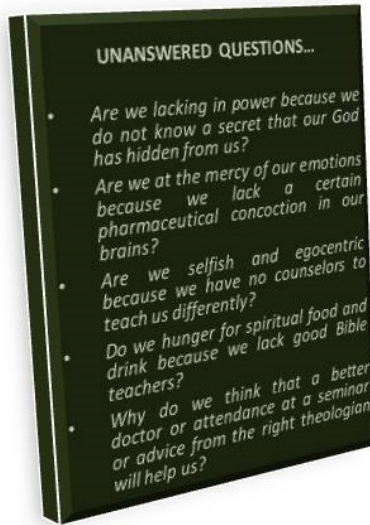


# Red Letter Edition

*What did Jesus Say?*

## An Ancient Call . . .

Don C Harris (Final)



### **"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"**

Some of the best advice ever given was given to men who asked just such a question. Peter had just finished preaching, and after the conviction of their sin fell freshly upon them, they were stymied, and asked, "What shall we do?"

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:37-38

As with most doctrines of the Apostles, the ordinance of baptism has been adulterated to mean nothing more than a token, a sacrament, an act, or a symbol. **The Baptism to which we are called, though, is a total submersion into the name or character of Christ, not into water.** What is portrayed by water is nothing. It is the very act of obedience, the washing of PURE water. The answering of a good

conscience toward God<sup>[1]</sup> that saves us. True baptism washes us and separates us from the world by our daily actions that are contrary to the world in which we live.

### ***Our faith in Christ is nothing without our obedience.***

Yea, it is our *obedience* that shows that we do indeed believe. It is not necessarily to the world that our works proves our faith, but to us!<sup>[2]</sup>

We may not have to prove to the world that we are children of God, but why should we wonder and question our own faith when we can know easily we are children of God – by our works. The man who grapples and wrestles with his faith, is a man who has never been baptized (separated from the world). Repent and be baptized! Stop sinning and be immersed in Christ and your doubts will flee, your health, hope and harmony with living will spring up and will end in eternal life!

But, so it is, we continue, doing what we want, squelching the promptings of the Spirit of God, and accepting "truth" from the mouths of men. Although we may want something different, if we continue in our way, insisting we have faith, yet never accomplishing obedience to God, more of the same will follow. Lives of regret, powerless, meaningless lives, lived in doubt and with no assurance of salvation at its end.

Listen as the Bible describes those who do not obey the Word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 28:65-67, "And ... thou shalt find no ease ... but the LORD shall give thee ... a trembling heart, and falling of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see."

Herein describes the pitiful state of the modern nominal Christian, who, having never been truly baptized (immersed in Christ), tries to pry his salvation from the Bible by some agreement or contract with God, insisting that his works (obedience) are not necessary for his salvation. We cannot happily or successfully continue down this ineffectual path of indulgence and sin, ignoring the Word of God within us and the Scriptures without. It becomes obvious that the words of the Apostle are still true today.

We must repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, and we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

An Ancient Call, indeed.

Peter never forgot the message.

We may still read the ancient call in 2 Peter 1:3-11,

*"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**"*

Friends, "Answer the call."

[Don C Harris](#)

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[1] Hebrews 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

1 Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

[2] James 2:20 "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

James 2:14, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?"

## Question 147: Jesus asks, "Lovest thou me more than these?"

Click to hear Don read this excerpt from his book, "The Questions of Jesus."



## TRI ThINKer's Thoughts ...



**Lawrence Talbot**

January 25 at 7:15 PM · 🌐

Plain, easy to understand English. Mr. Don Harris says it like it is, exposing false worship, doctrines and heresies that masquerade as Christian. What did Jesus say? With did Jesus do? What did Jesus say to do? Best preacher I've heard!!

~ ThINKer on Facebook

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I think its really great to be on Youtube! I looked through your other programs and it looks like it's all there. "You can get them in the tent with YouTube." The liberal teachings in the church that started in the late 18th century removed Jesus from the doctrine. They have taken the supernatural out of church. People are not thinking for themselves. They are believing what others are telling them to believe. ...Those of you on Youtube can "like" the program and that will move the program up the list on the internet.

~ ThINkEr in NM

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So very glad to see this program on YouTube. Well worth the time to listen. Thanks Don..

~ ThINkEr in TX

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The Reformation took authority from the Pope; the Church placed authority on the Bible; Bible trust led to the Bible being titled the 'Word of God'; this action causes many to miss HIM. Revelation from the Word of God must be re-instated to save us. Can't do that without Thinking Red Ink!

~ ThINkEr in NM

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...to encourage you... a time that I was at my lowest...I was given a copy of your "Questions of Jesus" book. Once again it seems the Lord was using you to help me. That one book alone, was the key to me getting my life back on track. I finally tasted the bread that never makes you hunger, and drank the water that causes you to never thirst. I am convinced that if a person had a Bible, Strong's concordance, dictionary, and lastly your book "Questions of Jesus", they would be set for life, and have all they would need to understand how to listen to the Spirit of God, to lead, guide and direct us. Of course, as long as we are continuing to seek and love truth. I guess what I am trying to say, when you feel discouraged, to try to focus on the roses and not the thorns. Every time I read the verse that states "...whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven," I think of you...

~ ThINkEr in TN

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I appreciate you sending a link to the Esdras passage about what happens after death. It sobered me up this morning. As soon I get up off my knees, and regain my composure I will send it to a select few that may read it with understanding.

~ ThINkEr in NM

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[Thanks for the] heads-up and, even though I was at work, I was able to catch the show. ... You've still got it. You were on point as usual. That was bound to have woken up a few souls to reality. I hope everything is going well for you. You sounded strong on the show this morning. Well, I guess I had better go for now. Talk to you later.

~ ThINkEr in TX

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Re: TRI Ministries YouTube Channel - Light of the Southwest with Al Cooper - 2009 - "Best explanation of the word of God I have ever heard, amazing."

~ ThINkEr in AZ

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... A couple of weeks ago, I was blessed to catch your First Day program - live. [ **LIVE SHOWS are 9:00 AM MT on the First-day (sunday).**] You stated that you were quite tired, and I did detect that in your voice, and though you would like to have a daily program like you used to, that concept was - at least for now - seeming to not be a possibility... I love to listen to anything that comes on when I dial the TRI line so I'm not complaining - not in the least bit. However, I believe in the importance of your work and what it "boils down to" is that the One who is guiding your life will see you through whatever seems to obstruct your path. I know that you believe that as well. So many times, I have scribbled quick notes about something you said that impressed me and I wanted to dash off a note to you telling you my thoughts and expressing my appreciation. Those scribbled notes are still there and someday, I may just consolidate them and write you a letter instead of an email.

Dear Don - whenever Jehovah decides to bring all of this to a close, then all of us who are striving "with blood" will see him come and we will know that everything we passed through here will be worth it all.

Suffering is so hard now and that very thing is perfecting our character for HIS honor and glory. ...I DO feel "called" to pray for you - and I do... Much love comes your way through His Spirit - from us and I am confident from thousands of others as well.

~ThINKer in OR

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~ (Below) ThINKer comments from the [TRI Radio chat room](#)! Join in. It's a friendly group.

**Alan:** Most folks don't care enough about truth to listen it... much less search for it. I think "they" are comfortable. 🤔

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Most folks don't care enough about truth to listen for it..

**Alan:** They are Comfortable.... "Frog in the Frying Pan"

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**Alan:** I like the option of YouTube for TRI. I think the availability to more folks is very good. 😊

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### **Passover Remembrance Celebration**

Dear friends,  
I need to hear from you about our annual Passover Celebration. The projected dates are (Mar.22-25 or Apr. 19-22). Do you want to come to Pie Town? Let me know. I'm making plans to be there.... Thanks!



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