

Ask Me Anything - Week 4

Question #1 – I recently read that gluttony is just as bad as being drunk. Also, how much is too much to where it turns into sin?

Proverbs 23:19-21 - Listen, my son, and be wise, and set your heart on the right path: ²⁰ Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, ²¹ for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

•**The Bible never directly calls gluttony a sin.**

•**Gluttony can be seen as a form of greed and is definitely a lack of self-control**

Luke 12:15 – Jesus said, “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed...”

2 Peter 1:5-8 1 Corinthians 9:27 1 Corinthians 6:12 Galatians 5:13

There are many things about our bodies that we must control: our sexual behavior (1 Thessalonians 4:4), our tongues (James 3:1–12), our hands (Proverbs 16:17), our feet (Proverbs 16:18), and our eyes (Mark 9:47). It stands to reason that we must also control our stomachs. The ability to say “no” to anything in excess is a godly skill.

Galatians 5:22-23 – The fruit of the Spirit is...self-control.

Question #2 – Regarding the woman caught in adultery who was brought to Jesus by the men. Where was the man who was also caught in adultery? He was never brought to be condemned. Jesus also never mentioned that both were guilty. Why not?

John 8:1-11

•**Jesus knew that the Pharisees who brought the woman to Jesus were not interested in justice but only wanted to trap Jesus.**

•**The reason this story is in the Bible is not to emphasize the wrath of Jesus but to show the grace of Jesus.**

•**Although our sins may be great, His grace is greater.**

Romans 5:6, 15

Question #3 & 4 – How can I find peace in God when someone close to me died and was not saved. I cannot rationalize that they are in heaven. They rejected the truth. Yes, I shared with them. They were my parents.

I’ve been taught there will not be any tears in heaven, but how can this be if we are there and our loved ones are not there with us?

Revelation 21:1-4 - Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

•**We cannot always know a person’s final decision about Jesus. We can only trust God to do His work in them.**

Isaiah 55:12 - The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹ It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

Luke 23:40-43 - The other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

•**In heaven, we will fully understand the grace, justice, and wrath of God.**

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 - Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰ But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.