

# **Questions and Answers – Questions of Life**

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I. Introduction.

II. We should ask ourselves why we believe what we believe and what the authority for our belief is.

A. If we are going to answer for ourselves, we need to decide for ourselves. (Romans 14:12, 5)

B. We should not put our ability to reason over God's ability to reason because our mind becomes our God. (Isaiah 47:10)

C. Existentialists believe what they feel, but feelings are fickle.

D. We believe the Bible is real because it is a matter of public record and is verified by our experience. We must begin with our theology here.

E. The Bible is the perfect and timeless source of salvation, the source of security, the source of faith, growth, guidance, correction, cleansing, peace, sanctification, healing and equipping. (John 12:48; Luke 21:33; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 5:13; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16; John 15:3; Psalm 119:165; John 17:17; Psalm 107:20; 2 Timothy 3:17)

III. Real success does not consist of fame or money. Success is being the person God wants you to be and doing what God wants you to do in the way he wants it done. (Luke 12:15; Ecclesiastes 5:10-11)

A. God wants us to be a restored human being. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

B. God wants us to be growing in the likeness of his Son Jesus. (Romans 8:29)

C. God wants us to glorify him through fruit. (Isaiah 43:7; John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16; 17:18; 20:21; Luke 19:10)

D. Everyone who names the name of Jesus is called to ministry. (Judges 3:31)

E. God gives us all the power we need to accomplish the task.

IV. Conclusion. (John 15:18; Hebrews 13:5)

**Application questions:**

1. What are the most convincing reasons for getting in the Bible in your opinion?

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2. How can we protect ourselves against attacks in the Bible?

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3. What is your plan for growing in your understanding of the Bible in the long term? Explain.

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