Bumby Bible Questions 1

Ken & Gregory · Series: **Bumby Bible Questions**

INTRODUCTION

- At each last Sunday of the month, Lord willing, we are going to be taking questions and then taking some time and answering them in a more casual format.
- Certainly still anchored in the Bible text.
- Some will be better answered in a full-length sermon, some might be better answered on an individual basis.

1 Can We Know Who the Antichrist Is?

1 John 2:18–23; 1 John 4:1–3; 2 John 1:7–11

- Those are the three passages, in fact, the only three passages that mention the Antichrist.
- It's not going to be just one person, not just one historical figure, whether past, present, or future.
- This is not describing a singular person, it's describing a movement or a teaching.
- They were from us, but they were not of us, because they didn't continue in the truth.
- Who is it? Those who in that time denied Jesus as coming in the flesh.
- The Antichrist had already come. They had an explicit definition of who they were and of where they came from and in what time they would come.

2 Wearing a Cross Necklace or Other Symbols

Numbers 21:4–9; 2 Kings 18:4; Romans 14:13–21

- Paul says very succinctly, therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. So we know idolatry is wrong. The question becomes then, what becomes an idol?
- He broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made. For until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it.
- The cross stands for what happened on the cross.
- If that cross becomes something that we're worshiping that image rather than adoring the one who died upon that image, then certainly it crosses the line and we should be leery of it.
- We need to be cautious in how we treat others who might view these things differently.
- We may differ on these matters of opinion. But unity must be our goal. Love and peace must be our goal.

3 Where Did Establishing Authority Come From?

Acts 15:7–16

- Can we understand how God communicates his will to us?
- God will tell us what he wants, he will show us what he wants, or he'll imply to us what he wants.

- This isn't made up. This is first of all how we reason, and secondly, this is how Christ's followers reason.
- They didn't come together to decide the truth. They came together to determine the truth.
- When the apostles were trying to determine the truth, what three methods did they use? The methods of communication. Tell, show, and imply.
- We can take great comfort in knowing that our God does communicate his will to us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So just submit your questions, and if you put your name on it, we can ask if we don't understand something.**

MY NOTES