Bumby Bible Questions 19

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INTRODUCTION

- The more you send in, the more we can pick the good ones and ignore our own questions and our own intrigues.
- No matter how you submit the questions, we're never going to include your name during this session.
- We'll keep this format every fourth Sunday of the month.

1 Can Believers Handle Snakes and Drink Poison Today?

Mark 16:15–18; Acts 8:14–19; 1 Corinthians 13:8–10

- These signs will accompany those who believe. In my name, they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents with their hands.
- Whatever these abilities were, whatever these miracles were, they were imparted by the laying on of the apostles' hands.
- Either the power came directly from God, or it was transferred by the apostles. That is the only way it's transferred.
- Really perfect has the idea of complete, fullness, maturity.
- We have a more complete or perfect way of confirming the message. Not through miracles, but pointing to book, chapter, and verse, for the things that we teach and the things that we practice.
- Those miracles served a grand purpose, but that purpose has ended.

2 Why Don't We Celebrate Christmas as a Congregation?

Matthew 26; 1 Corinthians 15; Colossians 2:15–17

- There's no biblical mandate for celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- The Bible is completely silent about the time of year, the month, the day of the month in which Jesus was born.
- God has specified for us even something to remember about the physical life of Jesus, and that is his death.
- Let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival, a new moon, or a Sabbath, which are the shadow of the things to come, but the substance of Christ.
- As individuals, we need to be gracious and understanding about these differences or liberties that might exist.
- Any time of the year we can also read about, sing about, think about, and talk about the birth of Christ.

3 The Difference in Soul and Spirit

Hebrews 4:12; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Acts 2:41

- For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow.
- In the same way that marrow and the bone work together to form a joint, the soul and spirit are going to work together somehow.
- It talks about our body, our flesh returning to the dust from which it came, but the spirit will return to the Father.
- The soul really has more to do with the decision-making process, whereas spirit might have more to do with the actual intangible being itself.
- The power of God and His Word is amazing, and both our souls and our spirits should be dedicated to God who put them in us first.

THE CHALLENGE

Please keep those questions coming, and we'll be addressing those every fourth Sunday of the month.

MY NOTES