

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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INTRO.:

A. Thank you for these questions.

1. Studying questions helps us learn in several ways.
 - 1) We must understand before we can obey (**Acts 8:26-36**).
 - 2) Questions and answers are beneficial to the entire congregation.
 - 3) There are no unimportant questions.
2. However, after hearing an explanation, we must see if the answers are correct (**1 Thess. 5:21**).

I. WHAT IS THE MESSAGE IN 1 TIMOTHY 3:15?

A. **1 Tim. 3:14-15** “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

B. “... mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God...”

1. Timothy is charged with behaving himself and teaching the congregation how a Christian should behave.
2. “Behave” manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment: **1 Pet. 1:15** Conversation (lifestyle) anastrophē/**1 Tim. 3:15** Behave (lifestyle) anastrepho.
3. This admonition is intended to include conduct both inside and outside worship time.
 - 1) Our daily conduct must be the “walk” of the Christian.
 - a. **Matt. 5:13-16.**
 - b. **1 Thessalonians 1:17.**
 - c. **1 Timothy 4:12.**
 - 2) Our conduct in the worship assembly.
 - a. **1 Cor. 14:40.**
 - b. Worship must be in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**).
 - c. Nothing should be a distraction to those who have assembled to worship God.
 - d. Some things I have observed over the years that can disrupt worship include getting up and moving around the worship area, talking, passing notes, children who are not being attended to, and even some individuals who whistle or hum.
4. I must never do anything that would hinder the worship of others.

C. “House of God” signifies members of the church. Timothy was working with the church at Ephesus (**1 Tim. 1:3-7**).

D. The Lord's church is to be the “pillar and ground of truth.”

1. Christians have the responsibility of maintaining the truth, doing all within our power to teach it to each generation, and to defend it when unbelievers assail it.
 - 1) Nothing should hinder that responsibility, whether in the worship assembly or our daily lives.
2. We have been given stewardship of the truth, which can save precious souls if it

is fully taught to others. We must be wise and strong enough to accept and fulfill this great responsibility.

- 1) **1 Timothy 6:20** "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called." 1 Corinthians 4:1-2: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
- 2) **1 Timothy 6:20-21** "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee."

II. IF A PERSON LEARNS AND BELIEVES THE GOSPEL BUT DIES BEFORE BAPTISM, CAN HE BE SAVED? WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO EXPLAIN THIS TO THOSE WHO ASK?

A. A question like this can fall into the category of one designed to entrap.

1. It is a question that is emotionally charged because it deals with eternal salvation or eternal condemnation.
2. Often, the person asking the question already has their mind made up about the matter.

B. To answer this question, we must turn to the Word of God with rationality and faith.

1. **Isaiah 8:20** "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."
2. **1 Peter 4:11** "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..."

C. The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16**). Whatever it says is true because it is from God, who cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**).**

D. What does the Bible say about baptism and salvation?

1. Two verses.
 - 1) **Mark 16:15-16** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
 - 2) **1 Peter 3:21** "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."
2. These two verses are very plain. One **must** be baptized to be saved. If one is not baptized, he is not saved.
3. NOTE: There is not one example of a person who was saved without being baptized after Jesus died on the cross and after the events of **Acts 2**. If so, where is it?

III. CONCLUSION:

A. As we have discussed these questions, we must ask ourselves, are we prepared for eternity?

B. In this life, we choose our eternal home.