

“Tough Questions About Christianity Part 1”

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

– Tough questions do come: Jesus—**John 18:19**.

I. Does It Even Matter What I Believe?

– **Assumptions:** Beliefs don’t matter. The only thing that counts is getting what you want out of life. As long as you are happy, it doesn’t matter what you believe.

– **Challenge:** Suppose you bought the sports car online in mint condition. But when you went to get it, it was in bad condition. You are a fraud victim!

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

– Yes, It Does Matter What You Believe, And Here’s Why....

– God Requires More From Us Than Just Believing What Makes Us Happy- **Matthew 16:24-25**.

– This Is Subjective And Self-indulgent Reasoning- **Proverbs 14:12; 2 Thess. 2:9-12**.

– Some Beliefs That Do Matter: **1.** Belief in Jesus- **John 8:24**. **2.** Belief in the Resurrection- **2 Timothy 2:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:12-17; Mark 12:27**; **3.** Moral Beliefs- **Isaiah 5:20; Galatians 5:19-21; Matthew 5:28; 5:21-22**.

II. Aren’t All Religions Basically The Same?

– **Assumptions:** All religions, including Christianity, teach basically the same thing. They are just different paths to improving your life and spiritual side.

– **Challenge:** Driving with Google Driving Directions; and you become totally lost because the maps were faulty and not accurate. Religions are like maps of life. On the surface, some religions may look alike because they ask similar questions. It’s the answers that are different.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

– How They Answer The Questions— With or Without Scripture? With Or Without Contradictions!

– When Religions Teach Inconsistent, Contradictory, And Malign The Truth— Not From Jesus!

– Baptism Saves Or Doesn’t? (**Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21**); Women Preachers Or Not? (**1 Tim. 2:12**);

Instrumental Music In Worship Or Not? (**Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16**); Which Day For Lord’s Supper?

(**1 Cor. 11:23-26; Acts 20:7**); Calling The Preacher: Reverend, Pastor, or Father? (**Matt. 23:8-12**).

– All Religions Are Not The Same— To Be The Same.... **1 Corinthians 1:10**.

III. How Can Anyone Say They Know The Truth?

– **Assumptions:** No one can know which religious beliefs are true or false, so Christians can’t say they know what’s true and what’s not. Truth is relative.

– **Challenge:** Relativism is the belief that we cannot know what is true. Here’s the problem: Take the statement, we cannot know what is true. This statement would have to be true for relativism were correct. But relativism says we cannot know if anything is true or false, thus relativism is self-refuting.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

– Truth Is Defined By What Agrees To The Facts And Reality.

– $2 + 2 = 4$; $4 + 4 = 8$ Mathematics Have Facts And Based In Real Numbers— Not Relative!

– **John 18:37-38; John 17:17; Romans 1:25; Ephesians 4:25**.

– How Do we Know The Truth- **John 8:31-32; Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1**.

– **Consequences:** False Teaching = To Truth; No One Could Be A False Teacher.