



SESSION #1 ~ BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION...

The Bible can be quite puzzling at times, I think you would agree. We can read along in the Scriptures and have a whole host of questions come to our mind. Some questions are more important than others. Some become those burning questions to which we must have answers. Others are in the category of "it would be interesting to know the answer to that", but life would not end if we never knew. And other questions are, to be blunt, ridiculous in the first place...only a fool would ask such a thing.

Tonight as we begin **BURNING QUESTIONS** let's attempt to keep perspective in our asking. The purpose is to find out things that we should know, and things that we should do; we want to focus on what we are to know about Christian doctrine and what we are to practice in our lives as faithful Christians.

So the exhortation for us is this, tonight, and in the rest of this series: ask thoughtful questions, not foolish. Don't blurt out the first thing that pops into your head. Don't waste the precious time of others asking trivial questions. "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" Here's a good example that we have probably all heard. It brings to mind a gaggle of theologians arguing over....over what? This question serves as a metaphor for wasting time debating topics of no practical value. So let's not do this. We don't have time for "trivial pursuit."

Here a few examples of **BURNING QUESTIONS** that fit our parameters:



"In I Corinthians 11:1-16, is the "covering" that the Apostle Paul is talking about a woman's hair or is it a veil that is worn on the head?" (practice)



In Romans 4, Paul says that Abraham was justified by faith apart from works, but in James it says (chapter 2) that "a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." How do we reconcile these two teachings? (doctrine)



The Hebrews writer warns against Christians becoming apostate, but in Romans it sounds like we cannot lose our salvation. what's the solution? (doctrine)



And your question is.....???

HOW CAN MY WAY BE WELL-FOUNDED

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FROM PSALM 119:9-16

MEINE HOFFNUNG, JOACHIM NEANDER

1. How can my way be well - found - ed?
2. In my heart Your Word is hid - den,
3. With my lips I have de - clared it,

I shall heed God's ho - ly Word. With my whole heart
That I might not walk in sin; Bles - sed Lord, teach
All Your ways are good and true; In Your tes - ti -

I have sought You, To Your path keep me, O Lord.
me Your stat - utes, Then shall I be clean with - in.
mo - nies joy - ful, As great ri - ches to pur - sue.

Cleanse my way, Lord, I pray; Guide my feet, let me not stray.
Lord, I pray, ev' - ry day, Lead me in the right - eous way.
I de - light to re - cite, That Your Law is just and right.

