

QUESTIONS TO ASK

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Protestants claim that the Bible is the only ultimate, infallible norm of faith and practice. They also claim that their beliefs are based on the Bible alone. The tragic reality is Protestants are terribly divided on most doctrinal and moral issues. Yet each sect has appealed to its ultimate authority, the Bible. Often their beliefs are disconnected from the text of Sacred Scripture because they are based on interpretations that are not biblically based.

Therefore, in discussions with you Protestant relatives and friends, consider asking the following questions.

Where does the Bible:

- Claim that it is the pillar and foundation of truth?
- Claim that it teaches all Christian truth?
- Affirm that Paul's epistles are divinely inspired and ought to be included in the Bible?
- Affirm that the four Gospels are divinely inspired and ought to be included in the Bible?
- Affirm that the rest of the NT was divinely inspired and ought to be included in the Bible?
- Tell us which books should be in the Old Testament?
- Prohibit polygamy?
- Teach that divorce and remarriage is anything other than adultery?
- Teach that all sins are the same?
- Teach that a Christian can't lose his salvation?
- Teach that public revelation ceased with the death of the last Apostle?
- Teach that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person equal to the Father and the Son?
- Teach that Jesus has two intellects and two wills?
- Teach that there is one God with one Divine Nature, but three distinct but equal Divine Persons?
- Teach the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception?
- Teach that the Bible is self-interpretative?
- Teach that the individual interpretation of each individual is authoritative?
- Teach that it teaches the essential truths of the Christian faith so clearly presented that even the uneducated can read the Bible and come to understand them?
- Teach which truths are essential and which truths are unessential?
- Reject the necessity of Baptism?
- Teach that only Baptism by immersion is valid?
- Teach that infants should not be baptized?
- Reject the idea that Baptism removes sin?
- Rejects that the Apostles were appointed to dynastic offices?
- Teach that Peter was not the head of the Apostles?

- Reject the Sacraments?
- Teach that a Christian is not bound to keep the Commandments in order to have eternal life?
- Teach that the Eucharist is merely a symbol, but not the body of Christ?
- Give justification for 33,820 denominations disagreeing with each other on most Christian beliefs?
- Teaches that Jesus did not entrust to his Church the power to forgive sins?

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