

Speaking Truth In Love

God placed man in the Garden of Eden with this rule: “*Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die*” (Gen 2:16-17). When the serpent tempted Eve, he said, “*Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of every tree of the garden?’*” Men often make the same mistake today by putting question marks where God put periods. Here are some examples:

God said, “*in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day*” (Exo 20:11). Men ask, “Do we really know how long it took God took make the earth?”

God said, “*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise*” (Pro 20:1; cf. Prov 23:31). Men ask, “What’s wrong with taking a drink?”

God said, “*speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*” (Eph 5:19). Men ask, “Why not add our own kind of music to singing?”

God said, “*Baptism doth also now save us*” (1 Pet 3:21). Men ask, “Do I have to be baptized to be saved?”

The mistake of putting a question mark where God put a period is as old as man. Let’s resolve to never make that mistake.

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