Bumby Bible Questions 9

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INTRODUCTION

- This is our QA morning, and so as a way of reminder, we're going to be answering some questions that have been submitted.
- We can decide what is the will of God with an honest and fair examination of the word.

1 Do I Need to Make a Public Confession?

Matthew 18:15–17; James 5:16

- Coming forward as we think of it really is a tradition.
- If someone sins against me, I don't wait for them. I go to them because sin is serious and needs to be dealt with.
- Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- We need to shed the mask of shame and humiliation that would keep us from openly confessing our struggles with sin.
- Who does the forgiving? Who does the healing? Is it the church that heals? Well, not at all. It's God who we're beseeching.
- Why not take advantage of that opportunity, whether it's when the invitation song is sung or at some other time, to openly ask my brethren for this most important spiritual help?

2 What Is the Proper Attire for Worship?

James 2:1–6; Romans 14:1–20

- There's no Bible passage, to our knowledge at least, that discusses this specifically, the attire that's to be worn in worship.
- My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
- My heart has to say, everybody is welcome. Everybody's welcome in whatever form they're in.
- Always keep in mind that this is a brother or sister in Christ, for whom Christ died.
- God expects to be worshipped on his terms and in his way.
- Wherever you fall in the spectrum, do so deliberately.

3 Are Spiritual Gifts Still Active Today?

Acts 2; Acts 8:14–17; 1 Corinthians 13:8–10

- The ability to speak in tongues and these other spiritual gifts came through two different means in the New Testament.
- Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

- Salvation is not linked to gifts of the Holy Spirit. And secondly, gifts of the Holy Spirit could come in a separate way from baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- As for tongues, they will cease. As for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
- We don't need the miracles to confirm that a man is teaching or preaching the word of God. We have the book.
- That ability, that transferring of those spiritual gifts, died with the last apostle.

MY NOTES