

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Q & A are good ways for us to study various topics.
- B. It also allows a person to have help studying a difficult topic.

I. HOW DO WE EXPLAIN PERPETUAL COVENANT IN **EXODUS 31:16**?

- A. Some use **Exo. 31:16** to prove that the Sabbath was to continue.
 - 1. It was to last until it was fulfilled. Note to whom it was given (Israel).
 - 2. Notice, SOME other things: A perpetual *incense* before the LORD throughout your generations; Burning incense and Animal sacrifices. (**Exodus 29:42; Exodus 30:8**).
- B. These and other things were “perpetual signs” between God and Israel.
 - 1. This covenant was to last throughout the Mosaic Law.
 - 1) When Christ came, he fulfilled the Old Law (**Matt. 5:17**).
 - 2) **Matt. 11:13**.
 - 2. Christ’s death took it out of the way (**Col. 2:14**).
 - 3. Not intended to be a forever law (**Heb. 1:1-2 Heb. 10:9-12**.)
- C. It is wrong to accept Jesus as the Messiah yet hold on to the Old Law.
 - 4. **Gal. 3:24-25**.
 - 5. **Gal. 5:4**.
 - 6. **Rom. 7:1-4**.

II. MUST ONE BE A MEMBER OF A CONGREGATION? IF WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ISN’T THAT THE IMPORTANT THING?

- A. One must be a member of the church (No salvation otherwise).
 - 1. That comes when we obey the gospel of Christ (H/B/R/C/B).
 - 2. After these first principles are met, we must work together.
 - 3. **1 Cor. 3:9; 11:18**.
- B. After obeying the gospel, we must then work in the church.
- C. Some important things to consider.
 - 1. Every congregation is autonomous (no councils or conventions).
 - 1) Each congregation is to do its own work.
 - 2) Evangelism, edification and benevolence.
 - 2. We are to work under the oversight of a local eldership.
 - 1) **Heb. 13:17**.
OBEY THEM; RULE OVER YOU; THEY MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.
 - 2) **1 Thess. 5:12-13**.
- D. There is no Bible authority for me to be a “member at large.”
- E. Paul joined himself with a congregation (**Acts 9:26-27**).