

# **Simple Answers to Difficult Biblical Questions**

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This study is dedicated to the people who meet at Gulf Coast Dispensational Church every Sunday. Their questions and honest feedback have caused me to re-think my approach to answering a lot of “difficult” questions. I am continually amazed at God, who provides answers for us in the Bible, whether we want to just “scratch the surface” or want to do a “deep dive” into a topic.

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## Introduction

One of the most important things to remember when teaching Bible studies, is to keep the studies easy to understand. The challenge is that the more you study the Bible, the more information you find, to bring to bear on a topic. The Bible is so rich in information that it is easy, especially for the beginner, to get lost and feel overwhelmed by an over-zealous teacher!

It is helpful to be able to show Bible students that the information in the Bible is relevant to their lives today. Studying the Bible by finding answers to students' questions is a good way to interest students in learning more! There are many questions that can be answered by a few brief verses in the Bible. If students want to dig deeper, they have a starting place.

This study starts with 30 questions that many Christians have, and which can be answered in a few verses, without a lot of searching. There is one question per page, and as much as possible, topics are grouped together.





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## 1. What is the gospel that saves us today?

This answer is so important that I have included the 2 verse introduction to it.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Here is the 2-verse answer. To be saved today, you must believe that the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ paid for your sins. There is no other way to be saved. It's really that simple.

### 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

## 2. How do we know that our gospel is different from the gospel that Jesus gave to His apostles when He was on earth?

Paul makes it clear in his letter to the Galatians that there were 2 gospels. There was a gospel of the uncircumcision (also called Gentiles) that was given to him, and there was another gospel of the circumcision (also called Jews) that was given to Peter, James and John. Paul and Barnabas were to go unto the heathen (Gentiles,) and Peter, James, and John were to continue to work with the circumcision (Jews.)

### Galatians 2:7, 9

But contrariwise, when they saw **that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;** <sup>9</sup>And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, **they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.**

### 3. What is the mystery that Paul refers to in his epistles?

The mystery, revealed to Paul, was that the Gentiles were going to be saved by Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, just as the Jews were.

Ephesians 3:5-6

**Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

#### **4. Why did the Gentiles' salvation have to be a mystery until it was revealed to Paul?**

It was prophesied throughout the Old Testament that Jesus was going to be the redeemer and King of Israel. His crucifixion to redeem Israel was prophesied. It was the Gentiles' salvation, because of the crucifixion, that had to remain a mystery, until it was revealed to Paul. Satan and the forces of evil in this world would not have crucified Christ if they had known that His death, burial, and resurrection would also save the Gentiles.

#### **1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

**But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**



## 5. **What verses says that water baptism is not for us today?**

Paul tells us that if a person could be saved by being baptized by water, there was no need for Christ to have died for our salvation! The crucifixion would have had no effect on our salvation! Of course, that was never true!

Paul was not sent to baptize for salvation, but to preach the gospel: the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

### 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

**For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.**

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

## **6. Are there signs and wonders today, in the Dispensation of Grace?**

No, we do not need them. We preach Christ crucified. Paul says that the Jews require a sign and the Greeks (Gentiles) seek after wisdom: BUT we (the Church, the Body of Christ, who are neither Jew nor Greek, but a new creature) preach Christ crucified. For the unbelieving Jews who still need a sign, the crucifixion is something that they still do not believe, and for the unbelieving Gentiles who still seek worldly wisdom, the crucifixion makes no sense.

### 1 Corinthians 1:22-23

**For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;**

## 7. Did the crucifixion happen on “Good Friday?”

Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with 2 of His disciples shows very simply that the crucifixion took place on a Thursday. This example uses 3 verses which are not consecutive. The walk took place on Sunday. Jesus joined the men, but they were prevented from knowing who He was. The two men told Jesus what they knew about the crucifixion. They said it had been 3 days since all of these things had happened, (on Thursday.)

Luke 24:1,13,20

<sup>1</sup>**Now upon the first day of the week**, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

<sup>13</sup>And, **behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus**, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

<sup>20</sup>**And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.** But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: **and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.**

## 8. Why will the 7-year Tribulation come upon the earth prophesied in the book of Revelation?

Many people are fearful when they read the book of Revelation. The 7 year Tribulation is Israel's punishment for continued disobedience to God, when they had their Kingdom, but God will punish the entire earth.

Israel knew that if they did not follow God's commandments, God would punish them 7 times (years.) Repetition in the Bible is a sign of something being important. God tells them about this punishment 4 times in 10 verses!

### Leviticus 26:18

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you seven times more for your sins.**

### Leviticus 26:21

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; **I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.**

Leviticus 26:23-24

And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I **also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.**

Leviticus 26:27:28

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, **will chastise you seven times for your sins.**

Yet, as you know, Israel did not obey God. How do we know that “seven times” is seven years?

The Bible will sometimes define itself by restating a sentence while substituting a word or phrase. In the book of Revelation, God will feed Israel for 1,260 days.

Revelation 12:6

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, **that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

This event, described 8 verses later where the woman, Israel, is nourished is now counted as “a time, and times, and half a time.” From this, we know that 1,260 days, or 3 ½ years (with 360 days in a year,) is equivalent to “a time, and times, and half a time,” or 3 ½ times.

### Revelation 12:14

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,** from the face of the serpent.

## 9. Do we need to worry about the Tribulation?

God has promised that today's believers will be saved from God's wrath, written about in the book of Revelation, because we are justified by Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

### Romans 5:8-9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

What this means is that members of the Church, the Body of Christ will be raptured to Heaven before God will bring His judgement upon the earth during the Tribulation. See the next question.

## 10. What is the Rapture?

At some unknown point in time, the Lord Jesus Christ will gather His Church to Himself. He will descend from heaven to the clouds with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump (voice) of God. Then, believers who are still alive will meet Jesus—and those who have already died in Christ that He will bring with Him—in the clouds, and be with Him forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**



## 11. What happens to believers who die before the Rapture?

As soon as believers leave their earthly bodies, they are present with the Lord,

### 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) **We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

Jesus will bring the believers who have already died (them also which sleep in Jesus,) with Him when He meets His Church in the clouds at the Rapture.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:14-15

**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

## 12. Who are the 144,000 mentioned in the book of Revelation?

A lot of churches tell the members that they are part of the 144,000 people who are mentioned in the book of Revelation, whose job it is to carry the gospel to the far corners of the earth.

No believer today can be one of the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation. Today's believers will be raptured before the Tribulation (see question 10.) God will not choose the 144,000 until just before the Tribulation starts. The 144,000 will be, first and foremost, Jewish. Each of them will be from one of the 12 tribes of Israel, 12,000 from each. They will be sealed by God to carry His message of salvation, during the Tribulation, to the ends of the earth.

### Revelation 7:3-4

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till **we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** And I heard **the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

### 13. Where are the Old Testament Saints today?

Some churches incorrectly believe that after His death, Jesus went to Hell to rescue the Old Testament faithful from Hell, and took them with Him to Heaven when He ascended. The Catholic Church calls this, "The Harrowing of Hell."

Jesus told us that Old Testament Saints are in a place of comfort, in the center of the earth, known as "Abraham's Bosom." Jesus talks about this place in Luke chapter 16 with the rich man and Lazarus.

But, at Pentecost, Peter told everyone that King David had not ascended into heaven, and this was after the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since David has not ascended, none of the Old Testament faithful have ascended.

Acts 2:34-35

**For David is not ascended into the heavens:** but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, **Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**

## 14. What should we say to people who believe the Quran?

The website WhyIslam.org states, “The Quran is the holy book which Muslims recite and turn to for guidance in all aspects of their life. It is the last testament in a series of divine revelations from God. **It comprises the unaltered and direct words of God, revealed through the Angel Gibrael, to the final Prophet, Muhammad** (peace be upon him) some 1400 years ago.”

Our apostle Paul received revelations from Jesus Christ Himself. Paul was told by the Lord Jesus Christ that even if it were an angel from heaven who was the one who preached a gospel different from the one that Paul preached, that the angel and the people who followed him would be accursed—judged and sent to Hell. This is exactly what Islam is, a gospel (reportedly) preached by an angel from heaven, but different from what Paul preached. Those who follow it will be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9

**But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we**

**have preached unto you, let him be accursed.**

As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

Anyone who is teaching God's word, must teach it according to the revelation of the mystery that was given to the apostle Paul. People teaching, or following the teachings of the prophet Muhammad, are not giving you the word of God according to Paul's gospel. Anyone who continues to teach "another gospel" after they have been shown their error should be left in their ignorance.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

**If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Titus 3:10-11

A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; **Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.**

**15. Does the Bible have errors in it, because it was written by men?**

The Bible, the written word of God, was written by holy men who were given the direct word of God by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Never let someone tell you that the Bible has errors in it! God has promised, and God does not lie, to preserve His word forever.

Psalm 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, **thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**

## 16. Why doesn't God answer my prayer?

Paul tells us that we do not know how to pray as we ought to pray. That's why the Holy Ghost, living in our hearts, takes every prayer we pray to God the Father and intercedes for us, "according to the will of God." Once our prayers have been presented to God, by the Holy Ghost according to God's will, every one of them is answered according to the will of God. Our prayers are never prayed perfectly, but they are always answered perfectly. That's why we may not recognize it when our prayers are answered—but we know that they are—every one of them!

Romans 8:26-27

**Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

## 17. Does the Bible really say that women are not allowed to teach in church?

No, the Bible does not prohibit woman from teaching. Paul tells Timothy to teach others what Paul has taught Timothy, so that the others may teach others, and so on.

Any time that the Bible uses the word “men” or “man” and doesn’t give a separate instruction for “women” or “woman,” it is a general instruction for people in general.

The word “men” after the word “faithful,” in the passage below, is used like we use the word “people.” It can be re-stated as, “the same commit thou to faithful people, who shall be able to teach others also.

### 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**



## **18. Was Mary actually related to her Son Jesus in the flesh?**

Yes. Some churches teach that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was not actually His mother in the sense that we are children of our mother. They insist that Mary would have been some kind of surrogate, because Jesus could not have had a “sinful” body. The truth is that our bodies are not sinful. They are mortal and they are corruptible, but they do not sin by themselves.

Our souls—who we are—are what causes our bodies to sin. Jesus is sinless, so His mortal body did not sin. Jesus had to die in our place, to pay for our sins. Had he not been able to die, in a mortal body, He could not have redeemed us.

Jesus had to be related to David—in the flesh—because God had sworn an oath to David that he would produce from his mortal flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ, to sit on His throne. Christ had to have David’s lineage in order for God to have fulfilled His oath to David.

Jesus Christ was the fruit of David's loins, according to the flesh, because David's son, Nathan, was Mary's ancestor. Jesus inherited the right to the throne of Israel through His mother Mary.

Acts 2:30-31

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that **God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

## 19. Is there a difference between the soul and the spirit?

Yes, there is a difference between the soul and the spirit.

Our spirit was given to us by God. Every living person has the spirit that God gave him. When people die, believers and unbelievers, their spirits all return to God, who first give His spirit to them.

### Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

It is not that way with our soul. Our souls are who we are. We have the choice of where our souls go when we die. If we are believers, our souls will go to God, with our spirits.

### Mark 8:36-37

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

When unbelievers die, they have their souls

separated from the spirit God gave them. The spirit will return to God without the person's soul. The unbeliever's soul will go to Hell.

Hebrews explains that God uses His word as a sword so sharp that it can separate the soul from the spirit.

### Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, **piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## 20. Do animals have souls and spirits?

The leaders of many churches have devastated animal lovers by telling them that our beloved pets do not have a soul, and do not continue on after they die! Nothing could be further from the truth!

Every living thing has a soul, and God has every one of their souls in His hand.

Job 12:10

**In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.**

Not only do animals have souls, but animals have spirits, just like we do! God is “the God of the spirits of all flesh!”

Numbers 27:16

Let the LORD, **the God of the spirits of all flesh,** set a man over the congregation,

In fact, we find that the animals are looking forward to the Rapture, the Adoption, just as we are! Their frail bodies, like ours, will be

redeemed, changed.

Romans 8:22-23

For we know that **the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

## 21. Why do so many bad things happen in this world?

Right now, Satan is the god of this world. He has been, ever since Adam and Eve brought sin into the world, and he will be until the Lord Jesus Christ rules the world from His throne in Jerusalem.

The things that happen in this world are because everyone on earth is a sinner and Satan is in charge, for now.

### Luke 4:5-6

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And **the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**

But we have the promise that all things work together for good for us, who love God. So, whatever happens to us on this earth, God will use it for good for His people.

Romans 8:28

And **we know that all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



## 22. What justification is there for studying the Bible dispensationally?

Paul tells us we should study God's word by rightly dividing it. Paul's second letter to Timothy is the only place this vital information is found.

### 2 Timothy 2:15

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

Everyone divides scripture in one way or another. No one today believes that he should build an ark because a flood is coming, like Noah. God has promised that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood, so there is no need.

We know that God "dispensed" different information to different people throughout the Bible. Adam got different information than Noah, who got different information than Abraham. The person that God dispensed information to, for us today, is the apostle Paul. So, we know what God wants for us today. by reading Paul's epistles.

## **23. How do we know that God is One Person in Three? The word “Trinity” isn’t even in the Bible.**

This is another example of an extremely important piece of information that is only found in one verse in the King James Bible. It is not found at all in many of the other Bibles.

Even the King James Bible does not use the word Trinity, but defines it completely. It tells you that there are three in heaven, lists the Father, the Word (the Son,) and the Holy Ghost, and then explains that those three are also one.

### 1 John 5:7

**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

## 24. When did the New Testament begin?

Most of us would say that the New Testament began with the book of Matthew. But the book of Hebrews explains that, like a last will and testament, the New Testament could only begin upon the death of the testator, Jesus Christ. A testament cannot be enforced while the testator lives. So the New Testament began after Jesus' death: at the end of the Gospels, but certainly by the book of Acts.

### Hebrews 9:16-17

For where a testament is, **there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead:** otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

## 25. When did the Old Testament begin?

We would probably say in the book of Genesis, but the Old (first) Testament also required that it be sealed in blood. After Moses read the Law to the people of Israel, he took the blood of calves and goats and sprinkled the book and the people to seal the testament. That is when the Old, the first, Testament started.

### Hebrews 9:18-19

Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. **For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,**

### Exodus 24:7-8

**And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people:** and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. **And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant,** which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

## 26. If Jesus forgave everyone's sins, why doesn't everyone go to Heaven?

Paul tells us that our forgiveness, which Jesus purchased for us with His own blood, was a free gift that came upon all men.

### Romans 5:17-18

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

Like any gift, if you don't accept it, you have not received it. Jesus saved all men, but only those who accept His forgiveness are really saved.

### 1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

## 27. What about the people who have never heard the Gospel? Will God judge them?

There is no one who has not heard the gospel. Paul tells us that everyone has heard about salvation. The words have gone unto the ends of the world.

Romans 10:14, 18

<sup>14</sup>**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?** and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

<sup>18</sup>**But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.**

Paul told Titus that the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. We can believe that.

Titus 2:11

**For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,**

## 28. What is God's will for my life?

Many people make this very complicated, but the answer is very simple: God wants all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

God wants you, and everyone else to be saved. It's that simple. See question 1.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable **in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

Once you are saved, God wants you to spread the gospel of salvation to as many people as you can!

## 29. Why have the Jews been so persecuted throughout the centuries?

Satan has been at the center of all of the terrible persecution that the Jews have suffered over the centuries. After Israel rejected Jesus as her Messiah, Jesus returned to sit at the right hand of His Father in Heaven. He told Israel that He would not return until they acknowledged their sin of rejecting Him, repented, and called for Him to come and save them.

Satan's only chance to beat Jesus Christ is to make certain that there are no Jews left on earth to acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah and call on Him to return. Satan has been trying to destroy every single Jew to keep Christ from coming back to earth to set up His Kingdom.

### Hosea 5:6, 15

They shall go with their flocks and with their herds **to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.**

**<sup>15</sup>I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.**



### **30. Why is it so difficult to talk to unbelievers about the Bible?**

Paul explains what happens when a believer is saved. He hears the gospel of salvation, he believes the gospel of salvation, and then he is sealed by the Holy Ghost until the redemption, also known as the Rapture.

#### Ephesians 1:13-14

**In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**

Believers no longer have the spirit of the world, but the spirit of God. The indwelling Holy Ghost gives believers the ability to know the things that are freely given to us of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we**

might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;** comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Unbelievers, the “natural man,” are literally unable to understand the things of God. They do not have the spiritual discernment necessary to understand God’s word. They have the spirit of the world and not the spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither** can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

## Conclusion

The purpose of this study is to give you, as a Bible student, simple answers to some complicated questions you may encounter when trying to share your faith. It can be discouraging to try to share something you have learned with family and friends, when you do not have the Bible verses at your fingertips. It is also difficult to commit a lot of verses to memory, in the hope that you have memorized the ones you need.

Each of these 30 questions can be answered in 2 or 3 verses. If the topic is something you wish to study more, you have a starting place for further study.

You can never predict when someone, if they find out you are a believer, may come to you with a question. You want to make sure to give the correct information, especially if you are asked to defend your position as a believer. It is my prayer this resource will help you to do that.

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