

# Unbelief

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# Opening Scripture

“I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.” Jude 5

Let's pray



# Unbelief

- **Unbelief** – the absence of belief.
- **What is belief?**
- Belief is more than a one-time event or singular occurrence.
- “Sure I believe. I accepted Jesus back in high school.” (that is not belief)
- To be “a believer” one must maintain his/her belief, *all the time*.
- The “double-minded man” will not receive anything from the LORD – James 1:7-8

# Unbelief

**Belief:** *A present, continuous condition of trusting fully all of God's Word, all the time. Period. Even when it does not make sense, seem logical, wise, or is contrary to what others (including experts) may think or be telling you, etc. Even when it may not be popular, politically correct, or, perhaps even "legal!"*

- Anything less is a form of unbelief!

# Unbelief

- Continuous struggle we all face
- Comes from inside; our natural condition is rebellion (*"I'll do it my own way; I can think for myself, thanks."*)
- The devil is always looking for an opportunity to take advantage of our doubts (*"did God really say...?" Gen. 3:1*)
- It comes also from the world, which always tries to blur the distinction between the Divine truth and "worldly wisdom" (relativism)

# Finding belief inside an unbelieving church

- *Old days:* **Christian Church vs. Secular World**
- *Current days:* **Secular Church vs. Pagan World**
  - Seminarians doubt inerrancy of Scripture
  - Christians, even Pastors addicted to pornography
  - Divorce rates inside the church similar to outside
  - Homosexual marriages performed by some churches
  - Gay pastors and elders
  - “Christian” yoga
  - 57% of evangelicals believe people who follow religions other than their own can enjoy eternal life

# Do you believe and obey His Word?

- Do not have any other gods or idols
- Do not misuse the Name of the Lord
- Do not kill. In your anger, do not sin (anger = death curse)
- Do not commit adultery
- Do not steal or covet
- Do not give false testimony
- Honor your father and your mother
- Confess your sins to each other
- Be holy! Be perfect!
- Do not lust
- Do not slander
- Do not hold back wages of your worker over night
- Do not show partiality
- Do not seek revenge or hold a grudge; forgive others
- Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly
- Tithe 10%
- Take (and give) a day of rest
- Use the rod of discipline
- Believe in the Name of Jesus

# Do you believe in Jesus' words?

- Believe in Me... believe in ...the miracles... John 14:11
- I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these... John 14:12.
- Authentic Christianity (vs. intellectual assent):
  - Believe, confess, repent, renounce, die to self, be born again, be transformed, pick up your cross, expect to be hated, accept the power and authority that Jesus offers you, and go out and minister like Jesus in His Name. No passive observers needed!

# Do you believe in Jesus' words?

- And BELIEVE that He will confirm with signs as you minister in His Name. Mark 16:20
- This is our great commission from Jesus:
- Jesus gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. Matt. 10:1
- Jesus ... gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases and he sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:1-2. (Jesus' PHD)
- Have you accepted His commission in your own life?

# God's Power to heal

15 years along the journey from intellectual towards experiential belief

## Examples from the past month - Rev. 19:10

- Hannah 1) sore throat – instant healing; 2) funeral rites– (back & shoulder pain). 5 days, 5 spirits.
- Keren – bitterness towards mother. Relationship healed through forgiveness and deliverance.
- Vaniah –sore throat & sinus infirmity – 100% healed.
- Keziah 1) curse from “unlucky year;” 2) flu when arriving in Hoi An – both instantly healed.
- Jemimah – 3 parasites under skin – healing through rebuking the parasites & deliverance of the spirits.
- Many more examples – one/week on average

# Steps to rid yourself of unbelief

- Deal with any unconfessed (past) or current sin issues in your life (live in the Kingdom – Ro. 14:17)
- Confess your unbelief to the LORD and to others
- Renounce any UGBs (I can do all things through Christ!)
- Walk in positive testimony - Rev. 19:10
- Test the spirit(s) Luke 13. Law of reaping (Gal. 6:7)
- Pray for the positive fruit you need to build your faith. Jesus knows we need signs! (John 4:48 + Mark 16:20)
- **The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power - I Cor 4:20**
- **The Kingdom of Heaven is forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold of it. Matt 11:11**

# Jesus, help me overcome my unbelief

- Jesus said, “everything is possible for him who believes.” The boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” Mark 9:23-24
- And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My Name they will drive out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people and they will get well. Mark 16:17-18
- Final thought: *Does everybody get healed? Always?*
- Let’s pray...