

“Questions from Others”

1 Pet. 3:15-16

Introduction

- I. For those of us who did not learn about the church of Christ until later in life, we understand that there are questions that sometimes others have.
- II. We may have had the same questions ourselves.
- III. Are we certain that we can answer the questions when they arise?
- IV. Let us study three such questions that often arise.
 - A. Why doesn't the church of Christ use instrumental music?
 - B. Does the church of Christ think that they are the only ones that will go to Heaven?
 - C. Why do I have to be baptized?

Discussion

- I. Why doesn't the church of Christ use instrumental music?
 - A. This question is often asked, but the implication is not true.
 - B. The church of Christ uses an instrument, it is the heart (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
 - C. What God authorizes is what we are to do (Col. 3:17).
 1. God authorizes “speaking” and “singing”.
 2. God does not authorize the playing of any mechanical instrument of music in worship (remember Cain, Nadab and Abihu).
- II. Does the church of Christ think that they are the only ones that will go to Heaven?
 - A. First of all, we should let God answer that question for us.
 - B. There will be some in Heaven that were never in the church because they lived before the church of Christ was established (Heb. 9:15; Matt. 16:18).
 - C. Now that the church of Christ has been established, what has God said (Acts 20:28; Eph. 4:4; 5:25).
- III. Why do I have to be baptized?
 - A. The simplest answer is because God said so (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-6; 1 Pet. 3:21).
 - B. Being baptized does not mean that a person is “earning” his salvation through works of merit (Eph. 2:4, 8-9; Titus 3:5; Luke 17:10; Heb. 5:8-9; James 2:14-26).

Conclusion

- I. If we are asked these questions tomorrow, could we answer them correctly and with Scripture references?
- II. If not, then I encourage us to learn ourselves and then teach others around us (2 Tim. 2:15).