

## Questions and Answers

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I. Introduction.

II. Is the picture of Romans 1 the picture of every man or chronological history?

A. It is the picture of chronological history.

B. The reprobate process ended up with a whole civilization of reprobate people.

III. A widow is to be cared for by the church if she has no resource to care for herself. Widows with or without children are not superior spiritually to one another. (1 Corinthians 7)

IV. There are two classes of decree in the sovereign plan of God—those divinely caused and divinely permitted. Does God allow the means of obtaining his will to be altered by prayer?

A. There are some things that God directly did.

B. There are some things that did not reflect the moral will of God that God allowed to happen.

C. The issue of prayer is to be obedient.

V. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to touch him in John 21:17?

A. When Jesus came back from the dead the natural response was to hang on.

B. Jesus had to go to the Father in order to send the Spirit. (John 14)

C. The resource would still be there, but it would come through the Spirit.

VI. Defend Scripture through...

A. Its impact on one's life.

B. Its scientific veracity.

C. The person of Christ.

D. The matter of miracles.

E. The fulfillment of prophesy.

VII. The responsibility of keeping people from false prophesy is the church's because there is accountability there. See 1 Timothy 4.

VIII. The order of salvation is a mystery. Regeneration does not precede saving faith though.

A. There is tension between the sovereignty of God and the free will of man.

B. The Spirit can move a person along to the point where he can accept Christ by faith without regeneration having to occur.

IX. How do you explain the differences in the birth narratives between Matthew and Luke? There are too many gaps and generalities to make much of the differences.

X. Is Acts 2:46 a historical account or a pattern? There should be continuity in the apostles' doctrine, intimate sharing of life, the Lord's Table and prayer. The verb forms indicate that sharing goods mutually was only a onetime thing.

XI. How much credence do we give to parental authority during later stages in life.

A. It is clear that when a child is in the home, he or she is under parental authority.

B. A release of authority is to be expected when one is older.

C. The gospel divides families, so we should not always expect God to lead through an unregenerate parent.

**Application Questions:**

1. Which question/answer did you find most helpful? How did it change or reinforce your thinking?

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2. Did you disagree with any of the speaker's answers? Defend your position if so with Scripture.

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3. Which way of defending Scripture do you think is best? Can you think of any others?

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