

# TO FOLLOW BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS (LIVING THE BIBLE)

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The divine principles of trust on God by which we must live (that of believing and acting faith in God for everything in this life), are clearly written in Scripture for anyone who wants to know how to live the Christian life of faith in God.

A basic Bible truth is that we must make a sincere repentance and a true confession of our sins to God in prayer. (1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (It is our decision to repent of our sins and is God's promise to forgive us when we confess them.)

The true Christian must believe that God heals those who follow His Word and trust Him in faith. (Exodus 15:26) "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

A true believer trusts God for healing without 'drugs', surgery operations, or medication. God healed physical illnesses all through Bible times, when believing faith was placed on Him and upon His Promises to heal. Jesus often said, "Your faith has healed you." The apostles told the people listening (Acts 3:16) "By faith in the 'Name of Jesus' [faith being the condition], this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' Name and the faith that comes through Him, that has given this complete healing to him."

A faithful follower of Jesus will trust God for divine protection from harm, injury, or loss, without using devices of the world, such as automobile seatbelts, anti-theft devices, burglar alarms, handguns, and insurance coverage. Using any type of substitute for protection against harm, injury, or loss, would be evidence that our trust is on those things we can see and not on God whom we cannot see.

A true Christian will depend on God to supply financial needs every day, without keeping money in a savings account; without letting anyone else know of our needs; and without deliberately going into financial debt. Needing money should not upset us (Phil.4:6) "but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Also (Phil.4:19) "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

A believer should want to be employed when they are able to work, because the Bible says (2 Thess.3:12) "Our command by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ—is that they are to work quietly and eat their own honestly-earned bread." A Christian would trust God each day for the ability to do their work and being satisfied with whatever wage they are paid. (Luke 3:14) "Be content with your wages" (is direct advice and instruction inspired from God, Himself)

When raising a family, a true Christian parent will trust God for the obedience of their children, without using force and threats or physical punishment. All parents want to have obedient children, but we are not to depend on the way we talk to them (our tone of voice nor

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on threats of punishment) to get their obedience toward us. (As a previous message made note) "We are, of course, to give (and we need to give) the children, instruction and advice, for that is God's command for parents, to discipline and "train the children in the way they should go, and they will not depart from that" Also, the Holy Spirit-inspired words given for us (Hebr.12:7-8) "The sufferings that you are enduring are for your discipline. God is dealing with you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? And if you are left without discipline, of which every true son has had a share, that shows that you are not true sons." But parents are to do (and must) do so in the 'Name of Jesus', while trusting and depending on the power of God to put an 'obedient spirit' in the children before our saying anything to them.

The Christian parent or guardian would explain Christ-like ways and attitudes to them and would definitely show them those right ways and attitudes via their own example. (Ephes.6:4) "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition [or training and instruction] of the Lord."

A follower of Christ will ask to be baptized (usually by their mid or late teens), which is following the example that Jesus gave us. The basis for that belief is (Matt.3:16) "Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."

A Christian commemorates the Passover on a regular basis. (Luke 22: 19-20) "[Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.'"

A follower of Christ will desire to attend church services every week, a church where God's full Truth is taught, and to learn from that Truth. And they will want to sing hymns and songs of praise; join to pray for one another and learn more about God's 'Salvation plan' through Scripture-based messages. (Hebr.10:24-25) "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (as is the manner of some), but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as you see the 'Day of Christ' approaching."

The Christian's Church meeting room should be rented, just as the school or any other building would be rented for assembling as a group to worship God. The apostle Paul rented a place to live (as an example for us). It says (Acts 28:30-31), he "dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ."

A believer would rent their house and any farmland, because the Bible teaches us not to have financial assets or real estate, which would be a 'treasure' on which we could trust and depend for financial security, instead of trusting on God, and so be misplacing our trust. [Where our 'place of trust' is centered (that is on God), is the whole basis of a true Christian life of faith, with nothing laid-up for the future days in one's life (nor that of their family). (Matt.6: 19-21) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus also said (Luke 12:33) "Sell your

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possessions and give alms. Provide yourselves with purses that will never wear out, a treasure inexhaustible in Heaven."

Bible examples are to show Bible believers that it is God's will to put up their treasures in Heaven, by selling their homes on earth, and other valuable assets of which one could depend on their value for financial security, instead of a daily trust on God's faithfulness to His Word and Promises. (Acts 4:34-35) "There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need."

A believer in Christ would not purchase any type of 'insurance coverage', nor put their signature on any document if they do not agree with what it represents, 'financial security' and 'man's plan for protection, which will always take our place of trust away from God. All insurance is from the devil to eliminate our trust on God. Everything today has some type of financial insurance protection policy on it, such as, household appliances (large or small), a house heater or water heater, a rented or owned power tool, along with owned vehicles. However, a believer would refuse to purchase or sign such a document, since that would be an issue of misplacing one's trust, instead of keeping one's trust centered on God and His many promises to protect and provide for them. That responsibility of purchasing and signing such documents and papers must be someone else's responsibility for their possession or their treasure on earth.

True believers surely know in their heart that Jesus will return for His true followers, those who truly trust God in believing faith about things in this life. With the spiritual condition of the world getting worse and worse every day, we can see the words and warnings of Jesus' being fulfilled in so many ways (and sometimes it may seem to be almost every hour). [That is why Jesus solemnly warned us to watch and pray always that we be not led into 'temptation'.]

(He said, Matt.7:13-14) "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." He also said (Luke 13:24), to "Strive [or make every effort] to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

We need to (and must) separate ourselves from any religious organization that does not teach the full Truth from the Bible. If they do not trust God for divine healing in their own life, they would also not be teaching God's full Truth in their church.

The prophet Jeremiah gives this warning about those not teaching God's Truth; (Jere.23:14) "I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah."

God's divine order and plan of believing faith and trust on Him, is still in place today for anyone who will believe the truth about His Son and place their trust on what He accomplished on the cross for believers, when He shed His Blood for the 'cleansing from sin' which everyone needs. (Hebr.10:14) "By one offering [Jesus] hath perfected forever, them that are sanctified."

God (in His mercy) sent Azariah to King Asa, because the king had fallen away from faith and trust. He said "Hear ye me;" (2 Chron.15:2) "The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake him, He will forsake you."

Jesus said very much the same (Matt.10:33) "Whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

Anyone who will not seek help from God, and who refuses to trust on His divine power in real life matters, but instead, are listening to the devil's lies and denying the power of the Blood of Christ, are simply not believing on the merciful promises of God. As we were told by prophets of God "they that observe lying vanities (meaning listens to the devil) forsake their own mercy", and so, "that which they fear shall befall them."

They would be judged guilty, if there is no repentance or turning back to trust on God. (John 12:47-48) Jesus said, "If anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words", (already) "has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

To Compromise with God's Word will begin a downward spiral away from faithful trust on God. The life issues that we face are to be met without compromising God's Word, such as, faith on His Word for divine healing without medicine; not owning real estate or having 'treasures on earth' to depend on; not purchasing nor signing insurance coverage policies for financial protection; nor avenging injustices via legal means to fight back, etc.

For one to depend on any thing or any plan, other than to depend on God, is a false place of trust, and it would lead us away from faith and trust on God. Any area of life that we try to control in our own way, trust on God is diminished, which can have us drift away from God's plan of trust, which is a basic belief of the Bible.

Jesus said (Luke 17:20-21) "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!'" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." The Kingdom of God is entered by having the Spirit of God in our heart, He, Who inspires faith in us to trust God for everything.

The basis for beliefs is the teaching of the New Testament WEY John 6:29 "This," replied Jesus, "is above all the thing that God requires—that you should be believers in Him whom He has sent." If we believe Him, we will listen to Him, and accept His words of wisdom. (Matt.4:4) "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

Jesus said (Matt.5:6-9) "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

The basis for beliefs is listening to and following the Words of our Savior. So, to follow basic Christian beliefs spoken or inspired by God and His Son Jesus, is 'living the Bible!'

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