

## “Answering Questions”

Matt answers students' questions about the Bible, theology, and practical issues such as dating and evangelism.

Q 1: On the topic of God's sovereignty in relation to evil: How do we qualify that God is not evil but He uses evil to accomplish His will? (2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 21:1) Does God control Satan's movements or does Satan have free will yet can't help but accomplish the will of the Lord? How can we have a God that is perfectly good, but since He is in charge of everything, how is there sin and evil in the world?

Q 2: What books would you recommend for a mature Christian to grow in their faith?

Q 3: In what ways does the Holy Spirit manifest itself from a biblical perspective?

Q 4: What does the gift of speaking in tongues mean? Is it addressing the ability to speak in different languages or the ability to speak in a completely separate spiritual language?

Q 5: How do I accept Jesus as my savior? How do I know that He has accepted me?

Q 6: How far do I go in personal sacrifice in giving my time, money, energy, and emotional and mental energy to love others? What is a practical way to know when and where to draw the line for my own well-being?

Q 7: In Genesis 6 it talks about the “Nephilim.” What are they?

Q 8: How far should we go to make the gospel relevant to a postmodern culture? To what extent do we just allow the gospel to speak for itself? How important is it to adapt to a constantly changing culture?

Q 9: What would you say to a girl that has been hanging out a lot one-on-one with a guy? Do you think that's healthy? Why or why not? (*Answered by Shannon Morton*)

Q 10: Is it bad to marry someone who is Christian, but not the same denomination? (such as Catholic or Baptist)

## **Grace College Life Recommended Book List – Summer 2009**

*Note, we do not necessarily agree with every theological point, biblical interpretation, or practical exhortation in these books. Yet they are each sound resources that have much to offer. Resources with an asterisk (\*) are the first choices in their respective categories.*

### **Theology**

- \*\*\*A Survey of Bible Doctrine* by Charles Ryrie
- \*When Life and Beliefs Collide* by Carolyn Curtis James (for women)
- \*\*Reign of the Servant Kings* by Joseph Dillow (very thick book on salvation by grace alone)
- Humanity and Sin* by Robert Pyne (book on anthropology, sin, and evil)
- The Grace Awakening* by Charles Swindoll
- \*\*\*Thy Kingdom Come* by Dwight J. Pentecost

### **Leadership**

- \*\*\*Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels
- \*Good to Great* by Jim Collins
- Visioneering* by Andy Stanley
- In the Name of Jesus* by Henri Nouwen
- \*Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders

### **Dating/Premarital/Marriage**

- \*Fit to Be Tied* by Bill Hybels
- \*I Gave Dating a Chance* by Jeramy Clark
- Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas
- \*Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

### **Evangelism, Discipleship, and Missions**

- \*\*\*Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels
- \*Finding Common Ground* by Tim Downs
- The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman
- \*\*\*The Lost Art of Disciple Making* by Leroy Eims
- The 7 Principles of an Evangelistic Life* by Douglas Cecil
- Powerful Percent* by Patricia Bergen
- \*\*\*The Fuel and the Flame: 10 keys to ignite your college campus for Christ* by Steve Shadrach

### **Spiritual Life**

- Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- Humility* by Andrew Murray
- Prayer* by Philip Yancey
- \*Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster
- Spirit of the Disciplines* by Dallas Willard
- Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer
- Hind's Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard (for women)
- \*Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow (for women)
- His Victorious Indwelling* by Nick Harrison (devotional for every day of the year)

*The Priority of Knowing God* by Peter Deison  
\**Honest to God?* by Bill Hybels  
\**Every Man's Battle/Every Single Man's Battle*  
by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker (for men)  
\**Every Woman's Battle/Every Single Woman's Battle*  
by Ethridge and Arterburn (for women)

### **Biography/Non-Fiction**

\**Heavenly Man* by Brother Yun  
*A Chance to Die* by Elizabeth Elliot (biography of Amy Carmichael)  
*Through Gates of Splendor* by Elizabeth Elliot  
*To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson* by Courtney Anderson  
\**Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret* by Howard & Mary Taylor  
*God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew  
\**George Mueller: The Guardian of Bristol's Orphans* by Geoff Bengé  
\**Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

### **Church History**

*Church History in Plain Language* by Bruce Shelley  
*Kregel Pictorial Guide to Church History* by John Hannah  
*Our Legacy* by John Hannah (History of Doctrine)  
*Pocket History of the Church* by Jeffrey Bingham

### **Christian Fiction**

*A Voice in the Wind* (and others in the Mark of the Lion series) by Francine Rivers  
(really, anything by her including *Redeeming Love*)  
*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis (some are better than others theologically –  
read with care)  
*Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn  
*The Space Trilogy* by C.S. Lewis