

(1) What do you make of the fact that 72% of professing Christians surveyed in the poll conducted by Ligonier Ministries either aren't sure or actually believe that Jesus was the first and greatest being created by God? Does this come from ignorance of Scripture, or could it be that many of these who "profess" to be Christians in fact are not? What difference does it make to the Christian faith that we affirm Jesus is eternal and uncreated?

(2) Describe your personal experience, if any, with Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses when they came knocking at your door. What did they say? What do each of these cults believe about Jesus, and how would you present the Jesus of the Bible to them? How would you describe him?

(3) What does it mean to say that the Word, the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is eternal? How would you respond to someone who said that "there was a time when he was not"?

(4) If any thing that was "made" was made by the Word, what might we conclude about the eternity of the Word? Could John have said this about the Word if the Word was in any sense a product of God's creative power? If not, why not?

(5) How does it strike you that John says the "darkness" does not overcome the "light" of the Word of God? How does this affect your perspective on what you see happening in our society and around the world?