

#1 FORUM POST ON THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Dear D_____,

Thanks for your response. I can see that our understanding is still pretty far apart. When you get time, I would like to discuss your answers and maybe you can share with me why you believe as you do. But I certainly understand that you are limited on time right now so just let me know when and if you want to have a detailed discussion.

Since I asked you for the answers on these questions, it is probably only fair that I answer the questions as well. Here are my short answers:

Do you believe that mankind has a "free will" to choose or reject Christ?

Mankind does not have a "free will". God's "will" rules supreme over our "will". Nothing in God's creation ever acts outside of God's "will". Even when we sin, it is because it was God's "will" for it to happen:

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

Also, in our spiritually marred and carnally minded condition we have from birth, no man has the ability to seek out the true God and if they did, they would not be able to understand Him. Because of mankind's marred spiritual condition which produces our carnal nature, Christ must come to each of us and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit BEFORE we can call Him "Lord". He comes to us solely because of His GRACE. If He waited for us to ask Him to come, NO ONE WOULD BE SAVED. Our salvation is 100% the work of Christ, even our confession of Faith is caused by His work within us.

Do you believe that Christ is going to save all mankind (100%)?

YES! Since mankind's salvation is 100% the work of Christ, how can He fail to save even one person? If He did, it would be a sin since He would "miss the mark" of saving the world, which is the work the Father gave Him to do. God is Love and Love never fails. Christ truly is mankind's Savior. In this present age, Christ is only saving those who have been chosen to be "heirs" of the promise. They are the First Fruits of His harvest. They are the early portion. Christ is not working to save anyone else at this time. But He is the good farmer and He will not leave any of His crop of mankind to rot in the field. He will bring in the full harvest of mankind at the end of the harvest season. This event will occur at the end of the final age - the Lake of Fire age as I call it. At that time, this verse will be testified to be true:

1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Do you believe in the Doctrine of Hell?

No. The Doctrine of Hell is a lie from Satan. Not one aspect of that doctrine is true. Christ, our loving and merciful Creator, would never harm anyone in such a manner. "Fire" is the spiritual symbol for His judgment and nothing more.

Scripture says that all mankind will be judged. What is Christ's purpose for judgment?

Christ came to baptize mankind with His Spirit and with Fire.

Mat 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Both are necessary for our salvation. When Christ judges us, He does so to teach us His righteousness and to redeem us:

Isa 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Job 34:12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

Christ judges mankind because He loves us. And from His judgment, He will make us righteous. It is for this reason that Christ said this:

Luke 12:49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

Christ longs to start the process of judgment in mankind. He has been suffering with mankind's sinful and rebellious state so long that He is now anxious to start the salvation process within us. Our God and Creator will stop at nothing to save each and every one of us. He was even willing to be crucified for us. No greater love can a person have than that!

D____, please read my paper I sent you entitled the "big picture" if you have not already done so. I discussed the issues above in that paper.

This creation is how God creates new children. It is how He reproduces Himself. It is not some experiment with Him. Nothing is out of His control. He is still on Plan A. Everything that happens is happening for a reason and it is being caused by God for it to happen. In the end, God will have many new children who are spiritually the same as Him. This is the purpose and meaning of life that seems to elude most people. All mankind has a wonderful and glorious future ahead. However, the birthing process can be quite painful to both the mother (Christ) and the baby (mankind).

Please don't feel a need to respond quickly. Take your time over the next week or so and maybe re-read some of my papers when you have time. Maybe then we can have a good discussion.

Joe