

## **Cremation: Is It Christian?**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does the fact that the believer's body belongs to Christ affect his decision as to the method of burial? (p 5, 27)
2. How do you react to the description of cremation on page 8 of the booklet? Does it affect your view of cremation as a method of disposing of the body?
3. Which people in the Bible did not have a proper burial and why? Does this tell us about how God views Cremation? (p 9)
4. Why didn't Moses choose the much simpler method of cremation when it came time to transport Joseph's body on the long journey from Egypt to the Promised Land? (p 10)
5. What do you think is significant about Abraham's first land purchase? (p 31, 32)
6. Why was cremation sometimes commanded by God? Why did Moses burn the golden calf? Why was Achan (an Israelite cremated? (p 22, 23)
7. What historical evidence is there that cremation is a heathen practice? Why or why not would it be wise for a Christian to participate in a cremation service? (p 12, 13, 25)
8. What are the four reasons that the author gives to support the concept that cremation is not a Christian practice? (p 23, 27, 29, 30)
9. Does the fact that Christ was buried influence your view about cremation? (p 24)
10. Can you think of any examples or truths in the Bible, not given in the booklet, that supports Christian Burial or Cremation?
11. Which arguments or reasons given in this booklet was the most persuasive in favor of Christian Burial versus cremation?
12. List as many reasons and examples from Scripture as you can to show the consistent, unequivocal, and emphatic message of God to His people regarding His chosen method of disposing of bodies.
13. Does economics impact your thoughts on the suitability of Christian Burial versus Cremation?
14. Since God has a future purpose for the believer's body, how does this affect how Christians view the method of dealing with the body of a believer? (1 Cor. 15:38)