YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
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INTRODUCTION
1. This may seem like an odd subject, but one that is not so odd once we get into the lesson.
2. Man is a free moral being, and thus he holds the answer to many questions concerning himself -- Josh. 24:15; Matt. 23:37.
3. In this lesson we want to look at several questions that each of us hold the answer to.

I. HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED FROM PAST SINS, AND ARE YOU IN A SAVED CONDITION NOW?
1. God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are anxious that you be saved:
   (1) God -- John 3:16; I Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Pet. 3:9
   (2) Christ -- Heb. 2:9; Matt. 11:28-30
   (3) Holy Spirit -- Rev. 22:17; John 16:13
2. Others can do much for you -- teach and preach to you, and pray for you, but they cannot decide for you -- Ezek. 18:20; Josh. 24:15; Acts 2:40.
4. Have you, after being saved from past sins, like Demas (II Tim. 4:10), Hymenaeus and Alexander (I Tim. 1:20), gone back to live in sin? If so, only you can decide to come back to Christ and His church -- I John 1:8-9; Acts 8:22; James 5:16.

II. IS YOUR LIFE GOING TO BE HAPPY?
1. Happiness cannot be bought, begged, or borrowed.
   (1) Cars, TV's, new homes, and nice clothes do not bring happiness.
   (2) Some think, "If I could have a better car I would be happy.", or "If I could have a better home I would be happy."
3. Happiness comes from obedience to the Lord and a close relationship with Him.
   (1) "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord" --Psa. 144:15.
   (2) The Eunuch obeyed the gospel and "went on his way rejoicing"-- Acts 8:39.
   (3) The Jailer obeyed the gospel and was filled with happiness -- Acts 16:34.
   (4) Paul teaches one can be happy and content in mind and it matters not what he has from a material standpoint, if his relationship with God is what it should be -- Phil. 4:11-13; Phil. 4:6-7; I Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:34.
   (5) Jesus wants you to be happy -- Matt. 5:12.
4. Happiness can be yours when you get your values straight.
   (1) Obey the Lord.
   (2) Seek first the Kingdom -- Matt. 6:33.
   (3) "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" -- Col. 3:2.

III. WILL THE CHURCH CONTINUE TO GROW?
1. The church grew in the first century.
   2. When they were scattered abroad they went teaching -- Acts 8:4; 11:19-21.
IV. IS THIS CONGREGATION GOING TO BE STRONG?
   1. In Friendliness?? Prov. 18:24; Matt. 25:35.
   2. In Soul-winning?? Prov. 11:30; James 5: 19 - 20; Gal. 6:1.
   3. In Sacrifice? Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8: 1 - 5
   4. In Knowledge? II Pet. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 5: 12 - 14
   5. In Attendance? Heb. 10:25
   6. The answer is up to YOU.

V. IS THIS CONGREGATION GOING TO REMAIN SOUND IN THE FAITH?
   1. 2 Tim. 1:13; Tit. 1:13; Tit. 2:1.
   2. Unsoundness is a gradual process.
   3. It begins with an attitude, and comes slowly, step by step -- 2 Tim. 4: 3 - 4.

VI. ARE YOU GOING TO HEAVEN??
   1. All are going someplace -- heaven or hell -- Matt. 25: 31 - 46; Rev. 20: 12.
   2. The Lord has gone to prepare Heaven -- John 14:1 - 4.
   3. Are you prepared for it??

CONCLUSION
   1. The decision is yours -- Acts 2:40

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