

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1284: Is Following Christ the Same as Following Christianity? (Part II)

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1. Review points from Part I:
 - Why did Jesus die? Why was this necessary? (See John 5:25, Romans 6:23)
 - What did Jesus teach about earthly abundance for his followers? (See Luke 9:22-23)
 - Why did the moneychangers in the Temple anger Jesus? (See John 2:15-16)
 - What is the formula for true Christian morality and ethics? (See Ephesians 5:3-4)
2. In what way do we show our loyalty and love to Jesus? What must we stand for despite others' reactions? How do we sanctify our lives? What was Paul saying in Acts 20:24-27? (See John 14:15, 22-24, 17:17-19)
3. What is the purpose of Jesus pointing out the widow giving her two tiny coins? What were the tithing laws in the Old Testament? Does tithing apply to Christians? Explain. (See Mark 12:38-44, Numbers 18:8-29)
4. What were some of the principles Jesus brought out about giving to the Lord's house and people?
 - What kind of giving are we supposed to do? (See Matthew 7:12, 10:7-8)
 - How does the parable of Luke 18:10-14 illustrate the attitude we should have?
 - What does Matthew 23:23-24 tell us about the Pharisees?
 - Explain whether Apostle Paul advocates making money on the gospel. (See 1 Timothy 6:3-5)
5. What is the standard for our relationship with our brotherhood? How did Jesus demonstrate this in Luke 6:17-19? Explain the list Paul laid out in Romans 12:9-13 to help us focus on this standard. Describe the expression to "stand in the gap." (John 15:12-13, Psalm 106:23, Ezekiel 22:30, Exodus 32:9-14)
6. What should we do if we see brethren fall into sin? What are the criteria for us to be able to do something like this? How did Jesus handle a difficult situation with Peter? (See Galatians 6:1-5, Luke 22:28-32)
7. What is Jesus talking about in Acts 1:4-8? Why doesn't he let those he is talking to know when this will happen? Since Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah, do these promises no longer apply to the Jewish nation? Explain. (See Matthew 6:9-10, 23:38-39)
8. How do we explain all these facets of the kingdom of heaven?
 - How can the kingdom be "*at hand*" and yet future? (See Matthew 4:16-17, 6:10)
 - How can the kingdom be "*within*" us? Why would we pray for something "*to come*" when it is within us? (See Luke 17:20-21, Matthew 6:10)
 - Why would Jesus give two different answers about the timing of the restoration of Israel? (See Acts 1:6, Luke 17:20)
 - How is the kingdom a message to be spread? Who spreads the message? Who receives it? (See Matthew 4:23)
 - What is required of us to enter into the kingdom? (See Matthew 18:2-4)
 - How is the kingdom associated with the resurrection? How is it associated with the final reign of God? (See 1 Corinthians 15:20-26)
9. How do we know if we're seriously following the words and actions of Jesus and the words of the Bible and not just what a leader is telling us? What next steps or actions do we need to take if a leader is not following the words of Christ?