

DO YOU TRUST IN GOD?

It would be rare to find a person who says he believes in God and have him admit that he does not trust God. In fact, people who readily admit that they are “believers” will be offended if you suggest that they may “believe in God” but that they do not “believe God.” To “believe God” is to trust in Him and obey His Word. One who is not willing to obey God does not believe God! To fail to believe the Word of God is a serious matter. Regarding many of the Jews of His day Jesus said, “*And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he sent, him ye believe not*” (John 5:38). Notice the connection between believing Christ and having His words abiding in you! It is clear that one does not believe Christ who will not obey and abide in His Word. Let us now ask some questions that will help us to see the seriousness of this matter.

Does one believe God who believes that man can do nothing to save himself? There has always been a choice for man to make. God does not make this choice for man. Long ago Joshua said to his people, “*And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah*” (Joshua 24:15, emph. MLW). The apostle Paul admonishes the Roman brethren by saying, “*Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; and being made free from*

sin, ye became servants of righteousness” (Rom. 6:16-18, emph. MLW).

On Pentecost, as Peter preached the gospel to those who were lost in sin, he exhorted, “*Save yourselves from this crooked generation*” (Acts 2:40). Man doing his part to be saved takes nothing away from God’s role in man’s salvation. The child of God (one who has obeyed the gospel) must continue to “*walk in the light*” (1 John 1:7) if he desires to be saved. Each Christian must **add** the virtues listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7 to his life. To refuse to do so is to be “*idle,*” “*unfruitful,*” and “*blind*” (2 Pet. 1:8-9). Do you place your trust in the teaching of men or the teaching of God?

Do you believe God if you believe that baptism has nothing to do with one’s salvation? Most religions teach that one is saved and then baptized at some later date. Do those who believe such believe God? No, they refuse to believe God and place their trust in His Word.

Some on the Day of Pentecost wanted to know what they had to do to be saved. “*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:37-38, emph. MLW). The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas, “*Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately*” (Acts 16:30-33, (emph. MLW). Saul of Tarsus obeyed the gospel and God’s Word says, “*And*

now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name” (Acts 22:16). The Bible demands that one be baptized because in this act one puts on Christ (cf. Gal. 3:27). Jesus states in the great commission, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned*” (Mark 16:16). Do you believe God if you will not be baptized (immersed) for the remission of your sins? The answer is “No.”

Do you believe God if you believe that instrumental music is a matter of preference and not doctrinally wrong? Do we have an example or command to sing praises unto God? Yes! When the Lord and His disciples “*had sung an hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives*” (Matt. 26:30). Paul said, “*...I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also*” (1 Cor. 14:15). The writer to the Hebrews says, “*In the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise*” (Heb. 2:12). The Word of God does not authorize the playing of an instrument, but it does authorize the singing of praises unto God. If one believes God he will sing – not sing and play!

Do you believe God if you believe in the church of your choice? Christ promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18) and save only His body (Eph. 5:23). The Lord is the head of His church which is His body (Eph. 1:22-23). There is only **one** body (Eph. 4:4). Does one believe God if he believes one can worship correctly in the church of his choice? No! Do you trust God and His Word? Believe and obey!

Marvin L. Weir from *Bonham St. Beacon*

BIRTHDAY

Leah S. Thrasher, 08-07; Sarah Marcum, 08-08.

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Sunday: Millie Robertson (PM).

Wednesday: Millie Robertson.

Marion Stone remains in the Hoeger House for rehabilitation. Cheryl Kruger is in Room 304 at Olathe Medical Center.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Cleo Stone is at home. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Jared Nelson was in Texas last week and will be in Kansas this week visiting relatives. Robin Brown and Chris Edwards were away on business last week. The Hansons departed for Canada on July 31.

FBS THANKS

Our thanks to all those who served as teachers, assistants, drill leaders and time keepers, as well as those who provided and served refreshments during our FBS!

POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held this Sunday, August 2, following our AM worship. All are invited to come and enjoy the good food and company.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held next Sunday, August 9, following our AM worship

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 56; Sunday PM, 47; Wednesday PM, 36.

Those To Serve

August 2, 2009

BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Thomas

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson

SONG LEADER..... George Thomas

OPENING PRAYER Trent Thrasher

PRESIDE..... John Dodson

ASSIST..... Chris Edwards

ASSIST.....John James

CLOSING PRAYER.....Steve Brown

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Jared Nelson

CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek

LORD'S SUPPER..... John Dodson

WEDNESDAY 5th

SONG LEADER..... Jared Nelson

INVITATION John Cody Carter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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