

Intro.

- A. Asking questions, esp. Bible ?’s & finding answers in God’s word is a great way to learn, & therefore become a better person (& teacher).
1. c. **Ac. 17:11**
 2. c. **2 Tim. 2:15** ----- c. **Ecc. 12:12**
- B. Tonight we consider 4 questions you have asked, & they = ?’s of common interest to many (often asked).
1. Diff. between Preachers & Pastors?
 2. Who are the *Other Sheep* of **Jn. 10:16**
 3. What happens to us immediately after we die?
 4. Explain in context **1 Cor. 14:40**. Does this apply to us????

Discuss.**I. What Is The Difference In ...PASTORS & PREACHERS?**

- A. Pastor: *Poimen* = shepherd (**Eph. 4:11** - *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers*)
1. **Bishop** (*episkopos* – Overseer) **1 Tim. 3:1-2; Tit. 1:7; 1 Pet. 2:25** [to inspect – for relief, look out, superintend, visit *skopos* = to watch as a century or scout (implying a goal or mark).
 2. **Elder** (*presbuteros*) = older, or senior (c. **Ac. 20:17 & 28; 1 Tim. 5:17; Tit. 1:5; 1 Pet. 5:1**)
- B. Preacher: *Kerusso* = a herald (town crier), esp. of divine truth.
1. **Rom. 10:14**
 2. **1 Tim. 2:7 & 2 Tim. 1:11**
 3. **2 Pet. 2:5**, *Noah...a preacher of righteousness*
- C. There are preachers who are also pastors (Gary Hill, Richard Adams, John Kackelmann), & there are elders who also are preachers (Jerry Steele), but not all preachers are pastors, & not all pastors = preachers.

II. Who Are The “OTHER SHEEP” in Jn. 10:16?

- A. The context of the *Good Shepherd’s care* is Jesus’ instructions to Jewish disciples during his earthly ministr
1. **vs. 15**, “*I lay down my life for my sheep*” is reference to Calvary, & related events.
 2. Included was the rending of the temple veil (c.**Mk. 15:38; Eph. 2:14; Gal. 3:28**),
- B. Notice also **Jn. 11:51-52**, Jesus died for *that nation* [Jews], & *not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad*.
1. In **Ac. 2:39** Peter taught the extension of the grace of God to *all who are far off*, ref. to Gentiles.
 2. While not perfectly parallel passages, these passages all deal with the universal opportunity for salvation.

III. What Happens To Man IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH?

- A. Physical body remains on earth....goes back to the earth, **Ecc. 12:7** *the dust returns to earth & sp. to God*
1. **Lk. 16:19-31** is the most obvious description in the Bible:
 - a. Lazarus taken by angels to Abraham’s bosom, **vs. 22** (referred to in **Lk. 23:43** as Paradise, c. **Ac.2:27**)
 - b. Rich man was *in torment...in anguish* **Lk. 16:23f**
 - 2.
- B. Sheol => O.T. name of place of departed spirits, translated: *grave, hell* or *pit*.
1. **Psa. 16:10; 86:13**
 - a. O.T. portrays death = disruption of unity that was man, a person not thereby annihilated. life
 - b. Hebrews understood clearly that a person continued to exist, but in a radically different way as human\
 2. Dead are described as knowing nothing of events of life, (**Job 14:21**)
 - a. Deceased are not coming back to life on earth, c. **2 Sam. 12:23; Job 7:9**
 - b. In **Psa. 115:16f**, residents of Sheol do not praise God. (prob. emphasis \leq hopeless state, but that which is powerless to interfere in the affairs of the living!)
 - c. Israelites forbidden to engage in necromancy (involvement w/ dead spirits) **Lev. 19:31; 1 Sam.28:3,9**

IV. Explain 1 Cor. 14:40 In Context.

A. Appreciating the context...

1. Paul's letter answering questions relating to concerns in the Corinthian church (they had problems!).
2. **Chpts. 12-14** specifically deal with spiritual gifts- **12** names them, **13** prioritizes them & their duration, & **14** regulates their use.

B. *Let all things be done decently and in order (14:40)*

1. In assemblies where prophesying & tongues were taking place, order was to be maintained (no chaos)
2. **vs. 12**, those zealous for spiritual gifts were to me motivated by longing to edify the church.
3. **vs. 13**, tongues speaking was forbidden w/o an interpreter. (-20)
4. **vs. 26-31** regulates specific rules for edification & the exercise of sp. gifts
5. *God is not the author of confusion, vs. 33.....butorder (vs. 40)*

C. Obviously, these kinds of assemblies ended in 1st Cent. (c. **1 Cor. 13:10-13**), so we do not have any sort of assembly that resemble those of **1 Cor. 14**.

D. The principle herein involved should similarly govern our worship today, as opposed to popular spontaneous worship that always keeps folks guessing – *What's coming next.*

Concl.

A. Studies about

1. Preachers & elders
2. Opportunity of universal salvation
3. A moment after death
4. Need for order in some of the unique gatherings of the church in 1st Cen.

B. Lessons for today:

1. God has given us each responsibilities
2. Save yourself f/ this evil generation, (**c. Ac. 2:40**)
3. There is something much more significant after this life comes to an end for which we must be ready.
4. God had planned for everything that is important to our well being, & carrying out His will.