

# What Have I Done?

## I. Introduction:

- a. (Jeremiah 8:6) “I Harkened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness saying, what have I done?”
  - i. Dramatic passage from the prophet Jeremiah
    - 1. Representative of the departure and apostasies of man through out all ages
  - ii. They were in the depths of sin (Jeremiah 8:5) “They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.”
    - 1. Representative of mankind in all ages including today.
- b. The question that we should ask ourselves – “What have I done?”
  - i. What have we done in all aspects of our lives?

## II. What Have You Done Spiritually?

- a. You Have Sinned
  - i. (1 John 1:8-10) “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
    - 1. When we reach the age of accountability – Knowing right from wrong and choosing to do wrong
  - ii. (Romans 3:10) “There is none righteous, no, not one.” (vs.23) “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”
- b. You Have Died
  - i. Consequent of sinning – Spiritual Death
    - 1. (James 1:15) “Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”
  - ii. (Isaiah 59:1,2) “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
    - 1. Spiritual Death – sin separated us from God
    - 2. (Ephesians 2:1) “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”
      - a. Quickened – made alive
    - 3. (1 Timothy 5:6) “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.”

## III. What Have You Done With the Gospel of Christ?

- a. You have either obeyed it or rejected it
  - i. The Power of God unto salvation
    - 1. (Romans 1:16) “For I am not ashamed...”
- b. It must be obeyed
  - i. (Hebrews 5:8,9) “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered: and being make perfect, he

became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

1. Christ is the author of Eternal Salvation
  - a. To those that OBEY Him
  - ii. (John 14:15) “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”
- c. No middle Ground
  - i. Receive it or Reject it
  - ii. (Matt 6:24) “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

#### IV. What Have You Done with The Bible?

- a. What some Have Done
  - i. Rejected it
    1. (John 12:48) “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
    2. (2 Timothy 3:16) “All scriptures are given by the inspiration of God...”
      - a. If reject – reject the very words that will judge us
  - ii. Left it on the table
    1. Can’t grow in faith
      - a. (Romans 10:17) “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
  - iii. Argued over it
    1. Just for the sake of arguing
    2. We are to defend it – Paul – Set for the defense
      - a. Defend is not to divide – error divides
  - iv. Misunderstood it – False Teachers
    1. Best commentary for the Bible is the Bible itself
    2. Can understand it alike – one truth – many lies
  - v. Pervert it
    1. (Acts 13:10) “Wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”
    2. Warning – (II Tim 4:3) “For the time will come...”
- b. What We Should Do With It
  - i. Preach it
    1. Counteract those that Pervert it
      - a. (II Tim 4:2) “Preach the word...”
  - ii. Study it (II Tim 2:15) “Study to show...”
  - iii. Respect it (Matt 4:4) “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
  - iv. Put it in our hearts (Cols 3:16) “Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.”
  - v. Defend it (Jude 3) “Earnestly contend for the faith”
- c. What have you done?

**V. What Have You Done With Your Talents?**

a. Your Time

- i. Have you used time wisely
- ii. (James 4:14) “For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanished away.”
- iii. (Hebrews 9:27) “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

b. Your Ability

- i. Are you using your abilities to the fullest extent?
- ii. Use it or lose it
  1. (Matt 25:28) “Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.”
    - a. The master gave that man a talent
      - i. Instead of taking a chance with it he hid it in the ground
      - ii. He was not profitable to the Master and he took the talent away.

iii. Your Money

1. All have treasure
  - a. (Matthew 6:19-21) “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
    - i. Lay up treasures by doing work for God

**VI. What Have You Done With Your Opportunities?**

a. We face them each day.

- i. Teach others about Jesus (Mark 16:15)
  1. Teach others by your actions

b. These opportunities may never come again

**VII. What Have You Done With Your Family?**

a. What some have done

- i. Neglected
  1. (I Timothy 5:8) “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

ii. Put Family Above God

1. (Matthew 10:37) “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”
  - a. Follow after Christ not family

**VIII. What Have You Done With The Son?**

a. Is he your saviour

- i. (Matthew 1:21) “For he shall save his people from their sins.”

- b. Do you love him?
  - i. (John 14:15) “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”
- c. Have you obeyed him?
  - i. (Hebrews 5:9) “He became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him.”
- d. What does he command?
  - i. We must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17) “So then faith...”
    - 1. Not hearers only (James 1:21-25) “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”
  - ii. We must believe
    - 1. (Heb 11:6) “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
  - iii. We must Repent
    - 1. (Acts 2:38) “And Peter said...”
  - iv. We must confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God
    - 1. (Matt 10:32-33) “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”
  - v. We must be baptized
    - 1. (Mark 16:16) “He that believeth and is baptized...”
  - vi. We must live faithful unto death
    - 1. (Rev 2:10) “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”