

SOME BURNING QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS

Introduction

In this exposition, I will attempt to answer some burning questions people and for that matter Christians ask frequently in relation to doctrine and Christian living. Anyway, it is the best to do when the idea is really to search the scriptures and know the truth.

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.¹² Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few”- Acts 17:11-12

You should note that, is only the truth that can set man free-*John 8:32*

The oneness of God (Godhead)

1. The right hand of God-Acts 7:54-59

“⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,⁵⁶ And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,⁵⁸ And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

You should note that, the right hand of God in reference here is not the physical right hand of God. It symbolizes the omnipotence of God. So Jesus sitting or standing on the right hand side of God, signifies that Jesus upon His resurrection goes back to His glory. He therefore becomes the Lord of Lords and the king of Kings who has power over all. Remember, there is only one throne in heaven only for the one true God- Matthew 25:31

Let's now analyses these scriptures:

“⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.⁸ Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.⁹ (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things”-Ephesians 4:4-10

“⁶⁷ Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:⁶⁸ And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go.⁶⁹ Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God”-Luke 22:67-69

⁶ Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy-Exodus 15:6

Points to note:

- i. When we pray the words “Lord Lift up your hands...” we are not implying the physical hand of God but we mean God show forth your power-Psalm 78:54
- ii. Jesus therefore meant he would go back to His glory in the fullness of his power and authority and fill His throne- 1Peter 3:22
- iii. With the right of hand of God, He dashes the enemy. That is the power and might of God- Exodus 15:6

2. Let us make- Genesis 1:26

“²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”

- i. We must first of all note that, God does not take counsel with anyone but of Himself.- Isaiah 40:12-14, 42:8 , Ephesians 1:11
- ii. Also, God created all things in the presence of angels
 - Angels were created-Hebrews 1:7, Psalm 104:4
 - His question to Job explains so- Job 38:4-7
- iii. Again, God always spoke in the presence of angels recognizing them, hence the plural usage.
 - In the confounding of language- Genesis 11:7
 - In appearing unto Abraham –Genesis 18:1-2,22
 - In the vision of the prophet Isaiah- Isaiah 6:1-10

- iv. It is a fact that God alone, one person not three persons created all things-Genesis 1:27, Malachi 2:10, Isaiah 44:24, 45:5

3. There are three that bear record-1John 5:7-8

“⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one”

Keynotes:

1. The father, the word and the Holy Ghost are not distinct personalities but same one Lord God manifest in different forms. Remember, God who is the father and creator of all(Malachi 2:10) is a spirit(John 4:24) and He created the world with His word(Hebrews 11:3, Psalm 33:6-9)

4. Breaking of the seven(7) seal-Revelation 5:1-14

“ And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?³ And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.⁴ And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.⁵ And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.⁶ And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.⁷ And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.⁸ And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.¹¹ And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;¹² Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.¹³ And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.¹⁴ And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever”

Note: The book of revelation is about the past, present and future-Revelation 1:19

- a. One was on the throne, how was He described?- vs 1
 - Ancient of days as described in the old testament- Daniel 7:9
 - Ancient of days as described in the new testament-Revelation 1:12-18, Revelation 4:8-11.
- b. God alone is worthy-Revelation 4:11
 - He will not share His glory -Isaiah 42:8
 - There is none like Him-Exodus 15:11
 - He alone is worthy of praise- psalm 95:1-3
- c. No man was worthy to receive the book -vs 2-4
 - Man cannot redeem man except God-Psalm 49:7-8,
 - God alone is the savior- Isaiah 43:3
 - God needed a blood medium to save mankind- -Hebrews 10:3-5, 2:14,13:20
- d. One was worthy of receiving the book, how was He described? Vs 5
 - The lamb was slain from the foundation of the earth-Revelation 13:8
 - He is the lion of the tribe of Judah-Psalm 76:1→Revelation 5:5
 - God claims He is the same as the sent-Isaiah 43:10-15
 - He purchase the church with His own blood- Acts 20:28
- e. The lamb stood in the midst of the throne-vs 6
 - The Lord is the God of gods- Daniel 2:47→1Timothy 6:14-16
 - It is the wisdom of God in mystery-1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- f. The lamb was ascribed all the glory-vs 12
 - Prophecy on the day of the Lord-Zechariah 14:9
 - Jesus Christ as the eternal king-1Timothy 1:17
 - He is Lord over all- Romans 9:5