

Question Night – February, 2010
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Introduction: Do you fear to answer Bible questions?

- A. No one should in pride seek to display their knowledge to be seen by men!
 - 1. It is possible to have knowledge by not have a right kind of heart. **(1 Cor 8:1-3)**
 - 2. Knowledge is not all there is to serving God. **(1 Tim 2:4; 2 Tim 3:7)**
- B. We as Christians should welcome Bible questions and Bible answers.
 - 1. What if you do not know? You will study and find the answer! **(Mt 4:4)**
 - 2. What if the Bible contradicts my beliefs? Repent and teach others! **(1 Jn 2:5)**
 - 3. Some fear questions because they are sensitive about some things. **(Gal 1:10)**
 - 4. Question night is designed to promote further study and discussion. Please be patient as you seek to see for yourself what the Bible teaches.

I. If the Church of Christ is the one true church, then where was from 350 A.D the start of the Roman Catholic Church to 1840 the Stone/Campbell restoration? Does not Jesus say we are salt and light a shining city on a hill? So I will not accept the "They were underground" cop out.

- A. What is the “one true church?”
 - 1. The one true church is not a denomination but a description of all saved people in their relationship to the head, Jesus Christ. **(Eph 1:22-23)**
 - 2. Those who are forgiven and have Jesus as their head are in this church or body. **(Eph 4:4-6, 1 Cor 12:13)**
- B. Has the “one true church” always existed since the 1st century?
 - 1. The seed that produces the church has always existed **(Lk 8:11, Mt 24:35)**
 - 2. It is likely then that have always been Christians alive on the earth.
- C. Must I prove this from history?
 - 1. Some churches claim “apostolic succession” as “proof” they are from God.
 - 2. Nowhere does the Bible suggest this or demand that Christians prove this as a sign that they are genuine.
 - 3. Outside of Judas replacement and then Paul, there were no other apostles.
 - 4. Paul recognized that his situation was unusual and that the apostles would not have successors. **(1 Cor 15:7-8; 4:9)**
 - 5. Since there were no eyewitnesses since this time, there could be no future apostles. **(1 Cor 1:21-22)**
 - 6. See the article “A Few Make History.”

http://www.cvillechurch.com/Articles/Article_AFewMakeHistory.htm

D. We have the foundation of the Apostles and prophets in the Bible itself.
(Eph 2:19-21)

- 1. What is your attitude towards the apostles? **(1 Jn 4:1, 6)**
- 2. Any churches claiming the Bible indentifies them?

II. In Ephesians 5:19 and in Colossians 3:16 we that asks both churches to sing Psalms hymns spiritual songs. That being said, and with John Hearing harps played in Heaven in Revelation. I Can not

see how based on 2 passages both dealing with how to treat one another is the soul basis for forbidding instrumental music. Now I understand the philosophy of Stone and Campbell was to speak where the bible speaks and silent where it is silent, however, are we not to follow the teachings of Jesus and not men? Also, if you follow this out then you must greet each other with a holy kiss anoint the sick with oil and have the Elders pray over them and pick up snakes and drink poison, just to name a few that stand out as possible commandments, So why base a church tradition on such a foundation? By the way I was always under the impression that we as Christians want to stay away from man made traditions and sick with what the bible says.

A. Must we have authority from God for everything we do we have the right to act when God is silent? Look at the repeated, emphatic response of Jesus!

1. Jesus whole life was focused on “doing the will of the Father who sent Me.”
(Jn 5:19-21, 30)

2. There was not a single thing Jesus did without the fellowship and authority of the Father. **(Jn 8:28-29)**

3. Jesus expects us to have the same attitude towards His word as He did to the Father’s word. **(Jn 12:48-50)**

B. From these verses Jesus teaches us how to view and handle His word.

1. If we do not have positive authority from God’s word then we do nothing!

2. God has given us “all things” for us to follow.

3. The respect we have for Jesus’ word is the respect we have for Jesus.

C. Consider the implications of the inspiration of God’s word. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

1. What does perfect mean? What does “every good work” mean?

2. What should we do when the Bible does not speak on a subject?

a. Some say it is allowable as long as the Bible does not condemn it.

b. Jesus taught us to do nothing when we have no authority!

3. Contrast this with the Pharisees handling of scripture. **(Mt 15:1-9)**

D. What has God instructed the church to do on earth under the authority of the New Testament?

1. We are no longer under the Old Testament law. **(Col 2:14-17)**

2. Under the Old Testament God clearly showed His pleasure in some kinds of instrumental music. **(2 Chron 29:25; Psa 150)**

3. What do we find in the New Testament about Christians here on earth?

(Matthew 26:30, Acts 16:25, Romans 15:9, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 2:12, Hebrews 13:15, James 5:13)

4. The book of Revelation uses various figures to teach about heaven that were never meant to be used as authority for local churches here on earth.

Conclusion: Let’s open our Bibles and carefully examine our hearts and our practices! **(Acts 17:11)**