

Who Believes in God?



T. Pierce Brown (deceased) Former preacher here at LaSalle church of Christ
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There is a very interesting statement made in 1 Peter 1:21 about which I never remember hearing anyone comment. It says, "Who through Him are believers in God, that raised Him from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God." Have you ever considered the implications of that statement? It is only through Jesus that you can have the proper understanding of God and thus have the proper faith in Him. If you do not believe in the God that Jesus revealed, you do not believe in God in the Bible sense.

It is amazing to discover the number of persons who claim to believe in God, but they have very little concept of the God that Jesus revealed. There are those who believe in a god who overlooks sin. He would not allow anyone to be lost eternally. Many believe in a god who either has not given a revelation of his will, or he made it too difficult to understand. Others think he does not really mean what he says. For example, when he says, "Baptism doth also now save you" (1 Peter 3:21), he really means that baptism has nothing to do with salvation.

The God Jesus revealed is a God of grace. He graciously provided the way to be saved for every sinner who is willing to forsake his sin. The God that Jesus revealed is One who loves mankind enough and hates sin enough that He allowed Jesus to die to solve that problem. The God that Jesus revealed is a God so just that He cannot lie, and thus, He must allow the unrepentant, disobedient sinner to choose his own destiny and be separated from Him forever.

Of course, it would take many books to begin to do justice to the nature of God, but the purpose of this article is simply to emphasize that probably no one has ever had a proper concept or belief in God except as revealed in Christ. My judgment is that this includes even Moses, Job and Abraham. What the Holy Spirit revealed to them about God was true, but it was not as complete as that which "in these last days was spoken to us in His Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2). As Jesus put it in John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." If your belief in God is such that you are willing to take Christ as your full authority in all things, repent of every sin, be immersed in water for the remission of your sins and then so live that the life of Christ may be manifest in your mortal flesh, you have the kind of belief in God that will save you.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Updates:

Word was received Tuesday afternoon via the *Phone Tree*

Joyce Cameron fell during the night and had to go to the hospital. She bruised, not broke, her tailbone. It was announced Wednesday night that she was in room 617 at St. Mary's Hospital. Word was received Thursday night via the phone tree that she was being transported to Elderwood on Grand Island for 4-6 weeks for rehab.

Peggy Golias was in Kenmore Mercy Hospital having back surgery. Word was received Thursday evening she was being moved to Elderwood on N.F. Blvd. It was mentioned she is experiencing some pain.

Louella Hopkins was experiencing chest pains and went to the hospital. It was announced Wednesday night that she was back home. She will be having Dr. appointments and tests.

Linda and Sonny Stine are both dealing with health issues. Linda had a doctor appointment on Friday.

Let's keep **Bill Kinney** in our prayers.

Renee Kinney, Diane Mellott's daughter, is not doing well.

Betty Leistner is home and doing well.

Dennis Leistner had his foot surgery and is home doing well.

Denise Garlitz' daughter **Holly Leistner** is dealing with an ear problem.

A request from Lisa Nichols.... **Rogers family** ... prayers for strength and healing. Friends of Lisa's Aunt. Premature baby in hospital 3 months named Breleigh.

Prayers requested for **Denise & Darlene's brother Dale.**

Wednesday Rahelich had surgery on Friday and was to remain in the hospital for a couple of days afterwards.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Jul. 8-11 Homecoming & Gospel Mtg. Linwood church of Christ. See posting for details.

Jul. 15 Men's Business Meeting

Jul. 22-28 Camp Agape

Jul. 29 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Sardinia church of Christ
Also at Sardinia, "*Mortgage Burning*" celebration. See info. on back table.

Congratulations

Kent & Phyllis Blakelock's eldest son, Kent, got married yesterday in Michigan.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: *Stuff We Need To Know About Temptation*

Scripture Reading: *James 1:13-15*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel



Reminder
“Silver For Children”
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Note: It is planned to print a new *Phone Tree* soon.

Fear Not

Wayne Fancher Jr.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Just about everyone who knows me knows this is my favorite verse in the Old Testament. The main reason I love this verse so much is the encouragement it gives me in my day to day living.

God knows we humans struggle with fear and being discouraged and dismayed because of the many different trials we face in this life. This scripture tells me how to overcome this fear and discouragement in my life.

The first key to overcoming fear is knowing and believing that God really is with you. If you are going through the valley of the shadow of death all by yourself, then you have reason to be afraid. However, when God is with us we do not need to fear any evil. So do you really believe God will never leave you nor forsake you? How you answer this question is going to determine if you will be able to overcome fear.

I notice in this scripture that there are positive statements of God's presence, His strengthening us, and His helping us stacked one on top of the other. I believe this is meant to drive the point home again and again that our God who loves us and is ever present with us will truly help us in our times of need. Sometimes I need to hear the point more than once before it sinks in.

When everything is going well in our lives, it is easy to be at peace and speak confidently of our trust in the Lord. The real test of our faith in God comes in the storms and the trials of life.

This scripture is given as a life raft for us to cling to in the middle of the storms of life. When you go through the trials of life, Satan will try to convince you that you are alone in the trial, God does not care, and no one will help you. Once this is believed, fear will rush in behind it and you will spiral down in discouragement. Fear torpedoes faith and causes us to sink the same way Peter sank. So when the next storm comes in you life, remember this verse and cling to it in faith.