

Questions And Answers Sermon Part 1

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John 4:15-29 (NASB)

¹⁵ The woman *said to Him, " Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." ¹⁶ He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." ¹⁹ The woman *said to Him, " Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus *said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus *said to her, " I who speak to you am *He*." ²⁷ At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

1st Question in the Bible- Gen3: ⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, " Where are you?"

1st Question in the New Testament.- Matt.2: ¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ² "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?"

The World Has Questions. When a non-believer finds out that you are religious, like the Samaritan woman, they will ask you questions.

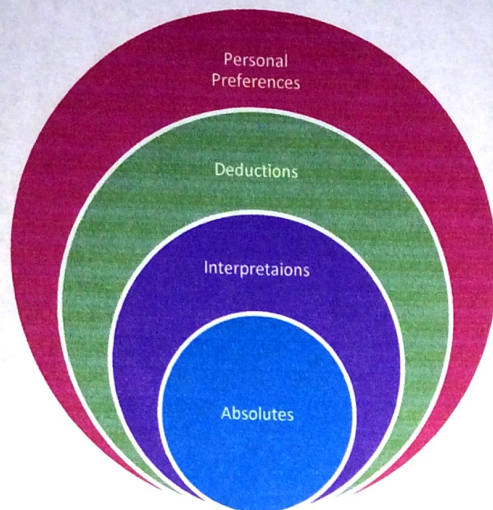
With modern tech, and media, we have access to many more opinions and voices than in years past. In early America, the church was the place to have questions answered. It was the meeting place and the pastor was the most learned man in town. The Bible was the textbook in the school. Almost all the colleges such as: Harvard, Yale, Williams and Mary, Dartmouth were missionary schools. But now, the world is going to other sources for answers.

Novelist Amy Rand speaking at Yale:

" Never before has the world been so desperately asking for answers to crucial questions and never before has the world been so frantically committed to the idea that no answers are possible."

Types or Categories of Questions

- Questions about God
- Questions about Practices in the Church
- Questions about Morality
 - The church has a responsibility to define what is right and wrong to the world
 - The Church in America has set its standards a little above the worlds standards, but the problem with that is that the world standards in the last generation have taken a nose dive downward and things that are sin are now acceptable in many churches. We need to once again preach repentance.
 - Usually when someone is asking about areas of morality it is to see what they can get away with.
- Questions about Doctrines
 - 1 Tim 3-4 In the last days men are not going to holding to sound doctrine
 - See Chart:



Absolutes:

**OUR BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN IS
BASED ON THE ABSOLUTES ONLY**

- Jesus is God
- Jesus is the only way to Salvation
- Bible is the Word of God

Interpretations:

- The Gifts of the Spirit are for Today
- Church Government
- Predestination , Election
- Etc.

Deductions:

- Church age is 2000 years
- Etc.

Personal Preferences

- Sunday School or Children's church
- Organ or worship band, type of music, etc.
- Which translation of the Bible

Prov. 26: 4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Or you will also be like him.

5 Answer a fool as his folly *deserves*, That he not be wise in his own eyes.

Before you answer a question it is good to determine the spirit in which it is asked to determine the motive behind it.

- Example: The Devil asking Jesus Questions at His temptation
- Example: Kids asking parents for money
- Example: Is it wrong to smoke? Social Drinking? Is Tithing a New Testament principle or is it law?

Questions

1. Baptism

a. Infant Baptism

The first mention we have of infant baptism in church history was about 200 A.D. by Tertullian the great teacher, and he was opposed to it. We do not hear anything about the baptism of infants until 200 years after Christ. It gradually gained ground in the third century. Jewett says pg. 7 "The truth unquestionably is, infant baptism was introduced into the church contemporaneously with the notion, that baptism is essential to salvation. When this idea prevailed, baptism of course must be administered to infants, or they were doomed to perdition.

b. Right way to Baptize- Immersion

Acts 8:36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" John 3:23 There was much water there.

c. The Name Used in Baptism

2. What about people who have never had the gospel?
3. What about Islam? And other religions. Do they go to heaven?
4. Are Mormons Christian? What about JW's and 7th Day Adventist
5. Calvinism, Predestination, Election, Once Saved Always Saved.
6. What about the Rapture and End Times?

7. Are Tattoos OK? Lev 19: ²⁶ 'You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying. ²⁷ ~' You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads nor harm the edges of your beard. ²⁸ ~'You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.
8. What does the Bible Say about Tithing in the New Testament?
9. Explain the Trinity
10. Is Social Drinking allowed?
11. How about Marijuana? **Greek Word:** φάρμακος **Transliterated Word:** *pharmakos*
Root: from phuraō *pharmakon* (a drug);
Definition: a poisoner, sorcerer, magician:--Rev 2:15
12. What does the Bible Say about Homosexuality?
 - Rom 1:21-32
 - 1Cor. 6:9-10
13. What is the Church's position on sex? Porn?
14. If a couple is living together (not married) how will you handle it?
15. Can a Christian be demon possessed, or have a demon?
16. Can women be ordained? Are women allowed to teach men, Can they be elders?
17. Why is the music have to be so loud?
18. Is it ok to listen to secular music?
19. What are the guidelines for modesty in dress? Where do you draw the line?
20. Does a person have to speak in tongues to be Spirit filled?
21. What is the right way to have communion?
22. What does the Bible say about Divorce and Remarriage?
23. Is the Bible the only inspired Scriptures?
24. What is the church's position on abortion?
25. Are Christmas trees wrong? How about Easter Egg hunts? Halloween?
26. If a Christian is having problems and commits suicide, do they still go to heaven?
27. If God is loving Why is there Evil?
28. What about Injustice, Does God Care?
29. Ho old is the world--- Creation vs. Evolution
30. Gray Areas- Things not covered directly in the Bible
 - Phil 4:8-9 ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. ⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.