

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Introduction

- 1) The question, “**Do you believe?**” appears four times in the New Testament
 - 2) This is a fundamental question of life → What am I willing to believe, and am I willing to believe the truth when I hear it, see it, learn it, and understand it?
 - 3) Some simply refuse to believe the truth (Jn. 12:37; Acts 14:2; 19:9)
 - 4) Unbelievers will be lost (Rev. 21:8)
 - 5) Do you believe in the following things?
- I) DO YOU BELIEVE in the Miracles of Jesus? (Matthew 9:27-31)**
- A) When two blind men cry out to Jesus for mercy, He asks them, “***Do you believe that I am able to do this [heal their blindness]?***”
 - 1) Jesus wanted them to express their faith in His power to heal
 - a) Jesus did *not* require this as a condition to every healing (cf. vv. 32-33)
 - B) Jesus’ miracles are intended to cause man to believe in Him (Jn. 5:36; 10:37-38)
 - 1) Even with the miracles, some will not believe in Jesus (Jn. 12:37-40)
 - 2) They try to ignore or explain away the truth of what happened (Matt. 12:22-24; Jn. 9:18)
 - 3) Do you believe in the miracles of Jesus?
- II) DO YOU BELIEVE in the Son of God? (John 9:35-39)**
- A) After Jesus healed a blind man, the man was questioned by the Pharisees; Jesus came to him afterwards and asked him, “***Do you believe in the Son of God?***”
 - 1) When he realized that Jesus was this person, he declared his belief and worshiped
 - B) The fact that Jesus is of God is proven by facts of history (vv. 24-33; Jn. 3:1-2)
 - C) Reasons to believe in Jesus have been provided (Jn. 20:30-31)
 - 1) Do you believe in Jesus, the Son of God?
- III) DO YOU BELIEVE in a Resurrection unto Eternal Life? (John 11:17-27)**
- A) Lazarus had died, and Jesus meets Martha as he comes to them; He tells her, “***I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?***”
 - 1) Jesus speaks of both a resurrection and eternal spiritual life
 - 2) Martha expresses faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God – only way to eternal life!
 - B) Entails a present salvation and a hope we do not yet see (Jn. 5:24-29; 2 Cor. 5:4-7)
 - 1) Do you believe in a spiritual and physical resurrection unto eternal life?
- IV) DO YOU BELIEVE in the Inspired Word of God? (Acts 26:19-29)**
- A) Paul taught God’s message to Herod Agrippa II; Paul challenges him, “***King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.***”
 - 1) King Agrippa said that he was almost persuaded to become a Christian
 - B) “The prophets” refer to the inspired word of God revealed in time past
 - C) Today we are to believe and obey the revealed word of Christ and the apostles (Jn. 16:13; Acts 2:42; 2 Jn. 9); Do you believe the inspired word of God? Will you obey it?
 - 1) Belief and obedience must go together, or we will be “almost” a Christian (unsaved!)

Conclusion

These are fundamental matters we must fully believe as Christians to be saved and pleasing to God (Jn. 1:12-13). Let us examine our faith to see that it rests in the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Let us examine ourselves to see that we are in *the* faith (2 Cor. 13:5). Obey God today!