

Question 60

Name _____

Q60. How long ago is it since Christ died?

A60. More than two thousand years.*

** Answer adapted to reflect current date!*

Scripture Base: Matt 25:1-13; Mark 1:14-15;
John 17:20; Gal. 4:4-5.

Doctrine: WCF 8:2 SC 27

Supplementary Questions

1. Why did Jesus come into the world so long ago?

2. What did Jesus need to do to save His people when He came?

3. How can something Jesus did so many years ago save you?

Song: "Jesus the Redeemer" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q59 How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? - *God has told us that we must pray to Him for the Holy Spirit.*

Scripture: Matt 25:1-13 The Virgins & their lamps

Questions:

1. He came into the world to save His people. He had to become one of us in order to redeem us. Mankind sinned and so mankind owed the debt. He came when He did because this was when God had decided to send Him. *Gal. 4:4-5* "when the fullness of time came" *Mark 1:14-15* "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand".

2. There were two parts to His work in this world:

a. He had to live a perfect life for His people.

He had to be perfect to offer Himself up for His people (1 Pet. 1:18-19). He had to obey perfectly so He could provide His people with a perfect record of obedience (Rom. 5:19).

b. He had to die in the place of His people.

His people had sinned and became guilty in God's court of law. Jesus took the guilt of His people on Himself and died in their place (John 10:14-15 and 2 Cor. 5:21).

3. When Jesus died, He died for all His people, for all times, not only for His people who were alive then, but also for those who would live afterwards (John 17:20). Jesus prayed for those who would receive His mercy through the ministry of His disciples, and by inference, those of us who would eventually hear and believe. His sacrifice is valuable enough to save everyone who would ever believe in Him.

Gospel: How can you be saved? There is only one sacrifice God will accept. There is only one person who can take your place in God's judgment and deliver you. You must look to the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross over two thousand years ago. You must not rely on your obedience, but Jesus'. You must ask Him to take away your sins by the sacrifice He made for sin. You must make Jesus your only hope, the only reason you will ever see heaven. Trust in Him now and be saved.

Extras: Time Line - Christ's birth & death, their birth, current year, 2nd coming

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