

The graphic features the words 'FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS' in a light blue font at the top, followed by 'QUESTIONS FROM DOUBTS' in a larger, bold, dark blue font. Below this, the name 'Jim Gerlach' and email 'jim@ovbc.net' are listed, along with the dates and times '7.18.10 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.'. The background is a light blue gradient with faint, repeating text related to common questions about faith and doubt.

Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.” John 20:29

## I. Science & the Bible

- Does Genesis 1 conflict with science? What about the Big Bang? What about dinosaurs?

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was [a] formless and empty, darkness was over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

- Did the miracles of the Bible really happen?

<sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

## II. Evil & Suffering

- “Why do bad things happen to good people?” Why is there so much suffering in the world?

“... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

<sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:10-12

## Quick Questions

- What do atheists think happens to them when they die?
- How is the story of Jonah and the whale possible?
- Is it OK for a Christian to read horoscopes?

## III. Eternal Security.

- How can I be sure I’m saved?
- Can a person, once they’re saved, lose their salvation?

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. I John 5:13

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. John 10:29

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven...” Matthew 7:21

### My next step today is to . . .

- Go to [www.reasons.org](http://www.reasons.org) for further study on biblical answers to difficult questions.
- Talk to friends, family and acquaintances about their doubts about God and the Bible.
- Submit questions for the final week of F.A.Q: Questions About What We Believe.