

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

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INTRO.:

- A. Read text: **1 Peter 3:15**.
- B. Regarding the text: Be prepared to give an answer.

I. ARE THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM THE SAME THING?

- A. Jesus speaks of the church and the kingdom being the same institution (**Matt. 16:18-19**).
- B. The first time the church is spoken of as being in existence is in **Acts 2:47**.
 - 1. The Lord added the saved to the church that day.
 - 2. **THIS** was the same day the kingdom came into existence.
 - 1) The kingdom would come with power: **Mark 9:1**.
 - 2) The power would come when the Holy Spirit came: **Acts 1:8**.
 - 3) The Holy Spirit and power came on the day of Pentecost Day: **Acts 2:1-4**.
 - 4) The kingdom came into existence and is spoken of as being in existence from that time forward.
 - a. **Col. 1:13**.
 - b. **1 Cor. 15:24**.

II. QUESTION: WHO WAS THE MAN IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE?

- A. Here is a strange verse found only in Mark's gospel **Mark 14:51-52**. Please explain why this verse is in the text.
- B. Answer:
 - 1. The text: **Mark 14:51-52**.
 - 2. This is an interesting text. Why is it there? Why is Mark the only one to record it? What purpose does it serve?
 - 3. The background:
 - 1) The mob has come into the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Jesus: **Mark 14:43, 46**.
 - 2) Peter tried to defend him with a sword, but his efforts were stopped by Jesus. **Mark 15:47**. NOTE **John 18:10**.
 - 3) At this point, all of the disciples "forsook him and fled" (**John 14:50**).
 - 4. Mark tells us that there was another person in the garden as well.
 - 1) He is described as "a certain young man."
 - 2) Since the Bible does not specifically reveal his name to us, we cannot be absolutely certain who this was.
 - 3) Commentators disagree about the identification:
 - a. Albert Barnes believes this was the keeper of the garden who was aroused by the mob.
 - b. Others believe that this was John Mark, the author of the Gospel of Mark. They suppose it was Mark because this incident is found only in Mark.
 - 5. Who was this young man? We do not know.
 - 6. We must remember (**Deut. 29:29**). "

III. "SATELLITE" CHURCHES.

- A. The question: Is it Scriptural for a congregation to have "satellite campuses" or additional locations under the same eldership?
- B. Answer:

1. Satellite church defined: One large congregation establishes other congregations and oversees the newly established congregation.
2. Another term for satellite church is a multi-site church or campus group.
3. The two groups exist under the same leadership.
4. Their worship services are conducted at the same time.
 - 1) The sermon can be brought in by satellite.
 - 2) If not, the two ministers preach the same major points.

C. The locations usually go by the by same name.

1. The organizational structure for the church as laid out in the New Testament is very simple.
 - 1) The Universal church, that is, all Christians throughout the entire world (**Acts 2:47**).
 - 2) The Local Congregation (**Rev. 2:8** “the church in Smyrna...” **Acts 20:17** “And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church.”).
 - a. Each local church is autonomous, that is, self-governing.
 - b. Each church ultimately should have an eldership that oversees the local congregation (**Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-3**).
2. In the New Testament, we do not read about satellite churches.

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. Questions should cause us to study.**
- B. Give the Lord’s invitation.**