



Bible Q&A

Greentown Baptist Church
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1. Why is the book of 2 Samuel called 2 Samuel when Samuel died in 1 Samuel? Why isn't it called the book of Nathan, since Nathan was in 2 Samuel?

- Originally, 1 & 2 Samuel were _____. Jewish scribes split it into 2 sometime around the early 1500's.
- Authors: Samuel, Nathan, Gad - 1 Chron. 29:29. (Jews believe this - Rom. 3:2)
- Samuel is a transitional book detailing the history of Israel from the time of the judges to the time of the prophets and kings. Samuel is the last of the judges and first of the prophets and he also anointed the first 2 kings. The latter part (now 2 Samuel) chronicles the life of King David.

2. Over the last decade new, doctor prescribed, medicinal treatments have been on the rise while traditional prescription medication abuse has led to a drug epidemic. This comes during a time when there's not been any greater attack on doctors and modern medicine. Is it biblical? What should Christians consider when a doctor recommends trying some of these newer, doctor prescribed medical treatments (medical marijuana, psychedelics, ketamine therapy, etc.) especially when there are now medical studies that show positive results? These are often prescribed to treat cancer patients, PTSD, etc.

- Some drug epidemic statistics...
- "New" medical treatment statistics (medical marijuana, psychedelics, ketamine therapy, etc.)
- Medical studies: both the **National Institute of Health** and the **American Medical Association** have warned about studies and research _____ regarding any new treatment or medication, even claiming that much data has later been found to be exaggerated or even falsified. It takes years of diligent and controlled research to produce reliable results.
- A biblical perspective:
 - Physician - *A person skilled in the art of healing; one whose profession is to prescribe remedies for diseases. A modern definition: a doctor of _____.*
Just like with all professions, there are good ones and bad ones - Col. 4:14; Luke 5:31; Job 13:4; Mark 5:25-26.
 - Anything deemed illegal by authorities, provided that law does not violate the Bible, is _____ - Rom. 13:1-8; 1 Peter 2:13-15; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Matt. 22:21.
 - _____ should control or influence the life, senses, or faculties of a Christian other than the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 6:12; 1 Thess. 5:5-8; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:18; Mark 15:23.
 - Treating the dying: Pro. 31:6.

- **KEY:** Many of these treatments simply mask or hide the symptoms, without treating the real problem. Or you are simply exchanging one problem for another.

Seek the problem _____ - 2 Chronicles 16:12; Ps. 103:2-3!

- ✓ Jesus heals the body - Matt. 4:23-24, 8:16-17; Luke 4:40, 7:22; John 11:43-44.
- ✓ Jesus heals the heart - Luke 4:18; Matt. 11:28-29; John 14:27; Ps. 147:3.
- ✓ Jesus heals the mind - Is. 26:3; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:7-8; 2 Tim. 1:7.
- ✓ Jesus heals the soul - Mark 2:5-11, 17; 1 Peter 2:24 (Is. 53:5); Rev. 21:4.

3. What is true salvation vs. easy believism? Please explain the actual process behind calling upon the Lord, placing one's trust for salvation in Him with the application of faith while avoiding saying a "canned prayer". How is it if one man lives a morally just life but doesn't accept Christ so doesn't get to heaven but a murderer accepts Christ at the end of his life and gets into Heaven? Is there more to it than the gospel and John 14:6?

	<u>"Easy Believism"</u>	<u>Biblical Salvation</u>
Faith	Belief in the _____ of the gospel is enough for salvation. James 2:19.	Saving faith involves trusting Christ as Savior <i>and</i> submitting to Him as Lord. Rom. 10:9-10, 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil 2:10-11; Luke 6:46.
Repentance	Often seen as optional or just a "change of mind" about Jesus. Sorry for what you <u>did</u> - Matt.27:3.	Critical! Involves turning from sin and self and toward God. Acts 11:18; Mark 1:15; 2 Cor. 7:10. Sorry for _____ - Job 42:6!
Evidence of Salvation/works	A profession of faith or prayer is sufficient; works are not necessary as evidence.	A transformed life, obedience, and fruit are natural results of true salvation. 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:19-25; Luke 6:43-45.

It all comes down to your _____. How did/do you receive the word of God? - Rom. 10:9-10, 17, 2:29; Acts 28:27; Eph. 4:18; 2 Tim. 2:22.

- **Realize** who you are: a sinner, condemned to death and eternal separation from God - Ecc. 7:20; Ps. 51:5; Is. 56:3; Rom. 3:23, 5:12, 6:23; 1 John 1:8.
- **Believe** that there is only one cure: the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ who paid the price for your sin - John 3:36, 6:35, 10:9, 14:6; Acts 2:36, 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12.
- **Receive** that gift: repent of your sin, accept and confess Jesus as your Lord - Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 11:18; Mark 1:15; 2 Peter 3:9; Phil. 2:11; 1 John 4:15!