

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

12-15-2024 PM

INTRO.:

A. Text: **Matt. 7:21; 1 John 2:17.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. Everybody can learn from sincere questions.
2. We must go to the standard that gives the correct answer.

I. ORDER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

A. Question: Please explain Luke's account of the Lord's Supper in **Luke 22:17-19**. Which element is to be taken first? The bread? The cup? Or does it matter?

1. Matthew and Mark's account of the Lord's Supper are clear about the order of the elements (**Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24**).
2. Paul records this order in **1 Corinthians 11:23-25** "For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me."

B. Luke's account lists a different order.

1. *The problem*: It seems that the Lord partook of the cup first, then the bread. **Luke 22:17-18** "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took the bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."
2. An important rule of Bible study is to *keep a passage in its context*.
 - 1) First, there are two meals under consideration in this text.
 - a. First, *The Passover* **Luke 22:14-18 ***Vs. 15** "And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer."
 - b. Second, *the Lord's Supper* **Luke 22:19-20** "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."
 - a) **Luke 22:19-20** presents the elements of the supper in the same order as do Matthew, Mark, and as Paul did in **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**.
 - b) Remember scripture does not contradict itself.

II. THE ANTICHRIST.

A. Question: WHO IS HE? HAS HE COME YET? WHAT DOES, DID, OR WILL HE DO? IS THERE MORE THAN ONE?

B. The word "antichrist" - "antichrists" is used five times in four verses in the New Testament.

1. Three verses define "what" the antichrist is (**1 John 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 7**).
2. **2 John 7** "For *many deceivers* are entered into the world, *who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.")

C. There are religious groups that teach that the antichrist has not yet come. John taught that they were in existence in the first century.

1. **1 John 2:18** “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
2. **1 John 4:3** “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

D. The antichrist was the general spirit of unbelief. It especially opposed the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

1. Such a spirit was at work in the first century, and it continues today.
2. There are those today who are looking for “the” antichrist.
 - 1) Some error *they teach* about him:
 - a. He is a specific person.
 - b. He is to be an evil world dictator.
 - c. He has not come to power.
 - d. His rule will be a sign of the imminent return of Christ.
 - 2) Many world leaders have been referred to as the antichrist by those who hold to dispensational premillennialism.
3. The premillennial concept of an antichrist does not harmonize with John’s teachings about him. Because of this, premillennialists will not appeal to the verses that specifically mention the antichrist when they discuss their doctrine.
 - 1) They believe the antichrist is one man. John says that many antichrists existed in the first century (**1 John 2:18**).
 - 2) They believe the antichrist has not come. In the first century, John said: “...even now already is it in the world” (**1 John 4:3**).
 - 3) They believe the antichrist will signal the Lord’s return. It has been over 2000 years since the presence of the antichrist in the first century and Jesus has not returned.
4. The reality is that any man can be an antichrist.
 - 1) When we oppose God, the Christ, His teachings, the church, etc., we are “anti” Christ.
 - 2) God’s face is against all who come against him.

III. CONCLUSION:

A. The answer to Bible questions will only be found in the Bible.

B. 1 Timothy 2:15; 1 John 4:1; 1 Peter 3:15.