becoming more and more dark every day? Shootings, killings, terrorism?

ANSWER: _____ . **ALL SIN** _____ **WHO GOD**

"... God is love."

I John 4:8 (NIV)

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."
Romans 5:12 (NLT)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23 (NLT)

"As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. 'Tell us,' they said, 'when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ... Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.'"
Matthew 24:3-6, 9-13 (NIV)

QUESTION 2: In John 3:5 Jesus says, "you must be born of water and the Spirit." What does that mean?

ANSWER: "Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.'"
John 3:1-6 (NIV)

• **THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS**

- **WATER & SPIRIT =** _____ **AND** _____

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
Acts 2:38 (NIV)

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"...He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit..."
Titus 3:5 (NIV)

QUESTION 3: John 7:39 says the Holy Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified. What about verses in the Old Testament like Exodus 31:1-3 and Numbers 27:18? Did the Holy Spirit indwell certain people in the Old Testament? How?

ANSWER:

"By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." John 7:39 (NIV)

"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills...'" Exodus 31:1-3 (NIV)

"So the Lord said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him.'" Numbers 27:18 (NIV)

"David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit..."/ "David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit..." Mark 12:36 (NIV)/(NLT)

QUESTION 4: Will Jewish people (they only believe in the Old Testament) and divorced people be in Heaven?

ANSWER:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6 (NIV)

• WHAT WE KNOW FOR SURE FROM THE BIBLE:

- **THOSE _____ BY _____ THROUGH _____ IN _____ WILL BE IN _____.**

- **NO ONE'S _____ GETS THEM IN.**

"... not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people!" Romans 9:6 (NLT)

- **NO ONE'S _____ OR _____**

_____ (PROVIDED THEY HAVE SINCERE FAITH IN CHRIST) KEEPS THEM OUT.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

- **THOSE WHO _____ FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WILL _____ BE IN HEAVEN.**

• WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT JESUS?

- **EVERYONE _____ ABOUT _____ THROUGH _____ AND _____.**

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

“All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)”

Romans 2:12-15 (NIV)

- **TWO PERSPECTIVES:**

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- God is capable of saving some who have never yet heard of the name of Jesus, and have never yet been able to respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This salvation is not by their works, but rather because God chooses to apply the blood of Christ to those who respond to the light available to them. Thus, it is possible for those who have never heard of Christ to be saved by him, nonetheless.

- _____ - _____ **PERSPECTIVE**

- God desires for all to come into a specific and intentional relationship with Him through Christ Jesus, and wants all of us to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. As such, when people respond to the light available to them, God will bring them more light, so that they will know Jesus specifically, and be able to choose him specifically. By inference, this means that all who “did not hear of Christ” did not receive additional revelation because they did not want it, and did not respond to the light available to them.

QUESTION 5: How do you make Jesus proud? How do you let your light shine seven days a week, not just on Sundays and no matter who we are around?

ANSWER:

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

“For from the beginning God decided that those who came to Him...should become like His Son...”

Romans 8:29 (LB)

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

QUESTION 6: When people ask for help, at what point is it okay to say no? When do you cross the line between helping and enabling?

ANSWER:

DEFINING OUR TERMS:

- **HELPING = _____ OTHERS WITH WHAT THEY _____ DO
FOR _____.**

"If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?"
1 John 3:17 (NLT)

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."
Matthew 5:42 (NIV)

- **ENABLING = _____ FOR OTHERS WHAT THEY CAN BE
_____ TO DO FOR
_____.**

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."
Galatians 6:7-8 NIV

ACTION STEPS:

- **REMEMBER THAT _____ ISN'T ALWAYS THE PERSON'S
BIGGEST _____.**

"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'
2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)

- **TAKE THE _____ TO _____.**
- **ASK "CAN I _____ THEM TO DO THIS
FOR _____?"**

QUESTION 7: God says, "Honor your father and mother." Exodus 20:12. How do you set healthy boundaries as an adult without them feeling disrespected?

ANSWER:

"You shall have no other gods before Me."
Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me ..."
Matthew 10:37 (NIV)

"Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.' That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."
Genesis 2:22-24 (NIV)

- **HONOR = TO SHOW _____ AND _____.**