Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1461: Do I Ever Mix My Christianity with Paganism? **See:** CQ Rewind SHOW NOTES
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1. Why was the Israelites' departure from Babylon and return to the Promised Land more than simply a physical relocation? How had 70 years influenced them? What did they need to change? (Isaiah 52:11-12)

2. Are there any ideas, expressions, habits or practices I have accepted because they are popular, familiar, entertaining or culturally normal, without carefully examining whether they align with my Christian faith?

3. Relate how the concepts of 2 Corinthians 6:14 and Matthew 11:29-30 support each other. How can Christians maintain respectful relationships with others while remaining faithful to Christ?

4. How does the biblical account of creation establish God as the Creator and Designer of the earth and its living systems? How does this differ from pagan beliefs? What responsibilities does the God-given dominion over the earthly creation demand of man? (Genesis 1:1-3, 11-12, 26-28)

5. What does it mean to "walk as children of light"? What is the fruit of this walk? Explain the spiritual contrast between light and darkness. Why should a Christian's motivation be at a higher level than even a good and moral person? (2 Corinthians 6:14, Ephesians 5:6-9, Isaiah 60:1-3)

6. How can Christians appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature while ensuring their gratitude and worship remain directed toward the Creator? (Romans 1:18-21)

7. Which kinds of pagan practices are forbidden in the Old and New Testament? (Deuteronomy 18:10, Jeremiah 14:14, 27:9, 29:8; Acts 13:6-12, 16:16-18, 19:19, Galatians 5:19-21, Revelation 21:8, 22:15)

8. In what way can things in our lives become idols? Can this happen with things not inherently wrong? (2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9, 11-12)

9. Why would anyone choose to become a Christian with all the restrictions they must submit to? What is promised to those who choose to live a life set apart for God? (1 Peter 1:13-16, 2 Corinthians 6:16-18)

10. What specific steps can I take to separate myself from influences which compete with God for my deepest loyalty, so that I can walk more faithfully in Jesus' footsteps and truly be a "temple of God"?