

Biblical Questions & Answers

Section 1:

General Questions

Q1: What Is Apostasy?

Definition

Abandonment of one's faith or belief in a deity or religion.

Hebrews 6:4–6 (ESV) — For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

John 1:9 (ESV) — The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

Q2: How important is it to belong to a “faith?” (Baptist, Methodist, etc) Are we going to just be church in the future?

A Quick History of Divisions in the Church

| Divisions | Descriptions |
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| Ethnicity | Jews & Gentiles |
| Locality | Eastern (Alexandria) & Western (Rome) |
| Priority | Sacraments (Catholic) & Scripture (Protestant) |
| Liturgy | Liturgical & Non-Liturgical |
| Theology | Calvinist & Armenian |
| Inerrancy | Liberal & Evangelical |
| Spirituality | Charismatic & Non-Charismatic |

Q3: If the Bible teaches that Jesus will not tempt us, why does the Lord's prayer say, “lead us not into temptation”?

James 1:13 (ESV) — Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

Q4: At the last mention of Joseph, Jesus was about 12. What did he do from 12 to 30?

Section 2:

Heaven & End times

Q1: Is the phrase, “end of times” misused/overused? My grandmother, who died 20+

years ago, swore that we were living in the end of times then. Do you think this leads people to think they have plenty of time?

John 21:20–23 (ESV) — Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

Acts 1:7 (ESV) — He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

Matthew 24:36 (ESV) — But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Matthew 24:42–43 (ESV) — Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

Q2: If you have never heard of God, will you still go to heaven?

Isaiah 7:15-16 (ESV) — He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

Romans 10:13–15 (ESV) — For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Q3: Will there be many antichrists or just one?

1 John 2:18 (ESV) — Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

Denial of Jesus as Messiah

1 John 2:22 (ESV) — Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.

Denial of Jesus as God

1 John 4:3 (ESV) — And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Denial of Jesus as fully human

2 John 7 (ESV) — For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Q4: If a third of the angels were sent to hell at the fall of Lucifer, where do the demons come from? And, can Satan create demons?

Q5: According to Revelation 12:7 war arose in heaven between Michael and the dragon. The dragon was defeated and there was no longer a place for him in heaven, so he and his angels were thrown down to earth. If heaven is a place of sinlessness, why was there a war? Did pride enter Satan when in heaven?

Revelation 12:7–9 (ESV) — Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Jude 6 (ESV) — 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper

dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

Q6: What will our souls look like before the resurrection when we are reunited with our bodies? Will they have form of man?

Saul and the witch of Endor...

1 Samuel 28:11–14 (ESV) — 11 Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul.” 13 The king said to her, “Do not be afraid. What do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a god coming up out of the earth.” 14 He said to her, “What is his appearance?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.

Rich man and Lazarus

Luke 16:22–23 (ESV) — The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1–3 (ESV) — And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun,

and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Section 3:

Supernatural (i.e. Holy Spirit & Gifts)

Q1: If I don't have the gifts, am I a Christian?

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) — 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV) — 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) — 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Q2: What was the meaning of taking Philip away in Acts 8:39-40 after he baptized the Eunuch?

Acts 8:39–40 (ESV) — 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Q3: Why do modern churches today, invite people who are hungry for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to follow them to another designated room where they

will be instructed and prayed for the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Additional comments...

I do understand that most church leaders do not want their people to become “fanatical or to act in the flesh”. However, on the day of Pentecost, those in the upper-room went down where the people were gathered. They were still speaking in tongues. Some people thought they were drunk, but look at the results! After Peter preached, 3,000 in one day and 5,000 the next day were added to the church of believers. We are not seeing that kind of results today. What if we allow the Holy Spirit to move in the way He did on the day of Pentecost?

There are those that would not believe even if they see and hear people speaking in tongues. However, many would see it as a reality and from God. To those that want to believe, that would be a proof that it is from God.