



Why do you believe what you believe?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN & DEFINE BIBLICALLY THE BELIEFS THAT YOU HOLD TO & LOCATE THEM IN THE BIBLE?

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LORDSHIP & OBEDIENCE

JOHN 14:21

The person **who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me;** and whoever [really] whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him [I will make Myself real to him].”

JESUS IS LORD

JOEL 2:30-32

“I will show signs *and* wonders [displaying My power] in the heavens and on the earth, Blood and fire and columns of smoke. “The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. “And it shall come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be saved [from the coming judgment] For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, As the Lord has said, even among the remnant [of survivors] whom the Lord calls.

ACTS 2:21 | PETER SAYS...

‘And it shall be that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord Jesus] shall be saved (rescued spiritually).’

“CALLS ON” *epikaleō G1941*

to invoke

to call upon for one's self, in one's behalf

any one as a helper

as my witness

as my judge

to appeal unto

“THE NAME” *onoma G3686*

the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.

“OF THE LORD” *kyrios G2962*

MASTER | ANNOINTED

he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord
this title is given to: God, the Messiah

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF JESUS IS LORD OF YOUR LIFE?

HAVE YOU GIVEN HIM THE “RIGHT” TO CHALLENGE YOU or VETO....

- What you eat?
- What you drink?
- What you wear?
- What you read?
- What you watch?
- What you do?
- How you spend your money?
- What you say?

1 PETER 1:13-15

So prepare your minds for action, be completely sober [in spirit-steadfast, self-disciplined, spiritually and morally alert], fix your hope completely on the grace [of God] that is coming to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ¹⁴ [Live] as obedient children [of God]; do not be conformed to the evil desires which governed you in your ignorance [before you knew the requirements and transforming power of the good news regarding salvation]. ¹⁵ But like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves in all your conduct [be set apart from the world by your godly character and moral courage];**

THE NARROW DOOR
TRUE SALVATION | EVIDENCE OF TRANSFORMATION

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

¹⁷ So this I say, and solemnly affirm together with the Lord [as in His presence], that you must no longer live as the [unbelieving] Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds [and in the foolishness and emptiness of their souls], ¹⁸ for their [moral] understanding is darkened and their reasoning is clouded; [they are] alienated and self-banished from the life of God [with no share in it; this is] because of the [willful] ignorance and spiritual blindness that is [deep-seated] within them, because of the hardness and insensitivity of their heart.

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¹⁹ And they, [the ungodly in their spiritual apathy], having become callous and unfeeling, have given themselves over [as prey] to unbridled sensuality, eagerly craving the practice of every kind of impurity [that their desires may demand]. ²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way! ²¹ If in fact you have [really] heard Him and have been taught by Him, just as truth is in Jesus [revealed in His life and personified in Him], ²² that, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, ²³ and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], ²⁴ and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation].

DO PEOPLE NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE IN WHO YOU USED TO BE VERSES WHO YOU ARE NOW [in] CHRIST? OR DO YOU STILL LOOK LIKE THE WORLD?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally bound together

with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership can righteousness have with lawlessness? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

BE SEPARATE BUT NOT CUT OFF

Be **SALT & LIGHT**

IT IS ABOUT...

BEING A TRANSFORMING INFLUENCE

OFFERING FORGIVENESS

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

UNITY JUST AS...

PREACH REPENTANCE,

HELP RESTORE THEM BACK TO THE FAITH
& PRAY THEM THROUGH

JAMES 5:16

Therefore, **confess** your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and **pray for** one another, that you may be **healed and restored**. The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God-it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

CAN YOU PASS THE TEST?

Do Not Be Deceived

"The devil is the master deceiver, and many have fallen under the influence of his deception. Many have prayed prayers,

Do you claim to “Love God” but have difficulty obeying Him in certain areas of your life?

The Bible says that’s a spiritual impossibility.

If I were to ask you, “Do you love God?” you might easily respond, “Yes!” However, if I were to ask you, “Are you obeying God?” Would you answer yes as quickly?

What does genuine love for God leads to? **Wholehearted Obedience.**

Do you believe that God is satisfied with occasional love or partial obedience? **HE IS NOT.**

DEUTERONOMY 11:1

[*Rewards of **Obedience***]

“Therefore you shall **love** the Lord your God, and **always** keep His charge, His statutes, His precepts, and His commandments [it is your obligation to Him].

PSALM 78:58

For they provoked Him to [righteous] anger with their high places [devoted to idol worship] And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images [by denying Him the **love**, worship, and **obedience** that is rightfully and uniquely His].

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1 CORINTHIANS 8:3

But if anyone **loves** God [with awe-filled reverence, **obedience** and gratitude], he is **known by Him** [as His very own and is greatly **loved**].

OBEDIENCE

- No Matter What The Cost
- Would you do whatever God instructs you to do?

OBEDIENCE

- To What We already know
- To His Assignments

What SHOULD we already know?

via THE BIBLE

- His statutes
- His precepts, and
- His commandments

To His Assignments?

God has a mission for YOU

- Go there...
- Sell this...
- Do this with...
- Talk to...
- Open your house...

And the list goes on and on... Because it will be different for each of us & very personal

WHY IN THE WORLD HAVE PEOPLE DONE THE THINGS THEY HAVE DONE & KEEP DOING THEM FOR THE LORD?

STEPHEN

ACTS 7:55-60

But he, **being full of the Holy Spirit and led by Him**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory [the great splendor and majesty] of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; ⁵⁶ and he said, "Look! I see the heavens opened up [in welcome] and ⁵⁷the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they shouted with loud voices, and covered their ears and together rushed at him [considering him guilty of blasphemy]. ⁵⁸ Then they drove him out of the city and *began* stoning him; and the witnesses placed their outer robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ They continued stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive *and accept and welcome my spirit!*" ⁶⁰ **Then falling on his knees [in worship], he cried out loudly, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them [do not charge them]!"** When he had said this, he fell asleep [in death].

James the Greater was thrust through with a sword in AD 44

Luke was hung by the neck from an olive tree in Greece

Doubting Thomas was pierced with a pine spear, tortured with red hot plates, and burned alive in India.

AD 54 the proconsul of Hierapolis had **Philip** tortured and crucified because his wife had converted to Christianity while

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listening to Philip. Philip continue to preach while on the cross

Matthew was stabbed in the back in Ethiopia

Bartholomew was flogged to death in Armenia

James the Just was thrown off the southeast pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem. After surviving the 100 foot fall, he was clubbed to death by a mob

Simon the Zealot was crucified by the governor of Syria and AD 74

Judas Thaddeus was beaten to death with sticks in Mesopotamia

Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) was stoned to death and then beheaded

Peter was crucified upside down at his own request

And God is **STILL** using people

John the Beloved is the only disciple to die of natural causes but only because he survived his own execution when a cauldron of boiling oil could not kill John. Emperor Diocletian exiled him to the island of Patmos where he lived until his death in AD 95

RELATIONSHIP

When you have a personal experience with the **LOVE** of God, then you will do anything – not out of obligation, not out of a set of rules, not because someone told you to – **but because you truly, deeply & madly LOVE HIM**

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BECAUSE, WITHOUT A LOVE
RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD OBEDIENCE IS JUST
“WORKS” & “WORKS” AS A WAY TO
EARN SOMETHING IS JUST LEGALISM

Obedience for its own sake can be
nothing more than perfectionism, which
leads to pride

legalism | 'lēgə,lizəm |
noun
excessive adherence to law or formula.
• *Theology* dependence on moral law rather
than on personal religious faith.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOUR HEART
WAS FLOODED WITH THE LOVING
PRESENCE OF GOD?

Or maybe I should ask... has it ever?

Believe It Or Not...

GOD HAS SENT YOU AN INVITATION

ONE THAT INVITES YOU TO A

- LOVING
- TRANSFORMING
- FORGIVING
- EMPOWERING
- RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

WITHOUT LOVE...

Correction will be considered a rebuke
instead of an invitation to come closer.

WITHOUT LOVE...

Words of Anger will be heard as a statement against you personally, instead of a statement against the things in your life that interfere with your relationship. You will think God is driving you away **when in reality** He is removing things in your life that hinder and hurt you.

God's Words must be perceived with TRUE perception.

Cling to the truth that everything God says comes from a heart of deep, intense LOVE

“God looks beyond our godly habits, beyond our moral lifestyle, and beyond our church involvement and focuses His penetrating gaze upon our heart.”
[Experiencing God Day by Day pg 42]

I cannot tell you how many times I have been directed to this last verse, but it has been irrevocably the direction and the ultimate message God wanted you to hear today.

EZEKIEL 36:26

Moreover, I will give you **a new heart** and put **a new spirit** within you, and I will **remove the heart of stone** from your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh.**

WHERE IS YOUR HEART?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

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SAVIOR & LORD

NOT SAVIOR **Or** LORD

SALVATION IS A GIFT WE RECEIVE
BY FAITH BUT-
TO HAVE FAITH & BELIEVE [in] JESUS
IS TO **OBEY** JESUS

& OBEDIENCE IS
NOT WHAT WE "think"
WE SHOULD OBEY
BECAUSE WHAT WE "think"
DOESN'T MATTER
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS
IS WHAT JESUS SAID!

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GOING DEEPER

There were 613 LAWS in the Old Testament, how many commandments are in the New Testament? [Hint: ask Google]

If believing [in] Jesus is synonymous with obeying Jesus – have you ever stopped to ask Him if you should:

Lord should I eat this?

What are some things in your diet that you should be asking Him about?

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Lord do you want me to stop drinking this?

What are some things you are drinking that you should be asking Him about?

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_____	_____	_____

Lord does this outfit & what I am wearing, honor You and Your Word?

What things in your closet should you be asking Him about?

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Lord is this book, this article, this post, this... Something that I shouldn't be reading? Does it go against You & Your character? Does it influence me in a negative way?

What are some things you are reading that you should be asking Him about?

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Lord is the news, is this TV show, is this Movie, is this YouTube channel, is this post... Something that I shouldn't be watching? Does it go against You & Your character? Does it influence me in a negative way?

What are some things that you watch that you should be asking Him about?

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Lord, is this hobby, is this place, is this person, is this activity...something that I shouldn't be doing? Does it go against You & Your character? Does it influence me in a negative way?

What are some things or activities that you are participating in that you should be asking Him about? Are you overcommitted? Is it seemingly "good" but not actually "God"?

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Lord, should I buy this? Lord, how much do you want me to give today? Lord, what do I pay first?

Where are you spending your money? What items are you wanting to purchase? What vices or splurges are you spending money on? Looking at your financial resources availability - are you asking God how much you should give & where or what you should give it to?

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Lord, do I comment on this post? Do I respond to this text? Do I tell my husband? Do I take a stand? Do I pray or speak? Do I confront? Do I....?

Where is your voice being heard? Does what you are saying line up with the Word of God? Does it line up with the Character of God? Evaluate your communication:

At home with Spouse	At home with Children	At your work
On Social Media	Out with friends	Where anyone can eavesdrop
In taking a Biblical stances on others sin	In speaking up politically	Other

Now that you have completed this lesson:

- Briefly give a definition of your Biblical stance for your belief.
- Write down 3 specific places in Scripture that clearly states your understanding.

As defined by the Bible, Lordship is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

As defined by the Bible, Obedience is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

NOTE: YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL GO DEEPER AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LESSONS. FEEL FREE TO REVAMP & ADD TO YOUR STATEMENTS AS YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY MATURE.