

# TOUGH QUESTIONS ROUND TWO WITH DAVE MAXHAM

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Sometimes religious topics can be difficult to discuss because of our emotions and feelings. We may have been raised a certain way with certain beliefs and therefore we feel we're right and the other ideas are faulty or only partially correct. We may simply just be wishing to learn more about ourselves as humans. No matter what the case, sometimes we come up with questions that can create a lot of mixed emotions. In this discussion, we'll be talking about some of these common questions that Christians face. However, let's bring something to the table before we delve into this discussion.

Jesus Christ set an ideal example for us as we try to be more like Him and grow in our spiritual walk. We can spend a lifetime studying the important things that He taught. His teachings and parables and the so called 'big things' of Christianity are what really matters. Do you love the Lord God with all your heart? Do you recognize Jesus' sacrifice and accept Him as your savior? These are some examples of the important things.

Many of the questions in this devotional are not significantly related to the important things Jesus taught. But, our inquisitive human minds still would like some help wrapping our brains around them.

1. Once saved, are you always saved? ★
  - a. Can you clarify Justification.  
(In the previous "once saved always saved" discussion, people were a little confused still. This is probably related to understanding justification or when someone actually becomes saved). What if you've truly giving your heart to God and desire Him, but years down the road you fall out of it and turn away from God, perhaps blaming him for a tragedy, or no long have a desire for his fellowship, or even switching to another religion.
  - b. Revelation 22:18-19  
18I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.
2. When a person dies and goes to heaven, are they looking down on us? ★
3. In many places in the bible it talks of male domination and that males are superior to females, is this just historical context in the times it was written or is it to be taken literally? ★
4. Tied into the above question, some verses describe church leadership to be male, how does this apply today? ★



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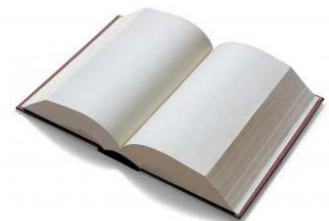
5. Tied into the above question, how or what level should wives be submission to husbands?
6. The bible speaks against divorce but in today's world it is common, is divorce wrong? Is the bible wrong? How do we reconcile this? ★
7. Does the bible address spousal abuse? Tied into the above question, if divorce is wrong should you divorce in situations like this or an adulterous spouse? Is "fallen out of love" valid for divorce?
8. "Spare the rod spoil the child" Is this supposed to be taken literally as in spanking or can a liberal view be taken such as time out? Proverbs 23:13-14 ★
9. Are tattoos wrong? ★
10. If at all, how is evolution addressed in bible?
11. How is slavery addressed in bible? ★
12. How is polygamy, marriage to more than one spouse, addressed in the bible, is it wrong? ★
13. Are we wrong for watching TV, movies, and the like that negates moral judgment (i.e. killing, sexual, poor language, etc)? ★
14. Homosexual marriage, entertainment, etc is becoming more acceptable and is everywhere, is it really wrong? ★



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15. How is predestination addressed. (pretty much answered on 9/25 but not formally: turning God's foreknowledge, i.e. omnipotence, into predestination)
16. Is it sinful to use a psychic, astrology, fortune tellers, or any "other world" medium to tell events? ★
17. The ages of some men in the old testament are extremely old compared to what we think of a typical life span, do we take these as literal ages? ★
18. Where did other races come from? Were they descendants of Adam and Eve or separate creations of God?
19. Did God really repent creating us? KJV of Genesis 6:6 and Numbers 23:19. In NIV it talks of grieving, what is the difference in translation?
20. If God wants to spend eternity with the people who choose Him, are the ones who don't less valuable (those killed in the 40 day flood, or people who've never heard the name of Christ such as Native Americans)?
21. What are the boundaries of what God wants vs. what He does vs. what He knows? For example, if He knew we would fail why place the tree in the garden or if He knew He would suffer by seeing us disobey, why let us disobey?
22. Does the bible say anything specifically about child molestation, besides the general sex outside marriage and adultery?
23. Does planet Earth really have the only forms of life in the universe? How does the bible address this issue?



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24. Did God create the being (Satan) who has turned so many children away from Him, and know it before hand? Why?

25. In today's world, Lot and his daughters is un-natural, how do we come to terms with this?

26. What separates animals from human?