

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. 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.**
 - 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).**

II. WILL THE ILLITERATE BE JUDGED THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE?

- A. **Define illiterate: having little or no education. Especially unable to read or write.**
- B. **Who is excused from learning and obeying the gospel?**
 - 1. Children before the "age of accountability" (**Matt. 18:3**).
 - 2. Those who are mentally challenged. Whose mind will not allow them to be amenable to the gospel.
- C. **Mark 16:15-16 shows that all others are to hear and obey the gospel.**
 - 1. These can be taught and must obey the gospel - "every creature".
 - 2. If unknowing are sound of mind they are accountable to the gospel.
 - 3. If not knowing is acceptable, then we should not obey the command to teach others.
 - 1) **2 Tim. 2:1-2.**
 - 2) **Col. 1:23.**

III. DOES THE SONG I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE TEACH PRAYING TO JESUS? IT IS VAGUE TO ME AND OTHERS THAT I KNOW.

- A. **Our singing must teach truth (Col. 3:16).**
- B. **We are to sing with the spirit and understanding (1 Cor. 14:15).**
- C. **Many songs use terms that illustrate a point. This is called "poetic license."**
 - 1. However poetic license does not mean false doctrine can be taught.
 - 2. Example: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" or "Jesus Is Coming Soon."
- D. **In the song "I Come To The Garden Alone" I do not take this as a prayer to Jesus.**
 - 1. My thoughts are that the song represents my relationship, my fellowship with Christ.
 - 2. He speaks through the word. His words are comforting and special above all else.

E. The third stanza teaches a lesson we all should learn.

1. "I'd stay in the garden with Him... But He bids me go."
2. I take that to mean I must be busy doing the work that I am commanded to do.

IV. WHY DO SOME CHRISTIANS WISH TO BE "RE-BAPTIZED?" IS THIS SCRIPTURAL? WOULD YOU PERFORM A "RE-BAPTISM?"

A. Why would a person think they needed to be re-baptized?

1. They come to realize they were not baptized for the right reason. (Too young; Talked into it by friends; To please a loved one; Did not understand the need; etc).
2. There are things that must be understood.
 - 1) **John 8:32.**
 - 2) **Acts 2:38.**
 - 3) **Acts 8:5, 12.**

B. Is re-baptism scriptural. Yes, it can be (Acts 18:24-28** and **Acts 19:1-5**).**

C. Would you perform a re-baptism? Yes. I have done that several times.

1. Some have said they know they were not baptized for the right reason.
2. Others have said they were not sure.
3. If a person realizes they did not understand or were not sure, I truly believe by being baptized they can rest assured of their obedience.