

Dear Rudy,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You commented that many of our answers to questions are denominationally based. You wanted to know what denomination we at Christian Questions base our answers.

We are Bible Students. The Bible Students are a small non-denominational religious group who are following the faith and character of the early Christian Church. The Bible Students have been in existence for over 100 years and are located in many parts of the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, India as well as other countries.

We at Christian Questions believe that God sent his Son, Jesus, to earth to die as a perfect sinless man in order to ransom Adam and his entire race from the curse of sin and death. We believe the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross was all-inclusive. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." (1Corinthians 15:22) Jesus' death and resurrection opened the way during this Gospel Age for his faithful followers to reign with him in heaven. The rest of the world will come forth from their graves during the 1000-year Judgment Day of Christ's Kingdom and have an opportunity for everlasting life on earth.

The subject of the two parts or phases of salvation is basic and crucial for understanding God's beautiful plan of the ransom for all. Although Jesus died for everyone, His blood was first applied for His Church (those who have chosen to follow Him and live a life of righteousness, while sacrificing their human wills in order to do the will of God). When these die, they will be with Jesus in heaven. After this Church class is completed and is reigning with Him in heaven, Jesus' blood will be applied for the vast majority of humanity during the 1000-year Day of Judgment. At this time the dead shall come forth from their graves and, if, after a period of trial, they willingly follow God's laws of righteousness, they will be rewarded with everlasting human life on earth. Jesus taught us to pray for this earthly kingdom, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth..." It is here on earth where the prophecy will be fulfilled regarding "beating of swords into plowshares" and "they will not learn war anymore." It is this understanding of the Gospel that truly motivates us at Christian Questions Radio.

The beauty of God's plan is that he has a place for everyone in either his heavenly or earthly kingdoms and Jesus' sacrifice included all of humankind. "This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given at its proper time. (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

We hope we have answered your question. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at www.christianquestions.net. The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.

Sincerely,

Christian Questions Radio