



Question 1. a.

If Christ is the only ONLY way to the Father- What happened to all of the people in the Old Testament? What if a person says, "They somehow had or will have provision made to accept or reject Christ after they lived on Earth." Please reference where the Bible says that. Also, if provision is made after life on this Earth, what do you say to non-believers that say, "If God wants me to accept Christ - He'll lead me to do so after I Die?"

1. b.

If our faith in Christ is how we are continuously forgiven for our sins and reconciled with God, what happened to all of the people in the Old Testament that lived and died before Christ was crucified and rose again? If sacrifices were how they atoned for sins, did those sacrifices continuously reconcile the Old Testament believer with God even though they surely continue to sin until they offered there next sacrifices?

Question 2

I have heard a Christian radio talk show host say that there is no substantial biblical evidence for church membership and, as such, is not a member of a church although he regularly attends, gives, etc. This raises a couple questions in my mind. First, is it true, is church membership required? Second, if membership is required, what is the pastoral/ecclesiastic response if a mature Christian refuses to join a local church?

Question 3. a.

As for "praying in Jesus Name", are we over-interpreting John 14:13 when we end all our prayers specifically with that phrase or something like it?

3. b.

If we didn't say that phrase, but still communicate in our prayer that we ask that God's will be done, isn't that really the point (1 John 5:14-15)? And if so, should we fear causing some to stumble if we did not say that phrase, but perhaps simply Amen?

3. c.

Where's the line between having informed liberty and avoiding conflict for the sake of tradition? For example, if we deem that it's not "required" for all Christians to pray "in Jesus name" then does that also diminish the significance of the "scandal" of Defense Department Chaplains or High School Seniors being told they cannot "pray in Jesus name?" If those who would prohibit it are really fighting the literal use of that phrase, then can't the fight be skirted by simply not saying it? Can't he still pray in Jesus' name in spirit?

3.d.

Finally, where's the line when discussing items such as this with other Christians: do we nod to righteous indignation against a seeming affront, or do we use it as a teachable moment to communicate biblical truth that says it's a non-issue?



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