

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: **1 Peter 3:15**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Questions are used to find answers.
2. Some questions are not as important as others.
3. Phillip answered the eunuch's question (**Acts 8**).

I. I HAVE NOTICED SOME CONGRGATIONS ARE ENCOURAGING ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS. IS THIS SCRIPTURAL?

A. When are we authorized to "lay by in store?"

1. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**.

- 1) Each first day of the week the members of the church, "lay by in store as they have been prospered."
- 2) This is the **only call for financial support** that is authorized.
2. We do not take in financial contributions during the week.
 - 1) Not during gospel meetings; vacation Bible School; lectureships; etc.
 - 2) Why? Because the scriptures only authorize the first day of the week.

B. Worship is specific activities involving authorized actions which begin and end. (Singing, Praying, Teaching/Learning; Observing the Lord's Supper; and Laying by in store).

C. Giving as we have prospered is an important part of worship.

1. **WHY** - for the work of the church.
2. **WHO** - "every one of you," which means "every one of you that has prospered." This included every member in all the churches of Galatia and the church at Corinth. And, it includes all Christians today!
3. **WHEN** - "upon the first day of the week" means the first day of every week, since every week has a first day. We recognize this as the Lord's Day - Sunday. No other day is authorized!
4. **WHERE** - during their assembly on the "first day of the week."

D. Question: When are we authorized to partake of the Lord's Supper?

1. **Acts 20:7**. Why not at other times? NO BIBLICAL AUTHORITY!
2. The same is true with the offering. No Biblical authority to make this collection on any other day.

II. WHAT ROLE DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAY IN SALVATION? DO SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT HE HAS A DIRECT ROLE IN SALVATION?

A. The Holy Spirit works through the word to bring salvation to the lost. The inspired word came by the Holy Spirit (**2 Peter 1:21; John 14:26**).

1. **Acts 2:37** "When they heard this..."
2. **Acts 8:12; 16:30-33**.

B. Note **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Rom. 1:16; Psalm 119:104**.

III. WHAT IS TRANSSUBSTANTIATION?

A. The idea that during Mass, the bread and wine used for Communion become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

1. Some in the Catholic Church believe that the bread and wine are not "symbols" of the body and blood of Christ, but they are actually the body and blood of Christ.
2. There are a few others who hold this doctrine as well.

B. The basis for their position.

1. **Matthew 26:26-28**.

2. **1 Cor. 11:24-25.**

C. Refutation.

1. **John 6:50-55.**
2. Should the passage be taken literally?
 - 1) Not every scripture can be taken literally.
 - a. **Matthew 5:29-30.**
 - b. **John 10:9** "I am the door..."
 - 2) If Jesus intended for them to understand this passage literally, we must explain a violation of the law: **Genesis 9:4** "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."; **Acts 15:29** "That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled..."

D. It should be clear that Jesus was using figurative language (Matt. 26:27). He would later speak of the blood as being the "fruit of the vine" (Matt. 26:29).

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. The answer to man's salvation is found ONLY in God's word.**
- B. The Berean's "searched the scriptures" (Acts 17:11).**
- C. The word instructs and if obeyed it will save.**