Questions and Answers, Part 2 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

II. A biblical definition of integrity: it is conducting oneself in accord with what one believes.

III. What the Word tells us about loving one another: biblical love is self-sacrificial service. (Romans 12:10, John 13:13, 13:34)

A. Love is demonstrated in a person stooping down to serve another in a time of need.

B. Biblical love is not an emotion--it is a godly expression of affection.

IV. What soul-sleep is: the body remains in the grave waiting for resurrection, but the soul goes to the presence of the Lord. There is only a resurrection of the spirit because the body never dies. (Daniel 12:2, Revelation 20:4-5, Luke 16, Philippians 1, I Corinthians 5)

V. Baptism does not save: the whole of Scripture teaches salvation by faith through grace, but baptism is the first act of obedience. (Acts 2:38, Ephesians 2:9, Acts 8)

VI. How to treat like "Gentiles or tax-gathers:" these represent outcasts. One can still treat them evangelistically but not as members of the body of Christ. (Matthew 18:15-18)

VII. Jesus did not violate the law when He spoke of that which goes into a person not making him clean or unclean. (Mark 7:19)

VIII. Jesus shed His literal blood on the cross--it was essential that He did so that He could be a legitimate sacrifice. There is nothing in the blood itself that is magical that saves however.

IX. What a carnal Christian is: Jesus' lordship does not refer to His deity--when a person comes to Jesus, He is in charge of your life, so there is no such thing as a Christian with self on the throne.

X. How the tongue is supposed to be used today and how it is misused: God gave supernatural tongues to establish a message supernaturally, so the tongue was to be a supernatural sign. Tongues were repeated in Acts at each new phase of the church. The gift of tongues has ceased. (Acts 2:4, I Corinthians 12-14)

XI. The believer may go through many of Satan's assaults that Job went through. (Luke 22:31, Job 42)

XII. How to know what God's special plan is for one's life: we must seek God in the moments of our life to discern His desire for us. (Psalm 37:4)

Application questions:

1. How would you explain soul-sleep?

2. What does biblical love look like?

3. Which question/answer stood out to you the most? What did you learn?

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