

CHRIST HAS THE ANSWER

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“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” {Colossians 2:8-10} Wisdom is a wonderful thing. Yet, only one person has all the answers – God! What are some of the problems for which He has the answers?

Authority. “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.” {Hebrews 1:1,2} Many people in the religious world speak as though they have authority. Truth be told, no man, or group of men, has authority in any spiritual matter. All authority resides in one person – Christ. {Matthew 28:18} He left His inspired words to enable us to know God’s will on every religious matter that pertains to our salvation. {2 Timothy 3:16,17} One must have a thus saith the Lord or his authority is worthless and unprofitable. Please read Matthew 21:23-27; even Jesus understood the need for authority.

Guidance. “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.” {Jeremiah 10:23} God knew that men would need guidance throughout their lives as they sojourned here on earth. Many people are willing to help us as we travel along life’s road, but only One offers trustworthy advice. Read the following passages soberly: John 6:66-69; 14:6; Matthew 11:28-30. The major difference between Christ and mortal men is that Christ will not lead us in the wrong direction; He always knows which course we should pursue. Christ’s guidance is better than that of any human agency.

Human relations. “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” {Matthew 7:12} No one can give better counsel on improving human relationships. In Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4, we have the best answers about how to be good husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers. Proverbs is the best how-to book on raising children. Human relationships would be far more successful if we all followed the golden rule. People treating other people the way they wish to be treated would cure many of our society’s social ills. Sadly, few people seek God’s answers in dealing with human relations. Think about it; who is better equipped to help us deal with one another than the one who created us?

Sin. “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” {1 John 2:1,2} Only God has the real answer to the problem of sin in our lives. He tells us that it will kill us spiritually. {Romans 6:23} He warns that it will separate us from Him. {Isaiah 59:1,2} Christ’s blood, shed on Calvary’s cross, provided the only solution to man’s sin problem. {1 Peter 1:18,19; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 1:5}

What questions could we have that God could not answer? He has eternal and infinite wisdom and knowledge beyond our comprehension. Only our God has the answers to life's questions: How did we get here? Why are we here? Where does one go after life here on earth ends? Unfortunately, many settle for false answers. What about you? ***