

Two-Verse Answers

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This booklet contains the easiest, 2-verse answers to some of the really tough questions you may get when you start trying to share your faith with others, Christians included!

1. What is the gospel that saves us today?

This answer is so important that I have included the 2 verse introduction to it.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Here is the 2-verse answer.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

2. What verses show the gospel that Jesus gave to Paul to take to the Gentiles—the one for us today—is different from the gospel that Jesus gave to His apostles when He was on earth.

Galatians 2:7, 9

But contrariwise, when they saw **that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;** ⁹And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, **they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.**

3. What is the mystery that Paul refers to in his epistles?

The mystery, revealed to Paul, was that the Gentiles were going to be saved by Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, just as the Jews were.

Ephesians 3:5-6

Which in other ages was not made known unto

the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

4. Why did the Gentiles' salvation have to be a mystery until it was revealed to Paul?

Because Satan and the forces of evil in this world would not have crucified Christ if they had known that His death, burial, and resurrection would also save the Gentiles.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

5. What verse says that water baptism is not for us today?

Paul tells us that if a person could be saved by

being baptized by water, there was no need for Christ to have died for our salvation! The crucifixion would have had no effect on our salvation! Of course, that was never true!

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

6. Are there signs and wonders today, in the Dispensation of Grace?

Paul says that the Jews require a sign and the Greeks (Gentiles) seek after wisdom: BUT we (the Church, the Body of Christ, who are neither Jew nor Greek, but a new creature) preach Christ crucified. For the unbelieving Jews who still need a sign, the crucifixion is something that they do not believe, and for the unbelieving Gentiles who still seek worldly wisdom, the crucifixion makes no sense.

1 Corinthians 1:22-23

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

7. Did the crucifixion happen on “Good Friday?”

Two of Jesus’ disciples of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus shows very simply that the crucifixion took place on a Thursday. This example uses 3 verses which are not consecutive. The walk took place on Sunday, and Jesus joined the men who were prevented from knowing who He was. The two men told Jesus what they knew about the crucifixion and said it had been 3 days since all of these things had happened.

Luke 24:1,13,20

¹Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

¹³And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from

Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

²⁰ **And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.** But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: **and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.**

8. Why will the Tribulation come upon the earth prophesied in the book of Revelation?

Many people are fearful when they read the book of Revelation. The 7 year Tribulation is Israel's punishment for continued disobedience to God, when they had their Kingdom, but God will punish the entire earth.

Israel knew that if they did not follow God's commandments, God would punish them 7 times (years.) Repetition in the Bible is a sign of something being important. God tells them about this punishment 4 times in 10 verses!

Leviticus 26:18

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you seven times more for your**

sins.

Leviticus 26:21

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; **I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.**

Leviticus 26:23-24

And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will **I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.**

Leviticus 26:27:28

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even **I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.**

Yet, as you know, Israel did not obey God. How do we know that “seven times” is seven years?

The Bible will sometimes define itself by restating a sentence and substituting a word or phrase. In the book of Revelation, 1,260 days is later called, “a time, and times, and half a time.” 1,260 days

is 3 ½ years (360 days in a year) so a year is a “time.” A time is one year, “and times” is 2 years and “half a time” is ½ of a year.

Revelation 12:6

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, **that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

Revelation 12:14

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,** from the face of the serpent.

9. Do we need to worry about the Tribulation?

God has promised that today’s believers will be saved from God’s wrath, as written in the book of Revelation, because we are justified by Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 5:8-9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

Most churches do not explain that members of the Church, the Body of Christ will be raptured to heaven before God will bring His judgement upon the earth.

10. What is the Rapture? Paul explains what it is in the following 2 verses.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-15

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

Here is how it will happen.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel,

and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

11. What happens to believers who die before the Rapture?

Believers who die before the Rapture are present with the Lord as soon as they leave their earthly body.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) **We are confident, I say, and willing**

Because they sleep in Christ, they will be coming with Him to meet the believers, who are still living on earth, in the clouds.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

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12. What should we say to people who believe the Quran?

The website WhyIslam.org states, “The Quran is the holy book which Muslims recite and turn to for guidance in all aspects of their life. It is the last testament in a series of divine revelations from God. **It comprises the unaltered and direct words of God, revealed through the Angel Gibrael, to the final Prophet, Muhammad** (peace be upon him) some 1400 years ago.”

Paul received revelations from Jesus Christ Himself. Paul was told that even if it were an angel from heaven who was the one who preached a gospel different from the one that Paul preached, that the angel and the people who followed him would be accursed—judged and sent to Hell. This is exactly what Islam is, a gospel (reported) preached by an angel from heaven, but different from what Paul preached.

Galatians 1:8-9

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach

any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

Anyone who is teaching God's word must teach it according to the revelation of the mystery that was given to the apostle Paul. People teaching, or following the teachings of the prophet Muhammad, are not giving you the word of God according to Paul's gospel. Anyone who continues to teach "another gospel" after they have been shown their error should be left in their ignorance.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

13. The Bible has errors in it because it was written by men.

The Bible, the written word of God, was written

by holy men who were given the direct word of God by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Never let someone tell you that the Bible has errors in it! God has promised, and God does not lie, to preserve His word forever.

Psalm 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, **thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**

14. Why doesn't God answer my prayer?

Paul tells us that we do not know how to pray as we ought to pray. That's why the Holy Ghost, living in our hearts, takes every prayer we pray to God the Father and intercedes for us, "according

to the will of God.” Once our prayers have been presented to God, by the Holy Ghost according to God’s will, every one of them is answered according to the will of God. Our prayers are never prayed perfectly, but they are always answered perfectly. That’s why we may not recognize it when our prayers are answered—but we know that they are!

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because **he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**