

ANSWERING FALSE DOCTRINES.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. This will not be an exhaustive list of false doctrine.**
- B. Man has always tried to live by their own law (2 Timothy 4:).**

DISCUSSION: REMEMBER THESE ARE FALSE DOCTRINES...

I. SOME BELIEVE WE ARE TO LIVE BY THE ENTIRE BIBLE, INCLUDING THE OLD TESTAMENT.

A. To answer:

- 1. **Colossians 2:14.**
- 2. The Old Law was given at Sinai. The new law began in Jerusalem (**Isaiah 2:3; Luke 24:47**).

B. The old law was the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.

- 1. **Galatians 3:24-25.**
- 2. Therefore, the Old Law could not save (**Hebrews 10:1-4**).

C. Trying to live by the old law is to fall from grace (Galatians 5:4).

II. JOHN THE BAPTIST FOUNDED THE CHURCH.

A. Answer:

- 1. Christ said He would build His church (**Matthew 16:18**).
- 2. This passage was after John's death (**Matthew 14:1-12**).

B. John did not see the establishment of the church.

III. FAITH ALONE WILL SAVE.

A. Answer:

- 1. **James 2:17-26.** Note **verse 22**.
- 2. The only time we read "faith only" is found in **James 2:24**.
- 3. This passage says, "NOT by faith only!"

B. Those in **Hebrews 11 received blessings through obedience.**

IV. WE LIVE UNDER GRACE; THUS, WE ARE NOT SAVED BY ANY WORKS.

A. Answer:

- 1. **Ephesians 2:8-9** is used as support for this false doctrine.
 - 1) Notice that **verse 10** speaks of works ordained of God.
 - 2) **James 2:17, 26.**
 - 3) **1 Corinthians 9:27.**
- 2. To do works authorized by God is essential to obedience.

B. We are saved by God's grace.

- 1. Grace is God doing for man what man could not do for himself.
- 2. Saved by grace involves God's instructions and man's obedience.
 - 1) **John 3:14-17** (The serpent in the wilderness).
 - 2) **Hebrews 5:9.**

V. BAPTISM IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION.

A. Answer:

- 1. What is the purpose of baptism?
 - 1) To have our sins forgiven (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**).
 - 2) To be born again (**John 3:3-5**).
 - 3) To be saved (**Mark 16:15-16; 1 Pet. 3:21**).

B. Some people reject God's instruction by refusing to be baptized.

1. **Luke 7:29-30.**
2. **Acts 2:41.**
3. **Acts 13:46** (They passed sentence upon themselves).

VI. PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT COME UPON US.

A. Answer:

1. Only Jesus could pray for this (**John 14:15-21**).
2. The apostles spoke as they were instructed *by the Holy Spirit* (**2 Peter 1:21**).

B. Today, we come to salvation by obeying the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14**).**

1. **Mark 16:15-16.**
2. **James 1:18.**
3. **Romans 1:16.**

VII. WE ARE TO KEEP THE SABBATH WORSHIP (SATURDAY).

A. Answer:

1. Sabbath keeping was a part of the Old Law (**Exodus 20:8**).
2. We do not live under this law.
 - 1) **Colossians 2:14.**
 - 2) Thus, we have a New Testament.

B. We are to worship on the first day of the week (Sunday).

1. **Acts 20:7.**
2. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**

VIII. ONE CHURCH IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.

A. Answer:

1. The Bible teaches that there is only one church.
 - 1) **Ephesians 4:4** -- One body.
 - 2) **Ephesians 1:22-23** ... "the church, which is His body."
 - 3) **Colossians 1:18, 24** "... he is the head of the body, the church."
2. One body will be saved.
 - 1) **Ephesians 5:23** "... he is the savior of the body."
 - 2) **1 Corinthians 15:24.**

B. We are added to this one church upon obedience to the gospel.

1. **Acts 2:47.**
2. **1 Corinthians 12:13.**

IX. YOU CAN BELIEVE DIFFERENT THINGS AND BOTH BE RIGHT.

A. Answer:

1. Is this ever the case? Is truth absolute?
 - 1) Some things are not matters of faith, thus not a matter of salvation.
 - 2) But in matters of faith, there is an absolute truth.
 - 3) **John 8:32; 17:17.**
2. Absolute truth: The plan of salvation, the manner of worship, and our daily living.

B. Denominations are not founded on absolute truth.

1. There is only one gospel (**Romans 1:16** "IT" is singular).
2. **Galatians 1:6-9** (There is no other gospel).

X. WHAT ABOUT MIRACLES?

A. Answer:

1. Miracles were for the purpose of confirming the word.
 - 1) **Mark 16:20.**
 - 2) **Hebrews 2:3-4.**
2. Carefully study **Ephesians 4:8-13.**
 - 1) **Verse 8:** The gifts were given unto men.
 - 2) **Verses 11-12** given for a purpose ("For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;")
 - 3) **Verse 13** shows the duration ("Till we all come in the unity of *the faith*, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:")
 - a. The faith refers to the gospel (**Jude 3; Galatians 1:23.**
 - b. **1 Corinthians 13:8-13.**

B. Spiritual gifts were given by the laying on of the apostle's hands.

1. **Acts 8:12-24.**
 - 1) **Verse 6:** Philip could perform miracles.
 - 2) However, he could not give gifts to anyone else.
2. This is why Peter and John came to Samaria (**Verses 14-17**).

XI. WE MUST MAKE THE BIBLE RELEVANT TO TODAY'S WORLD.

A. Answer: The word must not be changed.

1. **Revelation 22:18-19.**
2. **Proverbs 30:6.**
3. **1 Peter 4:11.**

B. To make God's word conform to the world's desires would require continual change.

XII. CONCLUDING REMARKS.

- A. We should not dread questions such as these.
- B. As we study and grow, those questions, along with others, will become part of our knowledge.
- C. Always remember... our answer must be found in the Bible.
- D. These examples of false doctrines highlight only a few that could be cited.
- E. However, these are often the ones we hear time and again.