

Series: The Great Commission

Title: Dealing with Common Questions

Text: (Matt 28:19-20)

Its every Christian's Greatest Fear...

"What if they ask me a question I don't know the answer to?"

Let me put your fears to rest...

IT WILL HAPPEN... AND IT'S OK!

If you wait to witness until you know everything, you won't witness till you get to heaven, & nobody there has any ????

It is good to be familiar with the basic questions.
Don't worry about memorizing them all at once.
Just familiarize yourself with them.
Read tracts that address them.

Everyone of us grows when asked a question. Embrace IT!

I. Dealing with Common Questions:

A. Common Objections:

1. *I have always been a Christian.*

No One is Born a Christian.

Even if they were baptized as an infant, raised in a Christian Home.

Everyone has to make a personal choice!

(Ps 51:5) *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

All of us are born in need of a savior.

(John 1:12) *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even th them that believe on his name:*

"Become" means we start off as NOT one.

(John 3:3) *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* "Born again" a second time!

2. *I've asked Go to forgive me many times.*

OR, *"I pray everyday."*

Explain, praying to receive Christ as our savior is different than just repeating a prayer.

It is a prayer of faith, believing Christ's ability & willingness to save, and is a ONE Time Decision.

(John 1:12) *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even th them that believe on his name:*

(Rom 10:13) *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

(Rev 3:20) *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

3. *This is too simple. I need to do something to earn it.*

If we could earn salvation, it wouldn't be a gift.

If it could be partly our effort/partly God's grace, it wouldn't be grace AT ALL.

(Rom 6:23) (Eph 2:8-9)(Titus 3:5)

4. *I'm good enough. I'm not a very bad sinner.*

We can always find someone worse than us to compare ourselves too.

But when we are compare ourselves to Christ, we see we are in desperate need of salvation.

(Is 53:6) *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

(Is 64:6) *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

(Rom 3:12) *They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

5. *Doesn't death end everything? How do we know there is a real Heaven or Hell?*

The bible is clear that the soul and spirit live on after death.

The bible is clear about a real Heaven & a Real Hell.

(Heb 9:27) *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

(Matt 6:9) *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

(Luke 16:22-24) Rich man and Lazarus.

6. *I don't want to give up my lifestyle or friends.*

There is nothing more valuable than your eternal soul.

(Mark 8:36-37) *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

(John 15:13) *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

(Phil 2:13) *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

7. *I think as long as I'm sincere in what I believe, that's all that matters.*

(Prov 14:12) *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

(John 3:36) *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

(John 14:6)

(Acts 4:12) *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

(1 Jn 5:12) *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

B. The Deity of Christ:

As a Christian: One of the most important truths to have a grasp on is the deity of Christ.

This is where the Cults attack us, and the Liberals compromise to attract people.

If Jesus is NOT God, then he did not live a sinless life.

He could not pay for our sins.

The scriptures are specific in this matter.

(1 Jn 3:5) *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

(1 Jn 2:2) *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Those who teach that Jesus is not God are False Teachers.

(1 Jn 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.

(1 Tim 3:16) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

So how do we know this is true from the Bible?

1. His deity is shown through His Names.

Jesus is called God:

(Is 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(John 20:28) And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

*(Heb 1:8)(Titus 2:13)(Rom 9:3-5)(1 Jn 3:16)(1 Jn 5:20)
(Rev 1:8)(Rev 21:6-7)(Col 2:9)*

2. His deity is shown through His Works.

He Created the World: *(John 1:3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

He Upholds the World: *(Heb 1:3) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

He Forgives Sin: *(Mark 2:7-11) Palsied man carried by 4.*

He Gives Eternal Life: *(John 17:2) As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

3. His deity is shown through Worship.

The bible is clear, Worship God Alone! (Lk 4:8)

Throughout the gospels, people worship Jesus, and he doesn't stop them.

(Matt 2:2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

(Matt 14:33) Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

(John 9:38) And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

God the Father commands the angels to worship him.

(Heb 1:6) And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

4. His deity is shown through His Attributes.

Omnipotence: *(Matt 28:18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Omniscience: *(John 16:30) Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.*

(Matt 16:21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer

many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Omnipresence: (Matt 28:20) *and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen*

Eternality: (John 1:1)

Immutability: (Heb 13:8) *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

5. His deity is shown through His Resurrection.

The most spectacular evidence of the deity of Christ was his bodily resurrection. (Luke 24:1-7)

Jesus didn't rise secretly. 10 separate sightings, one with more than 500 people at one time. (1 Cor 15:5-6)
(John 20:11-18) (Matt 28:1-10)(Luke 24:13-35)
(John 20:19-24, 26-28; 21:1-23) (Acts 1:3-10; 9:3-9)

Only God, could raise HIMSELF from the dead.

Yes, He is God.

His offer of Salvation is good.

He Will save all who put their trust in Him.