

# Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions



The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading "Foundation."

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ①) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

## Questions

- ① In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus spoke of a wise man building their house on a rock vs. a foolish man who built their house on sand.
  - How does this relate to each of us based upon a spiritual perspective?
  - What is the spiritual correlation to the rain, floods and winds?
  - What are the spiritual consequences for one who builds their house on the rock vs. sand?
  - How does one spiritually build their house on the rock?
  - Who is "the rock?"
- ① What was God's intent and purpose in giving us the 10 commandments?
- ① Do you agree with all 10? Explain.
- ① Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan and decided to sin against God. Can you think of at least one similar personal example?
  - Did you attempt to "hide" from God? If yes, how?
  - Did you attempt to "pass the blame" or justify your behavior in some way?
  - How did you feel on the inside?
  - Did it seem as if you were disconnected from God? Explain.
  - Did you restore the relationship? If yes, how?
  - During this time do you think God was distant...or was He simply waiting for you to recognize, take responsibility for, and confess your sin to Him?
- 1. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 says "...the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing." In simple terms, what is the "message of the cross?"
- 2. Is the message of the cross based upon our faith or good works (i.e. being a good person)? Explain.
- ① Why would someone consider the message of the cross foolish?
- 3. Jesus instructed Paul in Acts 26:15-18. To whom was he sent and what was the intended outcome.
- ① What did Jesus mean when He said we must be born again?
- ① 9 different comparisons were made that differentiated human birth vs. spiritual birth (born again). If you are born again, which ones did you experience first?
- ① The lesson described different characteristics of God. Which one is most important to you?
- ① The lesson described different characteristics of the Holy Spirit. Which one is most important to you?
- 4. 6 different types of prayer were listed. Can you identify at least 3?
- ① Is there a difference between accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord? Explain.

## Answers

1. Page 6: We are forgiven by our faith in Jesus Christ—who took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross.
2. Page 6: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9
3. Page 8: Paul was sent to speak to the Gentiles (non-Jews). The intended outcome was to open their eyes, turn them from darkness to light, turn them from the power of Satan to God, receive forgiveness of their sins, and receive their inheritance along with those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus.
4. Page 16: Prayer of faith, agreement, intercession, consecration, praise and worship, and binding/loosing.