



“I’ve always wondered ...”

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I. News of the Week:

- a. Class notes posted to www.SJCalvaryBerean.com or scan the QR code
- b. **Understanding the Times** Today at 1:00 on 88.1 FM or anytime at links
 - i. Jan Markell interviews Pastor Cary Gordon to discuss his documentary “Enemies Within The Church”, including:
 1. the trend of introducing liberal and ‘woke’ positions within our seminaries and churches
 2. the links ministries and churches have back to George Soros & other leftists
 - ii. YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3Qagp25>
 - iii. For updates visit <https://enemieswithinthechurch.com/>
 - iv. Identifying ‘woke’ churches: the “Wokepedia” ... <https://content.enemieswithinthechurch.com/>
- c. **Free Guide to Israel’s Major Holidays** <https://bit.ly/3qbixfm>
- d. **Amir Tsarfati’s Telegram feed** (<https://t.me/beholdisraelchannel>)
 - i. 8/27/22: Iran & Russia move to create a Global Natural Gas Cartel (Ez 38:13 trigger?)
 - ii. 8/28/22: France’s electric rate increases by over 24X since 2010
- e. **Legislating Medical Censorship**
 - i. <https://bit.ly/3TJ2TFp>
 - ii. NYT article: <https://nyti.ms/3Bafpqq>
- f. **Biden jeopardizes the security of Israel**
 - i. <https://bit.ly/3APeESf>
- g. **California extends its perverted thinking beyond its borders**
 - i. <https://bit.ly/3D0jZZw>



II. I’ve always wondered ...

- a. **Is once saved, always saved biblical? What about ‘apostates’? Do apostates know they are apostate?**
 - i. Once saved, always saved: <https://bit.ly/3q1Vtzw>
 - ii. What does it mean to be “born again”: <https://bit.ly/3cCWivA>
 - iii. A **Collection Of Questions** about Salvation: <https://bit.ly/3egXsgB> ... over 180 questions & answers dealing with “**SOTERIOLOGY**” (the study of salvation)
 - iv. What about ‘Apostates’? www.bit.ly/3Qrjpak and www.bit.ly/3d0dyuU and www.bit.ly/3DfllKG
- b. **Is Jesus co-equal or subordinate to the Father?**
 - i. <https://bit.ly/2Vk4d4X>
 - ii. If Jesus is God, did God die on the Cross? (please refer to separate file “Did God die on the cross?”)
 - iii. Please see “What are the essentials of the Christian faith” at <https://bit.ly/3cXe1yc>
 - iv. Please see separate file Apologetics “Week 2 Handout”
- c. **Does the Protestant Church perform exorcisms? Why do Catholics seem to perform more?**
 - i. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Catholic-exorcisms.html>
 - ii. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-exorcism.html>
 - iii. The teaching portions of the New Testament (Romans through Jude) refer to demonic activity, yet don’t discuss the actions of casting them out, nor are believers exhorted to do so.
 - iv. We’re told to put on the armor of God to stand against Satan & his demons ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#)). We’re told to resist the devil ([James 4:7](#)), be ‘careful’ of him ([1 Peter 5:8](#)), and not give him room in our lives ([Ephesians 4:27](#)). However, we’re not told HOW to cast him or his demons out of others, or that we should even consider doing so
 - v. Remember, it isn’t Catholics or Protestants who cast out demons ... **IT IS JESUS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT that casts out demons.** (see [Acts 19:13-16](#)) ... & remember 1 John 4:4
 - vi. I would argue that the Protestant faiths perform **MORE** exorcisms and cast out **MORE** demons than do the Catholics ... they just have better agents in Hollywood (just kidding!)

- d. **Predestination & the Elect (“Did God really create some people just to send them to hell?”)**
- i. The question really rests on the difference and blending of Free Will vs. Predestination vs. God’s Foreknowledge vs. God’s Sovereignty
 - ii. **Even Calvin did not teach ‘ultra-Calvinism’** (the belief that “some were created to burn”)
 - iii. Remember John 3:15-17 ... and [John 1:12](#); [3:16](#); [Acts 16:31](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [Revelation 22:17](#)
 - iv. <https://www.gotquestions.org/predestination-vs-free-will.html>
 - v. <https://www.gotquestions.org/predestination.html>
 - vi. <https://www.gotquestions.org/why-did-God-give-us-free-will.html>
 - vii. <https://www.gotquestions.org/predestination-foreknowledge.html>
 - viii. A humorous example showing the difference between free will and God’s sovereignty, foreknowledge and omniscience ... <https://bit.ly/3ROtJKH>
- e. **Regarding the Millennial Reign of Christ, why do we need to come back to a post-tribulation destroyed Earth to live? Why would Jesus want a reign in such a place when I thought there was supposed to be a new heaven and a new Earth? Why once we are raptured to heaven to be with Jesus forever, would we return to Earth only to die again in mortal bodies?**
1. The major scripture dealing with the Millennial Reign is [Rev 20:4](#) , however there is also reference in [Dan 7:27](#), [Rev 5:9-10](#), [Rev 2:25-26](#), [Mat 25:20-21](#), [Luke 22:28-30](#), and [2 Tim 2:12](#)
 - ii. Some additional and insightful “deep dives” to help answer this question can be found at
 1. <https://davidjeremiah.blog/what-is-the-millennium-7-answers-to-7-questions/>
 2. <https://www.davidjeremiah.org/this-could-be-the-day/new-heaven-and-new-earth/after-the-millennial-reign>
 3. <https://www.gotquestions.org/millennium.html>
 - iii. 2 good videos from Dr. David Jeremiah and Alan Parr on the Millennium in general can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=JurtiKYOFOY & www.youtube.com/watch?v=FW0q0hdjrro
- f. **It says in the Bible that some believers will not experience death as they are living in the time when Jesus will rapture his sheep. Is this true? Will some be taken up without experiencing death?**
- i. The simple answer is yes. The two almost parallel bible references referring to this are [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:51-58](#).
 - ii. **Blue Letter Bible commentary:** (<https://bit.ly/3L6oyUo>)
 From these passages we can make the following 3 observations.
 - 1. Not Everyone Will Die**
 Although death has been the norm for humanity, the Old Testament recorded two prominent exceptions - Enoch and Elijah. The New Testament also says that a living generation of Christians will not experience death, but will be taken up to meet the Lord.
 - 2. Not Everyone will need to be Resurrected**
 Those believers who are living at the time of the rapture of the church, will not have to be resurrected. They will be changed, while they are alive, from mortal to immortal, from corruptible to incorruptible.
 - 3. The raptured meet Christ in glorified bodies**
 Those who are instantaneously changed at the time of the rapture of the church will be with Christ for all eternity in their glorified body.
- Summary**
 Resurrection from the dead will be what most believers experience. A small number in comparison will not die but will be changed as was the case with the Old Testament characters Enoch and Elijah. This event is known as the "rapture" or "translation" of the church.
- iii. **Some additional resources can be found at:**
 1. <https://www.gotquestions.org/dead-in-Christ.html>
 2. <https://www.bibleref.com/1-Thessalonians/4/1-Thessalonians-4-13.html>
 3. <https://www.biblestudytools.com/nlt/1-thessalonians/passages/?q=1+thessalonians+4:13-14>