

# Hard Questions

(Jno. 6:60-68)

Before we study 10 "hard questions", I want to preface them by giving an example. A few years back, I asked two different preachers a list of questions. Their answers were: "These questions are too hard and difficult." "I am struggling with them." "It would take volumes to answer these questions." This is unbelievable! These questions could be answered by a yes or no and a Bible verse written on a postage stamp and have room left! The problem with many preachers is that they do not know the Bible and are not preaching enough Bible "to save a gnat." or "fill up a thimble!" Let us see just how "hard and difficult" these questions are to answer (I Pet. 3:15).

Jesus said that He was the food (bread, word) and drink (His blood) of eternal life (Jno. 6:52-59). This offended the disciples (verse 60-61)! This proves that it does not take very much for folks to get offended at the church, truth, preacher etc. How could this beautiful and simple lesson offend the disciples? It is truly amazing, and yet sad. Many decided that they would no longer walk with the Master (verse 66), but Peter gives us the right example (verse 67-68). What was "hard" about the Master's teaching? Nothing!

## ANSWERING 10 "HARD" QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe that the Bible is God's inspired and complete will that is to be preached to everyone? Answer: Yes (II Tim. 3:16-17, 4:2). Hard or difficult? No.

2. Do you believe that there is one, and only one church for which Jesus shed all His blood to purchase, and that church is the church of Christ? Answer: Yes (Matt. 16:18, Ac. 20:28, Rom. 16:16, Eph. 1:22-23, 4:4). A hard question to answer? No.

3. Do you believe that God made every-

thing on earth and in the heavens, and that the teaching of evolution is a doctrine from hell? Answer: Yes (Gen. 1:1). Did it take volumes to answer? No.

4. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only begotten Son of God? Answer: Yes (Jno. 3:16). What is difficult about that?

5. Do you believe that there is only one reason to divorce and remarry? Answer: Yes (Matt. 19:1-9). Hard to answer? Not if you believe the Bible.

6. Do you believe that you can change the name of the church to, "The Community Church" and do so with God's approval? Answer: No (Ac. 4:12, Rom. 16:16). Hard? No.

7. Do you believe that one can join a denomination, then defend, support and teach their doctrine, die while a member of that denomination, and that person be covered by grace, be saved and enter heaven? Answer: No (Ac. 2:38, 47, II Tim. 2:10, Heb. 5:8-9, II Th. 1:7-19, II Jno. 9-11). Difficult to answer? No.

8. Do you believe that women can teach or preach in a mixed class of men and women, lead the congregation in singing or preach from the pulpit in a worship service and it be scriptural? Answer: No (I Tim. 2:8-15, I Cor. 14:34). Hard? Difficult? No.

9. Do you believe that a person must be baptized for the remission of sins (and understand that fact) in order to be saved? Answer: Yes (Mk. 16:16, Ac. 2:38, I Pet. 3:21). Would it take volumes to answer that question? No.

10. Do you believe that there are some brethren who are not to be fellowshiped? Answer: Yes (II Jno. 9-11, Eph. 5:11). Hard, difficult or volumes to answer? No.

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