

THREE GREAT QUESTIONS

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Today, we want to examine three questions found in the Scriptures.

What have I done? "I listened and heard, but they do not speak aright. No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turned to his own course, as the horse rushes into the battle. " (Jeremiah 8:6) The weeping prophet Jeremiah lamented the failure of Judah to take responsibility for her wickedness in turning away from God. All of God's children must never forget we are accountable for our actions - good or bad. Repentance is the course to pursue when we find ourselves out of step with God.

What must I do? "And he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" {Acts 16:30} No question or answer is more important than this one! The jailer was seeking salvation so Paul instructed him and he obeyed the teaching of the Lord, Acts 16:31-34. The alien sinner can only ask this question if they realize they are lost in sin. Yet, to ask the question means little if one is unwilling to obey its answer!

What shall I do? "Pilate said to them, What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ? They all said to him, Let Him be crucified!" (Matthew 27:22) Pilate had no need to ask this question. Pilate already knew they had delivered up Jesus for envy, Mark 15:10. Jesus was innocent of all these false charges and Pilate knew it! Unfortunately, he was looking for some way out to avoid putting Christ to death. He would eventually seek to "wash his hand of the innocent blood of Christ," Matthew 27:24. God would hold him accountable despite this dodge of his part in the death of His Son.

Every faithful child of God should ponder these questions when considering the pursuit of a course that is contrary to God's will. Life is filled with choices we make on an everyday basis. God's children decide how much of their time and energy is devoted and committed to His cause. Concerning one's Bible study, prayer, personal work, encouraging the weak, along with a deep concern about the lost souls all around us. Why? Could be it might bring us back to reality that God is taking note of our choices and they will judge us some day? (John 12:48) Think about that very soberly! ***