

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

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I. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPHETS?

A. When did the prophets start?

1. The office of a prophet was created by God (**Amos 3:4; Hebrews 1:1**).
2. Jesus said that Abel was the first prophet (**Luke 11:50-51; Hebrews 11:4**).
3. The first recorded use of the word “prophet” appears in **Genesis 20:7** “Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a prophet...”

B. Why did God create prophets?

1. The word prophet means “an inspired speaker” (**Jeremiah 20:9**).
2. God communicated with men through prophets. He used prophets to inform and teach (**Hebrews 1:1**).
3. Prophets were needed prior to written revelation (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).

C. When did the prophets end?

1. The last prophet would have been John (**Revelation 22:18-19**).
2. Prophecy was temporary (**1 Corinthians 13:8-10**).
3. Since we have the completed written revelation, God communicates through His word.

D. Are there prophets with us today? No.

II. MUST ONE BE A MEMBER OF A CONGREGATION? IF WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, ISN'T THAT THE IMPORTANT THING?

A. Of course, 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. **Acts 2:47**.

B. However, after obeying the gospel, we must then work in the church.

C. Some important things to consider.

1. Every congregation is autonomous. Meaning we do not have policy makers outside our congregation.
 - 1) Each congregation is to do its own work as authorized in God's word.
 - 2) Evangelism, edification, and benevolence.
2. We are to work under the oversight of an eldership.
 - 1) If there are no elders, the men must decide how to carry out the work of the church.
 - 2) **Hebrews 13:17** “Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”
 - a. Obey them
 - b. Rule over you.
 - c. They must give an account.
1. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.”

D. There is no Bible authority for me to be a “member at large.”

1. Paul joined himself to a congregation:
 - 1) **Acts 9:26-27** “And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the

way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.”

- 2) **Hebrews 10:25** shows the necessity of membership in a congregation.
Note **Hebrews 10:24** “Provoke one another to love and good works.”

2. Working together requires membership in a particular congregation.

E. “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

1. Apply this to the church.
2. Also, how would our homes be if we did not *walk together in agreement*?

III. GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION.

- A. Obey the gospel: Hear (**Acts 2:37**); Believe (**Romans 1:16**); Repent (**Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38**); Confess (**Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32**); Be baptized (**Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16**); Live faithfully (**Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:7**).
- B. ***I am coming, Lord, Coming now to Thee: Wash me, cleanse me in the blood; That flowed on Calvary.
- C. Are you willing to come?