

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1111: Does the Apostle Paul Contradict Himself? (Part I): Contradictions Series

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SHOW NOTES

1. What are four basic rules to consider when you find Scriptures that appear to contradict each other?
2. Who was Saul (later called Paul)? Who was Luke, and why is he in this discussion? (See Acts 9:3-7, 22:6-9) Why does there seem to be two different accounts of Paul's conversion?
3. How can we explain that in the Acts 9 account it says the men traveling with Saul "stood speechless," but in the Acts 26 account, it says the men all "fell to the ground" with Saul? (See Acts 9:7; Acts 26:14)
4. How can we explain that in the Acts 9 account, it states the men were "hearing the voice..." in most translations of the Bible, but in the Acts 22 account, many translations state they "heard not," "didn't hear" or "didn't understand"? (Acts 9:7; Acts 22:9)
5. Compare Deuteronomy 30:14 and Romans 10:8. How can we reconcile and understand why Paul seems to "misquote" this Old Testament Scripture?
6. Do these discrepancies bother you as much as it does those in the sound bites? Why or why not? Do the explanations in the podcast satisfy you? What are your thoughts?
7. Read Galatians 1:6-10. Explain in your own words what Paul is talking about. Compare the Galatians text with 1 Corinthians 10:33. How do these passages contradict each other, and how can we harmonize them? (See the New American Standard Bible translation.)
8. Why does Hebrews 8:9 differ from Jeremiah 31:32 from which it is quoted?
9. How do we reconcile 1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 John 3:8-10? Do we who follow Christ sin, or are we incapable of sinning? What "rule" can we apply to help us understand how to reconcile these Scriptures? (See 1 John 1:7-10, 1 John 2:1-2,25-27)
10. In 2 Corinthians 12:14-16, Paul uses an unusual technique to get his point across. What does he do here? Why is he upset? How can we understand the meaning of this Scripture when looking at 1 Thessalonians 2:3? How does Paul's relationship with the church in Corinth give us insight into the context of what he was expressing?