

“Tough Questions About Christianity” Pt. 3

Lesson Text: **1 Peter 3:15**. We must be ready to answer the “*tough questions*.”

– Tough questions do come- Stephen in **Acts 6:8-10**.

V. How Can Christianity Be True When Christians Have Caused So Much Injustice?

– **Assumption:** The Christian Church has abused, enslaved, and killed people throughout history. This means Christianity cannot be right.

– **Challenge:** History holds many examples of Christians and institutions that have launched military campaigns in the name of Christ, enslaved groups of people, and exploited the vulnerable. Tragically, some people have twisted verses in the Bible to try to justify their atrocities, and have claimed the title “Christian” for power and financial gain.

Premise: Some people have committed atrocities in the name of Christ.

Conclusion: Therefore, Christianity must be false.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

– The Question Assumes The People Doing The Atrocities Are Actual Christians.

– Many Call Themselves Christians Who Are NOT Following Christ’s Ways.

The Crusades (1096–1291); The Spanish Inquisition (1478-1834).

Some Took What Jesus Said In **Matthew 10:34** Quite Literally!— But Was Quite Wrong!

– Do True Christians Start Wars And Use Weapons To Fight For Their Cause?

Matthew 26:52; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Isaiah 2:2-4; John 18:36; Ephesians 6:10-18

– In Conclusion: **2 Timothy 2:22-25**.

VI. If God Loves Everyone, How Can He Send Some People To Hell?

– **Assumption:** A loving God wouldn’t send anyone to hell. If God really loves people, He Wouldn’t punish people with hell for not believing in Him.

– **Challenge:** What is hell? To be in hell is to experience excruciating separation from God’s goodness. God does not desire that anyone should be separated from Him and He takes no pleasure or satisfaction in people being in hell (**Ezekiel 18:23**). Hell is the opposite of everything God wants for humanity.... God offers forgiveness, but some people run from God and choose separation from Him.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

– This Is An Emotional Argument Designed To Put God In A Bad Light.

– It Is Also Based On A False Concept Of What Love Does And Doesn’t Do.

Some Think Love Overlooks Sin, Ignores Wrongs, & Accepts All Without Forgiveness...

– God Loves Us- **1 John 4:7-8**; God Cannot Bear Sin- **Rom. 11:22; Exodus 34:6-7**.

– What Is The Purpose Of Hell? **Matthew 25:41**.

– What Sends Us There? **2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 21:8**.

– God Has Demonstrated His Love How? **Romans 5:6-8; Titus 3:3-7**.

– What Happens When We Reject The Love Of God? **Mark 10:21-22**.