A Multitude of Questions

There are primary and secondary lenses that we use to interpret scripture which are based upon the magnitude of truth we comprehend which influence our doctrines – that influence our faith.

The primary lenses are:

- Do you believe in a loving God who is in control of everything – or not
- Do you believe in a heavenly Father who is all good and without wrath – or not
- Do you believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, Messiah and Savior – or not
- Do you believe Jesus is the only way of salvation – or not
- Do you believe there is a Holy Spirit – or not
- Do you believe spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit can be manifested today – or not
- Do you believe that you can hear God's voice – or not
- Do you believe in the inerrancy of scripture in the original text – or not
- Do you believe you are a human being in search of a spiritual experience – or you are a spiritual being that is having a human experience
- Do you believe you will spend eternal life either in heaven or hell – or not
- Do you believe eternal life will be spent upon the earth – or not

We may find ourselves trapped in sin without any known way of escape because our adversary has taught us so many lies and false opinions to doubt the truth; these you must reject – and truth you must embrace. The lens we use to answer these questions must use the optics of scripture. There a multitude of opinions, but the lens of divine truth is the manner by which we know and understand the Lord and how His kingdom operates. Here are some more divine concepts:

1. You are not a human being having a spiritual experience; you are a spiritual being having a human experience on earth
2. God loves you – unconditionally
3. God is Sovereign over the hearts and minds of men, but you still have free will
4. God is dwelling in you and He is waiting for you to surrender your will to the Lord Jesus
5. Jesus wants your full allegiance in order to be restored to Him
6. There is no invitation! You must get off the throne of your heart and exalt Jesus upon it
7. God is in control – and sovereign in His kingdom… if that is where you want to dwell
8. Through repentance, by grace and newness, you are a new person through faith in Christ
9. God wants you to act under His authority –not according to your authority or any other authority through your flesh, but "by My Spirit" through your spirit
10. The Lord created everything in this world (Col. 1:15-18) and everything belongs to Him, so acknowledge this: you are merely a steward of everything that belongs to Him; so let go and let God, and give thanks with praise for the things He has loaned to you
11. Live by grace according to the Spirit – in the spirit of love, meekness, goodness and truth
12. Imitate Jesus – you were created to bear His image and likeness – but "no other"

> Jesus said: "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46).

You can listen to whoever you want and you can do whatever you want and you can build whatever kingdom you want in your heart… ***but you need glory to do it***! Satan stole God's glory in order to build his own kingdom in this world… and so can you. You can use the glory God entrusted to you in order to build whatever kingdom you want; however, if you do not build like a faithful builder as a servant of righteousness, then everything you build will be consumed in the judgment fire. Build, build, build the enemy says, but the Lord says:

> "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" (Psa. 127:1).

Did you use your soul to think like Him or did you use your soul to think like you – or worse – think like the enemy? Did your spirit produce goodness and righteousness in the earth or did it fail to produce any goodness at all? Do you have any idea "who" you are and "what" you are supposed to be doing on this planet??? Do you glorify the Lord or do you give glory to yourself or any other? The answers to these questions are necessary to comprehend your identity?

1. Who are you?
2. What are you doing here?
3. What is man – that God is mindful of him?
4. What is man's purpose for being on earth?
5. What is your purpose for being on earth?
6. What is God's reason and purpose for earth?
7. Why are you here?
8. How did you get here?
9. What is the meaning of life?
10. How can you make a difference?
11. What benefit is there in doing good?
12. How do you measure success?
13. What is the big picture regarding life on earth?
14. Where will you spend eternity?
15. How will you get there?
16. What will you be doing there?

If you want answers to these questions, then read the Image Bearer series.

So now, if your doctrines cannot answer these twelve questions, which can all be found in the scriptures (thousands of scripture references are found within all the books I write), then perhaps you have been taught a less-than gospel which prevents you from perceiving your primary mission on earth – apart from sin.

1. Why is man upon the earth?
2. Where did man come from?
3. Where is it referenced in the scriptures that man *goes to* heaven?
4. Where is it referenced in the scriptures that sin stays with the soul?
5. Where does sin reside in man? (the flesh)
6. Where does this flesh go when it dies?

7. Where does the soul go after the body experiences death?
8. Who judges the living and the dead?
9. Is everyone considered worthy of judgment?
10. At the Judgment, is the soul judged by sin or by righteousness?
11. How would you define grace?
12. How would you define Heaven?

These questions are extremely complex and man has been wrestling with finding the answers for many millennia, but I tell you the answers are very simple… and some questions are irrelevant; however, until religious men submit their minds to gain understanding through the tutoring of the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to them, their opinions are merely another series of man-made doctrines to explain what happens to man after he dies without ever comprehending why man is on earth to begin with.

There are 692 references for heaven, but not one mention is found that says "men go to heaven" (even when the verb conjugation is changed). There are four <u>extraordinary</u> people groups that are in Heaven, yet the vast majority of <u>ordinary</u> believers do not fit that description, so… where do we go? Read book #8 and learn more about this.

One thing is certain… we are not here to be punished or tormented by God, as nothing could be farther from the truth. We are here to be sanctified and proofed according to the righteousness of faith in preparation for eternity. Jesus did not come into the world to condemn us (John 3:17)… but to save us, and yet… our own actions will bear witness… either for us or against us.

> "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them" (Luke 9:56)… "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

The answers to all these questions are found in the Image Bearer Series. Greater wisdom is found in the Discipleship Series and deeper revelation is found in the Deep Understanding series.