

Question #1

Where are you?

Question #2

Where's your brother?

- **These two questions from God to man**
 - Not asked because God does not know
 - Worthy of answer
 - Call upon man to see in himself what God already knows

- **Genesis 3:9 – Where are you?**

- Where was Adam?

- Dead

- Where was Adam?

- Trying to hide

- Guilt & Shame

- Fear

- Where was Adam?

- Dead in sin. Fellowship with God broken.

- **Genesis 4:9 – Where is Abel your brother?**

- Cain had already been warned
- Cain murdered him
- Cain was proud and fearless
- Cain lied to God

- **Where is Abel your brother?**

- Dead. Murdered by Cain because of Cain's ill-will, envy, selfishness, and rebellion. He did not heed the warning.

- **Two applicable questions to you and me**
 - Where are you?
 - Where is your brother?
- Question 1
 - Your relationship with God & your responsibility toward Him
- Question 2
 - Your relationship with your brother and your responsibility toward Him

- Your relationship with your brother and your responsibility toward him:
 - Can you separate that from your responsibility before God?

- **Your relationship with your brother and your responsibility toward him:**
 - Your responsibility toward your brother in Christ, does not at all suggest you are accountable for his soul before God – i.e. that you will answer for him.
 - But to say that because each soul is accountable for himself before God then we have no responsibility toward each other, is patently and plainly false and could not be further from the truth.

- These two questions and their importance transcend the covenants in their applicability.
 - They certainly align with what Jesus said was the great commandment in the law of Moses.
 - But just the same, these questions align with the truth of the gospel.

- **Question #1: Where are you?**
 - Your relationship to God
 - 1 John 1:1-3
 - What might the answer be from...
 - The atheist?
 - The secular humanist?
 - The religious but not right?
 - The “church-goer”?

- **Where are you?**
- If you have not been baptized into Christ,
 - Then you are not in Christ
 - If you are not in Christ then you are not saved
 - Then you are still in your sins
 - Then you are dead in your sins, separated from God
 - Then you are lost and destined for hell

- **Where are you?**
 - If you have been baptized into Christ, then you are in Christ, you are a Christian.
 - But you still need to hear this question:
Where are you?
 - Where are you walking?
 - Where are you in your growth in the Lord?
 - Where are you on the first day of the week?

- **Where are you?**

- If you have been baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins and you are walking in the truth, according to His will, then you know you are right where you need to be.

- You are in fellowship with both the Father and the Son
- You are living in knowledge and hope of eternal life
- Keep drawing closer to God

- **Question #2: Where is your brother?**
 - Your relationship to your brother in Christ and your responsibility to him
 - Personal accountability? Yes
 - Romans 14:10-12
 - But what about your responsibility to your brother?

- **Question #2: Where is your brother?**
 - Encourage your brother
 - Hebrews 3:12-13
 - Warn your brother
 - Acts 20:20-27, 31
 - Restore your brother
 - Galatians 6:1-2
 - Aid your brother
 - 1 John 3:17

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