

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1251: Is It a Sin If I...? (Part III)

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See:



1. What “scriptural filter” should use if we have a question about any of our thoughts, words or deeds? (See Colossians 3:17)
2. What does the Jewish Law say about cutting and marks on the Israelites’ bodies? What is the difference between the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and King James Version (KJV) translations of Leviticus 19:26-31? Why was the word “tattoo” not used in the KJV? Why would God prohibit the Jewish people from self-mutilation, slashing and cutting themselves? How would this prohibition have helped the nation of Israel? (See 1 Kings 18:27-29, Deuteronomy 14:1-2)
3. Did Jesus mention tattooing or cutting to his followers? Would any Christians who were in the early church have had permanent marks like tattoos? Can you think of any pros or cons beyond what is listed in the CQ Rewind Show Notes? (See John 13:34-35, Galatians 5:22-23, Genesis 17:12, Leviticus 19:26-31)
4. Does the New Testament specifically prohibit tattooing? How can we make a decision on things in our lives that are not spelled out in the Scriptures? What are some “mirror” questions we can ask ourselves? (See Matthew 5:33-37, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 10:23, 1 Timothy 4:1-2)
5. Does Genesis 9:3-4 have anything to do with blood transfusions? Explain. What three factors about blood should we focus on in this passage? Why is blood important here?
6. What do Leviticus 17:8-11 and Deuteronomy 12:23-24 prohibit? Contrast eating blood with transfusing blood. Why is blood so important? Explain the two points on this. (See Genesis 4:9-11, Hebrews 10:1-4)
7. Where is the danger in interpreting and expanding the thought of abstaining from blood in Acts 15:19-21 to mean we should not take it into our veins? How can Paul say in Acts 15:20 to “abstain from things contaminated by idols,” but then in 1 Corinthians 8:4 say that idols are not real, so the eating the meat offered to them was not a problem? How can we apply this today? Are you doing something that might stumble others? (See Romans 14:13-17)
8. What is the importance of Jesus’ blood in Colossians 1:17-20? How does the New Testament reverse the prohibition against touching blood in the Law? How did Jesus shock and disturb his followers with his teaching about the application of his blood? (See Revelation 7:14, John 6:53-55)