

Common Sense Questions Baptists can not answer

Baptists, Presbyterians & All Calvinists

Regarding our Baptist friends: we do not doubt that they love the Lord as much as we do, or that they are as sincere as we are. They call Jesus, "Lord", and do many wonderful works in Jesus' name but The Lord warned us of this cf:

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

So what's the problem? They believe in the One True God and His Son, Jesus Christ. They believe the Bible is God's Word. They are moral men. They are doers of good works.

But they would be the first to admit there's many a hypocrite that believes and does all these things ...

The thing that troubles me is that they believe and teach things that are untrue. Therefore they are false teachers.

I know that Carl Ketcherside says a man is not a false teacher unless he knows he is preaching something that is false. Frankly, I think that is just plain silly.

If I preach something that is false, I am a false teacher. Now granted, not all facts are of equal importance. If I teach that Methuselah lived to be 999 years old instead of 969 years old, I am saying something that is not true but it does not have the ramifications of saying that Jesus was not born of a Virgin or that He never arose from the dead!

One is an interesting fact, the other is essential to the incarnation of Jesus Christ and His resurrection which is

essential to my salvation. These people teach things that are not true and deny things that are true. Let me explain:

FIRST:

They believe that all men are sinners BUT only because they believe that every man born inherited the sin, guilt, and nature of Adam.

ANSWER:

We did inherit the consequences of Adam's sin but not his guilt or sinful nature. In Adam we die. This is not because something inherently changed in his being. He died because he was put out of the garden away from the tree of life. After he sinned the Lord says that he was put out of the garden "lest he would eat of the tree of life and live forever". The reason men die is because they do not get to eat of the tree of life Cf:

**Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim's, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.**

So we share in the consequence of his sin, but we do not have his guilt. God wanted His people to stop saying "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." We are not responsible for our father's sins.

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

During the Babylonian Captivity, after the first sinful generation died, their children were still in captivity until the 70 years of

Jeremiah's prophecy of their punishment were fulfilled. Therefore, the children developed the parable that God refers to in:

Jer 31:29-30 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. Jer 31:30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

We do often suffer the consequence of someone else's sin but not their guilt. I was not born away from the fold. I went astray. I was not born away from the Father but like the prodigal I left the Father to do my own will. The Bible says we go astray after we are born. This idea of Adam's guilt passing to all men is a great misunderstanding. If one is born a sinner simply because he was born of a woman, I would remind you that Jesus was born of woman. If He was born a sinner He cannot be our Savior cf:

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

SECOND:

They believe that God chose to save men BUT only certain men that He chose. The remainder of men would be damned.

This election of individuals was said to be done before we were born and in fact before the foundation of the world. Those He chose to save are elected individually and they cannot be lost. They teach that the elect group can neither be added to nor subtracted from in number.

ANSWER:

This denies John 3:16 that they quote often which plainly says that:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

If I believed that: only the elect could be saved and that they could not be lost because they were chosen, and the non elect could not be saved because they were not chosen; I would never preach another sermon in my life. There would be no need to do so.

The elect would be saved regardless if I preached or not and the lost would be damned regardless of whether I preached. The chosen could not be lost if they wanted to be and the lost could not be saved if they tried to be. What a ludicrous doctrine this is!

This doctrine makes God a respecter of persons.

Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Col 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

I Pet 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

No amount of talk about the sovereignty of God can remove the fact this is respect of persons.

God is a sovereign God but He is not unrighteous. He is a supremely just God.

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The Bible teaches that the elect are those who choose to

believe. Some will not repent that they may believe. God can choose vessels for His service by His sovereignty without respect of persons. He did so with Jacob instead of Esau but that is a far cry from choosing specific persons to go to heaven and others to go to hell. Our Baptist & Calvinist friends often quote:

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Ask them when God said that ? ... most will go to looking about 1,800 -2,000 BC in Genesis about the 27th chapter on ... and they can't find it ...

That is the time period when Jacob and Esau lived. But God did not say that before they lived as the Calvinist suppose, God didn't even say it when they lived. When did God say that? He said it in the book of Malachi about 400 BC at least 1,400 years after Jacob and Esau were both dead and gone, God could say based upon their life: "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Mal 1:2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, Mal 1:3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

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

THIRD:

they believe Jesus died for sin BUT only for the elect and not for the sins of the whole world. This is called the "limited atonement".

ANSWER:

This is in flat contradiction of:

I John 2:2 "and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world."

FOURTH:

They believe that Jesus was sinless BUT only because He was born of a virgin and the stain of sin only comes through the man's blood. Since God was His Father, no sin passed to Him from Adam.

ANSWER:

This is really strange since when a man child was born the mother was only unclean for 7 days then continued in her purifying 33 days while if it was a female child, the mother was unclean for two weeks then continued in the blood of her purifying 66 days. It would appear from this rationale that girls were worse than boys!!

The truth is, sin does not pass from father to child any more than a man's righteousness does.

Remember a child may be born drunk, on drugs, or with blindness due to VD and so forth, but the guilt is not passed on. It is just the physical consequences of the parent's sin that affects the child. The child may be born in poverty because of the habits and lifestyle of the parents but the child is not a sinner because of their sin.

If we were born sinners and Christ was not, then how can it be said that He was "made like unto his brethren in all things"?

Heb 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

If I was born with a sinful nature and He was not, then did He not

have a big advantage over me? Neither we, nor Christ, were born sinners.

We were born as innocent as Adam at his creation. He was made in God's image and so are we. Adam marred that image and so did I. Jesus did not.

FIFTH:

They believe that faith is essential to come to God BUT they believe that faith was a gift that God gives only to the elect whom He chose before the world began.

They often quote:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

ANSWER:

It is not faith that is the gift of God. It is salvation that is the gift of God, as any Greek student will tell you. Faith is not the gift of God. Faith comes by hearing the word of God cf:

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Scriptures were written that:

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

The word of God is the semen of God. We were begotten, not of corruptible seed, but by the incorruptible word of God. Without faith you can not please God because cf:

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

If faith is a gift of God that only He can give, then whose fault would it be if a man did not have it? It would be God's fault. What dangerous and slanderous doctrine this is!

SIXTH:

Baptists believe that the Church is the body of Christ BUT that it was established as a substitute for the Jewish Kingdom. Since the Jews killed Him, the Church was kind of like an afterthought that would be temporary until He came back and established His earthly kingdom.

ANSWER:

The Church is the eternal purpose of God, and not an afterthought to fill in until the Jews decided to accept Christ. Nations do not accept Christ, individuals do so, and we as His Church have His Words and must speak His Words faithfully.

Jesus said that He would build His Church even before they killed Him. Jesus used the word "Church" and "Kingdom" synonymously in Matthew 16:13ff He said, "I will build My Church. I will give unto you the keys to the Kingdom". The Jews did not postpone the Kingdom, they established it, for Peter preached on Pentecost that David was a prophet who foresaw Christ's resurrection to sit on His Throne.

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; 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

If they had not killed Him, He could not have been raised from the dead to sit on the throne until His enemies were His footstool

If the Jews postponed the work of Christ by rejecting Him the first time, what is to say they will not postpone it again the

second time? Daniel foresaw the Kingdom established in the days of the fourth kingdom on earth, that is, the days of the Roman Empire. He said the "interpretation was sure".

Any future day that the Kingdom would be established would not be in the days of the fourth kingdom that existed in Jesus' lifetime. It has been almost 2,000 years and any kingdom now would not be the fourth kingdom on earth. We have already been translated out of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

SEVENTH:

They believe in Baptism BUT that it was an outward sign of an inward act or grace as they call it, they do not believe it is essential to salvation. They believed "he that believeth and is saved should be baptized."

ANSWER:

Jesus said: Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

The Bible teaches that baptism precedes the remission of sins and the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Notice of the conversions in Acts, the baptism of the converts is mentioned in all examples. Their faith and repentance and confession are not mentioned in every account. What is mentioned is their baptism. Yet the thing that is always mentioned is the one thing that the Calvinists believe you did not have to do to be saved.

One cannot be saved if he is not IN Christ, nor is he a new creature unless he is IN Christ, nor is he without condemnation unless he is IN Christ. One gets into Christ by being baptized INTO Him. When Calvinists tell people they were saved without

being baptized they are making promises Jesus never made and are usurping the authority of Jesus and His apostles.

EIGHTH:

They believe Jesus is coming again BUT He was not touching down on the earth but catching the believer up to heaven for a while. Later in the second phase of the Second Coming He would come back to set up a literal physical kingdom on earth for a thousand years. While He was gone they believed people could still be saved. They would have to go through great tribulation but they would have a second chance.

ANSWER:

The Bible knows nothing of two parts to the Second Coming, rapture, or a second chance. This doctrine did not originate till the mid-1700. When Jesus comes again, that is the end of the world. He is coming in flaming fire to take vengeance on those who know not God and those who have not obeyed the Gospel.

II Th 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

It is unto those who look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The saints will be glorified and the wicked will be cast out of His presence. There is no second chance. cf:

Matt 25:31-32 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne

of his glory: 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

1Th 4:16 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: 4:17 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.

NINTH:

They believe that the Church will be raptured BUT the Holy Spirit will also be taken out of this world. When that occurs 144,000 converted Jewish evangelists will go out and preach and win more souls to Christ (without the Holy Spirit) than the Spirit empowered church did for over 2000 years!!!

ANSWER:

Surely you can see the 144,000 people are figurative. It is from the book of Revelation. When interpreted in this manner, it is an insult to the Holy Spirit. God's Church is His evangelizers and with the help of the Holy Spirit many who are offered Salvation find Him.

TENTH:

They believe that one was made Holy at Conversion BUT they believed one could have a second work of grace and from that time on one could live without sin and never sin.

ANSWER:

He that says he has no sin, is a liar and "the truth is not in him". In many things we all offend. Paul calls himself, even after his conversion, the chief of sinners. He who controls his tongue is a perfect man but the tongue can no man tame. Therefore it follows that no one is perfect since no man can tame his tongue. There will never ever be a time that Jesus can just

"ring off of the clock" because we no longer sin and do not need His intercession to help us at the throne of Grace.

ELEVENTH:

They believe that there is not anything you can do to be saved BUT once you are saved there is not anything you can do to be lost. Once a son always a son.

ANSWER:

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

We are told we must make our calling and election sure. We need to take heed lest we depart from the living God.

II Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

TWELFTH:

They believe in taking Communion to remember our Lord but they do not see the need of following the apostolic example of doing so on the first day of the week.

ANSWER:

Why would one follow the apostolic example as to when to meet (first day of the week) and not follow the apostolic example as to why they met? The verse that says when they met tells us why they met.

Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

Apostolic example is needful for obedience to Christ and for Christian unity. Jesus led them into all truth and told them to teach all the things whatsoever He commanded. Matthew 28:28

CONCLUSION:

These are but a few things that Calvinists believe and practice. No, they did not deny the deity, nor the Messiahship of Christ but look at what he did teach. They denied many of the cardinal things that Jesus taught in His ministry.

When you tell people:

- **Only certain ones that God chose before creation can be saved**
- **That the Church is a substitute for a Jewish physical Kingdom**
- **That baptism is not essential to salvation and the Lord's Supper is not mandatory.**
- **That faith is only available as a Gift from God**
- **That once you are saved, you cannot be lost**
- **That He never died for the sins of the whole world, but only the elect few**

- **That the lost will get a second chance after a secret rapture**
- **That men can be saved simply by inviting Jesus into their hearts.**
- **Then I think you can understand why I weep for my friend. No wonder the Bible says "Be not many teachers knowing you're going to receive heavier judgment"**

Jas 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

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