

FIRST ONE SHOULD ASK HIMSELF....."WHAT DO I BELIEVE AND WHY DO I BELIEVE IT?

1. THE ANSWERS ONE GENERALLY GIVES IS...."I BELIEVE IN GOD".

THIS IS A VERY POOR ANSWER AS THE DEVIL BELIEVES AND HE TREMBLES, AS FOUND IN JAMES 2:19.

JAM 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

2. DO I BELIEVE BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD ME WHAT TO BELIEVE?

IF THAT BE THE CASE THEN I AM RELYING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. I AM DEPENDING ON UNPROVEN FACTS FOR MY WELL BEING.

MANY CHRISTIANS ARE ONLY CHURCH GOERS, NEVER QUESTIONING OR SEARCHING OUT THE TRUTH OF THEIR CHURCH'S TEACHING.

IN OTHER WORDS, ALLOWING OTHERS TO DO THEIR THINKING FOR THEM; BELIEVING THEIR LEADERS ARE MORE QUALIFIED BECAUSE OF EDUCATION; YET ONLY 1 DISCIPLE WAS EDUCATED. ALL OTHERS WERE COMMON MEN AND NOT EDUCATED IN THINGS OF GOD...ONLY EDUCATED BY THINGS OF THE WORLD.

FOLLOWING ARE THE BASIC TRUTHS TAUGHT BY THE FULL GOSPEL BIBLE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP, INC.

JOH 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

JOH 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

JOH 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOH 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

JOH 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD.....

WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

2PE 1:21 For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

AND.....

2SA 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue.

LUK 1:70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began,

THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHO WILL TEACH MAN?

JOH 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

JOH 16:12-15 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH MAN.

BY WHOM WAS THE WRITING ACTUALLY DONE?

2PE 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

2TI 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

MAN WAS USED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BUT INSPIRED BY GOD.

IS THE BIBLE FREE OF ERROR AND ABSOLUTELY TRUSTWORTHY?

PSA 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

MAT 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

ARE WE FREE TO MAKE CHANGES?

REV 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

REV 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.

THE BIBLE PROVES ITSELF....WE DO NOT NEED TO CHANGE IT.

WHAT ARE THE WORLDLY ASPECTS OF THE BIBLE?

1. IT IS NOT A BOOK OF THEORY OR PHILOSOPHY.....BUT IT IS PHILOSOPHICAL WHICH IS A PURSUIT OF WISDOM.

2. IT IS NOT A BOOK OF SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION OF FACTS, BUT THERE ARE NO DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN ASCERTAINED FACTS OF SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE.

EXAMPLE:

ISA 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. (SEE PROVERBS 8:27 ALSO)

3. IT IS NOT A BOOK OF HISTORY, BUT IT IS FOUND TO BE ACCURATE WHEN RECORDING HISTORY AS IT DID HAPPEN.

4. WHOSE WORDS DO WE FIND IN THE BIBLE?

DEU 8:3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

MAT 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

IN THE BIBLE WE FIND GOD'S WORD.....NOT MAN'S WORD...

CAN WE TRUST GOD? CAN WE TRUST GOD'S WORD?

NUM 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

WHY SHOULD WE NOT TRUST MAN....BUT TRUST THE WORD OF GOD?

BECAUSE THE BIBLE WHICH IS GOD'S WORD TELLS US NOT TO TRUST MAN....NOR MAN'S WORD.

PSA 146:3 Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

JER 9:4 "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, and do not trust any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanderers.

MIC 7:5 Do not trust in a friend; do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

2CO 1:9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

JER 17:5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.

IS NOT GOD TELLING US TO TRUST NO ONE...NOT EVEN OURSELVES?

THEN WHOM SHOULD WE TRUST?

PRO 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

WE MUST TRUST THE LORD AND HIS WORD.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US IF WE DO NOT TRUST THE LORD AND HIS WORD?

HOS 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

LET US HAVE ZEAL FOR GOD.

ROM 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

TO WHOM WILL GOD, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACH KNOWLEDGE?

ISA 28:9-10 "Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

ISA 28:13 But the word of the LORD was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little," that they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO LEARN THE WORD OF GOD?

ROM 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

NOW.....SHOULD WE DO WHAT MAN TELLS US OR SHOULD WE KNOW THE WORD OF GOD AND DO WHAT GOD'S WORD TELLS US?

ACT 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said:
"We ought to obey God rather than men.

GAL 1:10,11 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to
please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a servant
of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel
which was preached by me is not according to man.

BECAUSE THE BIBLE IS THE TRUE WORD OF GOD, TOTALLY FREE OF
ERROR, WRITTEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.....WE MUST READ THE
SCRIPTURES FOR OURSELVES, KNOWING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL
TEACH US WHAT GOD'S WORD IS TELLING US.

2TI 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a
workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth. (KJV)

WE MUST LEARN TO TRUST ONLY GOD AND HIS WORD, OUR HOLY BIBLE
FOR OUR LIVES.

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