

“Questioning Religious Beliefs”

Lesson Text: **1 Peter 3:15.**

Intro. We live in day and age where people make think it is rude or even ugly to question people’s beliefs. But is it?

I. Bible Examples Of Questioning Religious Beliefs.

- A.** Elijah at Mt. Carmel- **1 Kings 18:21.**
- B.** Isaiah & Jeremiah- **Isaiah 58:1; 59:1-2; Jeremiah 8:19.**
- C.** **Malachi 1:7-8.**
- D.** Jesus at Jacob’s Well- **John 4:19-24.** Honest questions lead to truth.
- E.** Ethiopian Treasurer’s Question- **Acts 8:26-39.** Can lead to obedience?
- F.** **Acts 17:11.** Noble Bereans were Questioning Paul’s teaching.
- G.** **Acts 19:1-7.** Honest seekers can be shown their error.

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II. Why Do We Need To Question Religious Beliefs?

- A.** Always To Lead People To Truth! **Colossians 1:28.**
- B.** Not Like The Chief Priests and Scribes- **Luke 20:19-20.**
- C.** To Determine Truth From Error- **1 John 4:1; 2 John 9-11; Rev. 2:1-2.**
(On such subjects as Baptism, The Church, Premillennialism; Calvinism...)
- D.** To Determine When We Can Extend Fellowship- **Acts 9:26-27.**

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III. What Do We Do When People React Negatively?

- A.** We Need To Realize That Not Everyone Is Going To Allow Honest Investigation & Questioning Of Their Beliefs.
- B.** Remind Those Of Their Obligation To Respond- **1 Peter 3:15.**
- C.** Understand That Those Who Hold To Extra-Biblical Traditions and Dogmas Cannot Successfully Show Scripture For Their Beliefs.
Matthew 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:21.
- D.** Don’t Spend All Your Time On Them- **Matthew 7:6; Titus 3:10.**
- E.** Pray For Them To See The Truth- **2 Timothy 2:23-26.**

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