

## Questions and Answers

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I. Introduction.

II. How can it be that Hebrews 9:27 is all inclusive if others died more than once? Hebrews 9:27 must be a general statement, which there are exceptions.

III. Did Genesis 6 teach that angels cohabitated with men (John 3:6, Matthew 22:30, Genesis 6:4)? If so, demons must have been able to take on some human form. (Hebrews 13:4, Genesis 18)

IV. The best explanations between the different genealogies of Jesus are that one traces the genealogy through Mary and one through Joseph. The confusion is that Mary's name does not appear in Luke 1, but genealogies did not mention women. (Luke 1, Matthew 1)

V. Revelation 3:5 teaches that saving faith makes one overcome—it does not teach that one can lose his salvation (I John 5:4). The Lord will not block out this one from the book of life. (John 10, Romans 8)

VI. The purpose of circumcision is an object lesson—it was one of God's dominant symbols of cleansing. (Romans 2:28)

VII. Killing a child in the womb is murder. If one goes to a doctor who performs abortions for other reasons that is her choice, but the doctor is still a murderer. (Romans 13)

VIII. Salvation is only addition and not transformation if there is an old nature that still exists. As long as we are still on the earth, we still have sin, however. (Romans 6)

IX. Isaiah only saw a vision of God not God fully. This is the reason he could "see" God and still live. (Exodus 32:33, Isaiah 6)

X. Not everything that Ecclesiastes says is true because it is telling things from a perspective that is developing. (Ecclesiastes 5, 1:12)

XI. Outside the lawman is eternally separated from God, but the law was always extant in the heart. (Romans 5:13; 1)

XII. A believer is prohibited from suing other believers, but one is not prohibited from suing a nonbeliever although it is probably not best. (I Corinthians 6, Romans 12)

1. Scripture does not commend it.

2. It is better to leave vengeance to God.

3. It has a depreciating impact in the eyes of the world on Christians.

XIII. The desecration that the Antichrist will be an outward noteworthy act. (Matthew 24:15, Daniel 9:27)

XIV. There is godly sorrow and sorrow that only regrets circumstances. A time will come when an apostate has refused grace for so long that God will no longer offer His grace. (Hebrews 12:17, Genesis 6:5)

XV. A person is not to look to anyone as though he or she is the spiritual source of someone's life. Paul says that he is the one used by God in other believers' beginning. (Matthew 23:9, I Corinthians 4:15)

XVI. Because a person is tested does not mean that he or she is not perfect, which is why Jesus could be tested and still be sinless. (Hebrews 4:15)

**Application questions:**

1. Rank the three questions that you found to be most important to you.

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2. What surprised you about the speaker's answers, if anything? Would you have answered any questions differently?

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3. Choose a couple of questions and spend some time reading the verses given in context. Does the speaker do a satisfying job of answering the question?

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