

A Look in the Mirror – 6

"Believing Something"

I BELIEVE GOD IS IN CONTROL

1. Match the verses with the fact about God's control.

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| a. GENESIS 1:1 | ___ Our life comes totally from God |
| b. 1 CHRONICLES 29:11 | ___ God can do anything; His purpose always happen. |
| c. JOB 12:10 | ___ All of God's thoughts come true. |
| d. JOB 42:2 | ___ God created the entire universe out of nothing. |
| e. PSALM 22:28 | ___ God's ways & thoughts are higher than man's. |
| f. ISAIAH 14:24 | ___ God rules over the entire world & over all nations. |
| g. ISAIAH 55:8 | ___ All the universe belongs to God. |

2. Match the verses with the fact about God's control.

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| a. JEREMIAH 29:11 | ___ God has all authority over everything. |
| b. JEREMIAH 32:27 | ___ Everything is possible when God does it. |
| c. MATTHEW 19:26 | ___ Nothing is too hard for God. |
| d. ROMANS 13:1 | ___ All things work out for God's good (in us). |
| e. ROMANS 8:28 | ___ God is the One Who gives us a future & a hope. |
| f. HEBREWS 1:3 | ___ God holds up all creation. |

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD

3. Respond "Yes" or "No" to the statements. (Make sure the verse proves the statement.)

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| a. John 10:30 | Jesus and God the Father are One God. | _Yes _No |
| b. Titus 2:13 | Jesus is both God and Savior. | _Yes _No |
| c. Revelation 1:8 | Jesus is the beginning and the end of everything. | _Yes _No |
| d. Isaiah 7:14 | The Son of God = God with us = Jesus | _Yes _No |
| e. 1 John 5:20 | The Son, Jesus Christ is NOT the true God. | _Yes _No |
| f. Colossians 1:15 | Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. | _Yes _No |
| g. Colossians 2:9 | Jesus has only part of God in Him. | _Yes _No |
| h. 1 Timothy 2:5 | The man Jesus = the One God = our Mediator | _Yes _No |
| i. Jude 1:25 | Jesus is only our Savior; He is NOT God. | _Yes _No |
| j. 1 Tim. 6:14-16 | Jesus = The King of Kings = The Lord of Lords. | _Yes _No |
| k. John 1:1,14 | The Word = God in the flesh = Jesus. | _Yes _No |

I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE

4. Fill in the blanks.

- a. 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by _____ of God.
- b. John 17:17 Your Word is _____.
- c. Psalm 19:7 The Law of the Lord is _____.
- d. 2 Timothy 2:15 The Bible is the word of _____.
- e. Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is _____.
- f. Psalm 12:6 The word of the Lord is _____.
- g. Isaiah 40:22 The earth is _____. (Before the scientists knew)
- h. Job 26:10 The horizon is made up of _____ & _____.
- i. Job 26:7 The earth is hanging in _____. (Before the scientists knew)
- j. Hebrews 4:12 The word can _____ that which cannot be divided.

I BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTING CHRIST IS A DECISION

Acts 4:12 *There is no salvation is anyone else except Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

5. Fill in the missing spaces in the table below.

VERSE	DECISION	RECEIVING WHO	WHAT DO YOU GET
John 3:16	Believes	In the Son	Everlasting Life
Acts 2:21	Calls		
John 1:12	Receives		
Romans 10:9	Confesses & believes	Lord Jesus	You will be saved.
John 5:24	Hears & believes		
John 3:36	Believes		
1 John 4:15	Confesses		
Colossians 2:6	Receives		

6. Look back through these verses & write down WHAT WE **DO NOT** GET.

- a. John 3:16 _____
- b. John 5:24 _____
- c. John 3:36 _____

7. Look at Colossians 2:6 again.

- a. "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so _____ in Him, _____ & _____ up in Him and _____ in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with _____."

"Lord, thank you that when I was 11, I made this decision." Have you, my friend? ___Yes ___No

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS LOVES ME

8. What did God (Jesus) do to prove it?

- a. Galatians 2:20 _____
- b. Romans 5:8 _____
- c. John 3:16 _____
- d. John 13:34 I have loved you.
- e. 1 John 3:16 _____
- f. 1 John 4:19 He loved us first.
- g. John 15:9 My Father loves Me and I love you.
- h. Ephesians 5:2 _____
- i. Romans 8:35 We cannot be separated from Jesus' love.

9. Write a brief prayer thanking Jesus for loving you. Do you deserve His love?

I BELIEVE THAT I AM FORGIVEN.

10. Fill in the missing spaces in the table.

VERSE	FORGIVENESS DESCRIBED	THE BENEFIT
Psalm 103:10-12	God removes the sin from us	Mercy
Psalm 103:3-4		Mercy
Isaiah 43:25		Because God wants to
Isaiah 55:7	God abundantly pardons	Mercy
Acts 3:19		Refreshing
Ephesians 1:7		Riches of grace
Colossians 1:13-14		Redemption
1 John 1:9		Cleansing
Psalm 86:5	God is always ready to forgive	Mercy
Hebrews 8:12		Mercy
Daniel 9:9		Mercy

11. How do you feel about being forgiven? _____

12. How do you know that all of your sins are forgiven? (Hint: Look in the table above.)

13. Do you believe what the Bible says to you? _Yes _No

I BELIEVE THAT GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES MY FAILURES.

20. Was the will (plan) of God destroyed or ended when:

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| a. Gen. 30:1-3 | Abraham lied to Pharoah to save his own life? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. Num. 20:2-12 | Moses got mad & hit the rock to defy God? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. 2 Sam. 11:1-27 | David stayed home & had sex with someone's wife? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. 1 Kings 19:1-5 | Elijah fled from Jezebel due to his fear of her? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| e. Jonah 1:1-3 | Jonah said "no" to God & fled on a ship? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| f. John 18:15-23 | Peter denied that he knew Jesus at all. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| g. Mark 18:15-23 | Judas betrayed the Lord in the garden. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| h. Gen. 37:23-28 | Joseph's brothers sold him to Ishmaelites | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| i. Gen. 3:6 | Adam & Eve called God a liar & ate the fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Each of these people continued to participate in God's on-going purpose for the rest of their lives except for Judas Ischariot (He killed himself).

THE WILL OF GOD WILL STILL BE ACCOMPLISHED NO MATTER WHAT STUPID THINGS WE DO.

21. Match the verses with the hints of failure in our lives.

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| a. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | ___ | If anxiety weighs us down, there might be failure in us. |
| b. 1 John 1:9 | ___ | If we are told to flee lust, there might be failure in us. |
| c. Proverbs 22:6 | ___ | If the Scriptures correct us, there might be failure in us. |
| d. Proverbs 12:25 | ___ | If we are weak in faith, there might be failure in us. |
| e. 2 Timothy 2:22 | ___ | If we need to confess sins, there might be failure in us. |
| f. Colossians 3:5 | ___ | If I need to stop idolatry, there must be failure in us. |
| g. 2 Cor. 12:9 | ___ | If we need Biblical training, there must be failure in us. |
| h. Romans 14:1 | ___ | If I need Christ's strength, there might be failure in us. |
| i. Hebrews 12:1-3 | ___ | If we must lay aside sin, there must be failure in us. |

I BELIEVE THAT PRAYER WORKS AND IS NECESSARY.

1. Do you agree with the following statements about prayer?

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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Why bother when God already knows what you are going to say. |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | God already has the world planned. Prayer cannot change that. |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Some say that prayer benefits me more than it does God. |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | God does not need prayer to make things happen; what's the point? |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If prayer works, then, I should only do it when I am desperate. |
| f. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | There is no way that a Holy God can talk to a sinful man. |
| g. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Prayer keeps us emotionally dependent on God; He doesn't answer. |

2. Fill in the blank spaces on the chart below.

VERSE	TERM FOR PRAYER	OUR ATTITUDE	BENEFIT TO ME
Phil 4:6-7	Let your request known	Replace anxiety	Peace
1 John 5:14	Ask	According to His will	He hears us
Mark 11:24	Ask	Believe you'll receive	You will have it
James 5:15	Prayer	Faith	Raise him up
Jeremiah 29:12			
Jeremiah 29:13			
Proverbs 15:8			
1 John 1:9			
Psalms 145:18			
Matthew 7:11			
Luke 18:1			
1 Thess. 5:17			
1 Tim. 2:1-2			

3. Answer the questions using the verses below.

a. Matt. 5:11 Who are we to pray for? _____

b. Matt. 26:41 What should we pray for ourselves? _____

c. Proverbs 3:6 What will God do in our lives if we "acknowledge" (agree) that he knows what He is doing? _____

d. Luke 5:15-16 How much should we pray? _____

e. Rom. 8:26-27 Yes No If you do not know how to pray or what to say to God, pray anyway.

f. Luke 11:9-10 Since the door to God is open, God has promised that if:

I ask I will _____

I seek I will _____

I knock I will _____

g. 2 Chr. 7:14 If we want God to restore our country to Godly ways, God has promised that if:

We pray (humbly) He will _____

We seek (humbly) He will _____

We turn (humbly) He will _____

"Pray" = **"I am sinful; please forgive us; please help us, Lord."**

"Seek" = **"Lord, We have looked in the wrong places; please help us now."**

"Turn" = **"We look you in the face now, Lord. We will stop disobeying."**

JAMES 5:16 THE SINCERE & "BOILING" PRAYER OF A GODLY MAN WILL ACCOMPLISH MUCH. (Your heart & God's heart are wrestling.)

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK FOR ME.

When you talk about the "Second Coming of Christ", people get confused. In this church age, Christians are thinking of two events: 1) The Rapture of the Church

2) The Second Coming of Jesus to Reign

The Prophets of the Old Testament: 1) Did not see the "Rapture" of the Church.

"Son of Man" & "Day of the Lord" often used → 2) They saw the Coming of Messiah to Reign.

1. The "Second Coming" is a special event that the New Testament writers were looking forward to; They used words or terms to get our attention. Match verse & statement.

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| a. Revelation 22:12 | ___ | "Whole body, soul, and spirit" |
| b. 1 Thess. 4:16 | ___ | "Been revealed" |
| c. John 14:1-3 | ___ | "In Glory" |
| d. Acts 7:11 | ___ | "Two angels appeared" |
| e. Titus 2:13 | ___ | "Behold" |
| f. 1 Thess. 5:23 | ___ | "The Second time" |
| g. Colossians 3:4 | ___ | "Be ready" |
| h. Philippians 3:20 | ___ | "The Lord's death" |
| i. 1 Cor. 11:26 | ___ | "Shout, trumpet" |
| j. Matthew 24:44 | ___ | "Be not troubled" |
| k. Hebrews 9:28 | ___ | "Our citizenship is in heaven" |
| l. 1 John 3:2 | ___ | "Blessed hope" |

2. Using the same verses above, check the benefits that we receive when Jesus returns. **The benefits must be written in the verses.**

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| ___ Higher incomes | ___ Unexpected blessing | ___ Lower taxes |
| ___ Drop in immorality | ___ Increased church going | ___ Rewards |
| ___ Drop in divorces | ___ All evil will cease | ___ Drop in inflation |
| ___ We will be changed | ___ We will be with Him | ___ The devil will be dead |
| ___ A promise kept to us | ___ Comfort & hope | ___ Sin will end |

3. Your opinion & observation.

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| a. Do you think people in general are afraid of Christ's second coming? | __Yes __No |
| b. Do you think people in general even care of this second coming? | __Yes __No |
| c. Do you think most people even know what the second coming is? | __Yes __No |
| d. Why do you think Christ is coming back to remove the church & later reign? | |

4. What are supposed to be doing in the meantime until Jesus comes?
- Titus 2:13 "_____ for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ".
 - Phil. 3:20 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly _____ for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ".
 - 1 Cor. 11:26 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you _____ The Lord's death until He comes".
 - Matt. 24:44 "Therefore you also be _____, for the Son of Man is coming at an Hour you do not expect".
5. What will be happening with us when Jesus returns? Match the columns.
- John 14:3 _____ We will appear in the sky with Him.
 - Acts 1:11 _____ We will be caught up to meet Him in the air.
 - Colossians 3:4 _____ We will see Him as He really is.
 - 1 Thess. 4:16 _____ He will receive us unto Himself.
 - 1 John 3:2 _____ We will see Him come just like He left.
6. How is His return actually described or written?
- 1 Thess. 4:16 "For the Lord Himself will _____ from heaven with a _____".
 - John 14:3 "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will _____".
 - Acts 1:11 "This same Jesus , Who was taken up from you into heaven, will so _____ in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven".
 - Colossians 3:4 "When Jesus Who is our life _____, then you also will _____ with Him in _____."
 - 1 John 3:2 "But we know that when He is _____, we shall be like Him, for we shall _____ Him as He is".

THE WRITERS OF THE BIBLE WERE INSPIRED TO WRITE THE SCRIPTURES; THAT MAKES WHAT THEY WROTE ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

Matthew wrote it to the New Testament Jews; it's inspired by God. It's true. (Matthew 24:44)

John wrote it to the New Testament believers; it's inspired by God. It's true. (Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Jn. 3:2; Rev. 22:12)

Luke wrote it to the believers in the New Testament church. (Acts 1:11)

Paul wrote it to the believers in Corinth, Thessalonica, Phillipi, and Colosse; it's inspired; it's true.

Paul wrote it to Pastor Titus. (Titus 2:13) It's inspired by God; it's true.

EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS!!