

# Who We Are Christians

Not some brand of Christians.

Not Christians plus something else.

We've no denominational affiliation, no governing association. We wear only the name of Jesus Christ, glorify Him alone in our name, acknowledge Him alone as our governing head.

*Colossians 3:17 ; Galatians 6:14 ; I Peter 4:14-16*

# What We Believe The Bible

Not part of the Bible—all of it.

And the Bible alone.

We've no creed, no catechism. We preach, we teach, we read, we recommend, we seek to know and live just the words God gave—all of them.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 ; 2 John 9 ; Revelation 22:18-19*

# What We Offer Spirituality

**Preaching** that convicts, exhorts, instructs and encourages.

**Bible classes** that are practical, informative and stimulating for all ages.

**An atmosphere** for building better character and nurturing better homes.

**Worship** that is spirited, reverent, God-centered.

**A spiritual family** committed to God, to each other, to evangelism, to a heavenly hope.

*2 Timothy 4:2 ; I Peter 4:11 ; Romans 12:9-13*

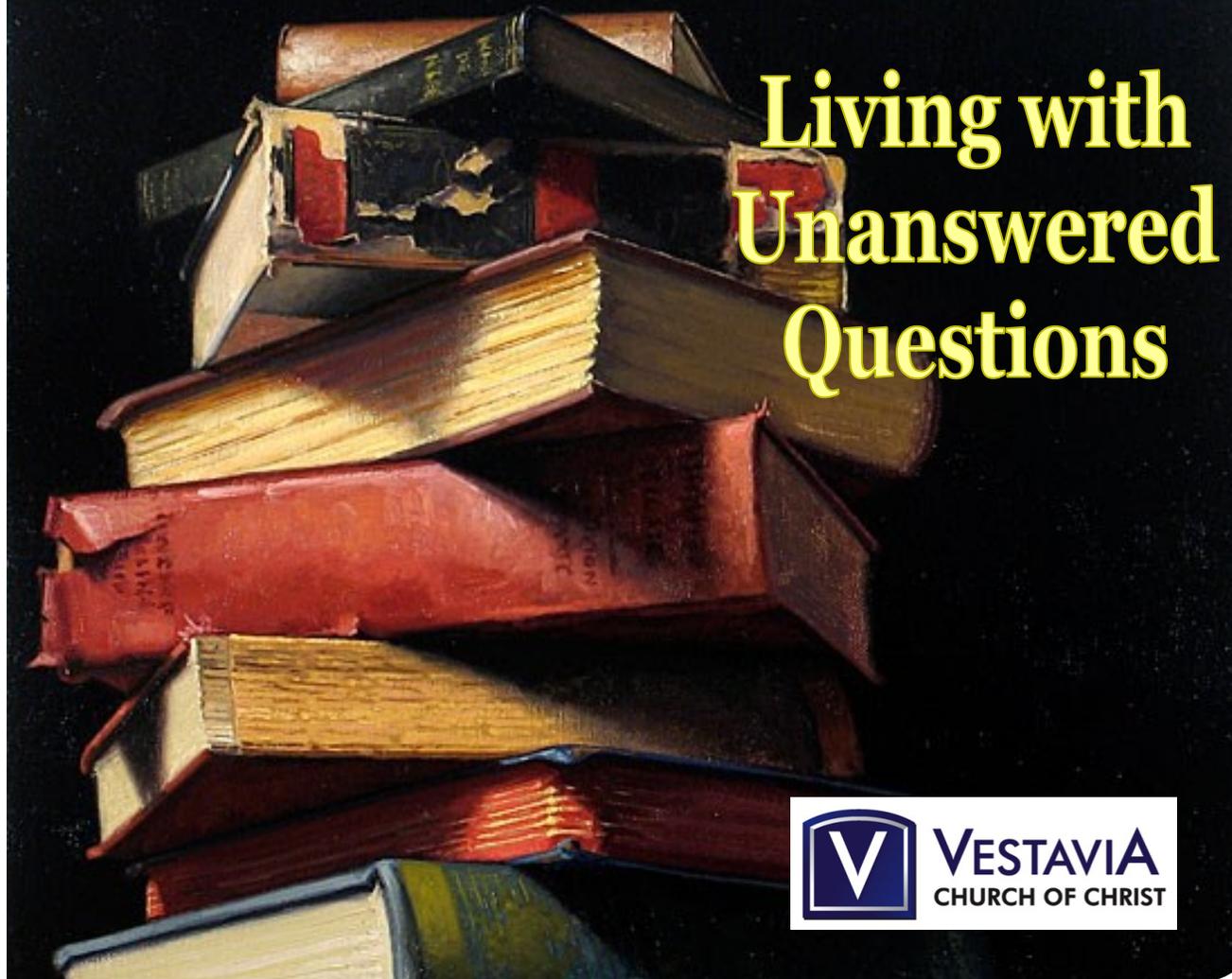
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Sunday Bible Study: 9AM, Worship: 10AM & 5PM  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM



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By Doy Moyer

**M**ost of us would likely agree with the idea that the older we get, the more we realize we don't know. The vastness of the universe, the complexity of people, and the general recognition that we just don't have all the answers leads us to realize the need to be humble. We don't know everything. Now that doesn't mean we cannot know anything. It only means that we need to recognize that we are not infinite and there are limitations to what we can know.

This is a difficult world in which we live, a world that has been corrupted by sin. Sin is a problem that is brought on by the attempt of people to dethrone God and take the throne for themselves. We want to be our own rulers, and so our view of God often suffers because we suppress His nature in our thinking in order to make ourselves more important.

Yet we must recognize God to be God, in all that entails. God doesn't need our permission to be who He is, but in our hearts and minds, we must learn to calm the storms that threaten our respect for God and see that God runs this universe by His wisdom and power. "O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions" (Psalm 104:24).

As Paul affirms, God is "able to do far more

**"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."**  
Proverbs 1:7

abundantly beyond all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). We aren't even capable of thinking all that God can do. "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!" (Rom. 11:33)

Learning to trust God can be a difficult task for us, especially when we don't understand why things are the way they are. Why did God make us this way? Why isn't the Bible clearer on this or that topic? Why does Jesus say it that way? Why does God allow this person to suffer? On go the questions to which we often don't have the full answers. For some, this kind of problem can be something that creates a crisis in faith. How can we live with unanswered questions? How can we accept a God who doesn't tell us everything we want to know?

Jesus taught, "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all" (Mark 10:15). The key issue here is that of trust. From the time we were born, we learned to trust our parents. We didn't know anything about this world. We were entirely in the hands of our caretakers — innocent, ignorant, and with no way of knowing how to care for ourselves. Yet we trusted. We may have cried, struggled for independence, and asked, "Why?" as we were growing, but we know now that the only way to get by was through trusting those in charge. It is, in fact, only reasonable that those who know less and have fewer experiences should learn from those who know more and have experienced more.

Yet think of how much greater God is. He

holds the universe in the palm of His hand. "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales?" (Isa. 40:12)

We do not have the knowledge of the Holy One. We cannot gather the winds in our fists. We cannot wrap the waters in our garments (see Prov. 30:4). So how much more should we then learn to trust that God knows what He is doing!?

So much of Scripture is devoted to the power of God, urging us to trust His wisdom. The book of Job perfectly illustrates this. When God finally spoke, they were reminded of their ignorance and of the power and wisdom of God in this creation (see Job 38ff). Job needed to learn to trust God, even when he didn't understand all the reasons for his own personal suffering.

Faith allows us to live with unanswered questions. Yes, we keep searching and learning, but our knowledge will not be filled to the brim. It may be that some answers are beyond our grasp, but the bottom line is that we are still the children who don't know how to care for ourselves. Now, we are not so innocent, but God takes care of that if we will trust Him. He has made all the arrangements. If we trust Him, we can live through the difficulties and know that it will all be worthwhile in the end (1 Cor. 15:58).