

# MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

## Church Answers

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Have you ever noticed how we have "church answers" reserved for "church settings?" These answers are sometimes less than truthful, but they are what we believe the questioner expects to hear. For instance, you may have heard about the Bible class teacher who asked her young students what has four legs, gathers nuts for the winter, can scurry up and down trees, and has a long bushy tail? The classroom was silent. No one offered an answer. The teacher prodded her students and demanded an answer, so finally a little boy spoke up and said, "Well, it sounds like a squirrel, but I'll go ahead and say, 'Jesus.'"

We may chuckle at this little boy's response, but the laugh may be on us. If we were sitting in Bible class and the teacher asked us, "What's the most important thing in your life?" Serving God and going to heaven would surely be the top answers. Well, those are right answers, but are they true? Would someone following us on Facebook arrive at that same conclusion about our lives?

Here's my point, don't deceive yourself and salve your consciences by thinking that knowing all the right answers is sufficient. Instead, make sure your "right" answers are also "true" answers. Give it some thought.

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