What do you Believe, and Who will you Worship?

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Belief:

A state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing.

How important is it with whom or what you believe in and trust.

I believe, without a doubt that if I jump off a 300-foot cliff that when I hit the bottom I will no longer live in this world. The belief in the law of gravity tells me so. There is no doubt in my mind that will be the outcome.

But how much does it matter when it comes to the belief and truth of not only G-d's Word but also faithful worship of G-d?

From the word of our Lord we read;

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. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

All of us have heard and have spoken those very words to others during various circumstances in our lives and concerning the circumstances of others. But do we believe those words, or do we just go through the motions of saying them.

Do we really believe and seek the righteousness of G-d and His gift of salvation and in directing our paths.

Open your Bibles to Romans 10 and beginning from verse 1-3. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to G-d for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for G-d, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of G-d's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of G-d.

We know that to be called, self-righteousness. One's own truth of their opinions and beliefs.

Have you been watching diligently with what is happening within our nation right now.

Our nation is on the edge of a cliff, that 300 foot cliff which I just spoke of, which we are close to falling into a very dark valley at the bottom, and one we may never crawl out of, if the wickedness of those in authority both secular and church leadership lead others unchecked and allow lawlessness to continue.

Belief of ones faith in G-d is being promoted by some as to what ever one wants to make it to be, creating their on self-righteousness. One may have a zeal, a burning desire for G-d, but which god.

There is a published Bible that some churches are now using in the teaching of their congregants called the Queen James Bible and many are being lead into sin by deceit, by the very church leadership, pastors, elders and others that refer to themselves as knowing and being entrusted with the ways of G-d. I refer to it as the Garden of Eden 2.0.

Queen James Bible was published in 2012 and is based on the 1769 edition of the King James Bible. The editors of this book, from Satan's own library have chosen to remain anonymous (no doubt a wise choice on their part), they gave it the name they did because they also claim that king James was bi-sexual.

Couldn't tell you what his preference was. I wasn't around then. They have taken the King James version and re-interpret the Scriptures to sanitize and make normal the sexual and pagan abominations that the G-d of Abraham, Issac and Jacob forbids, to make them seem normal in order to make acceptable what G-d has made sinful.

Many words have been removed such as iniquity, lawful and lawlessness and then replaced with a reinterpretation to make that which is unholy, holy according to what I have been able to find out about it.

Some denominations (I'm sorry to say) have adopted this version of the Bible and have accepted it as truth and have presented it as G-d's truth to appease those within the LGBTQ+1-2S cult and their same sex accepting congregants and parents. We have to make sin, sinless to protect the children and families, such doers of evil like to claim and give them the opportunity to come before G-d blameless.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't the reason that G-d's only Son, our Lord and Savior Yeshua went and gave of Himself upon the cross and took our sins and all sins upon Himself so that we might be reconciled back to the Father, to turn from our sin and ask for the forgiveness and strength to live a moral, sinless life and stand in righteousness before Him?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation....

Not only did G-d reconcile us back to Himself, but He also has committed us to the message of reconciliation to be taken to and call others to repent so that they also might rejoice in G-d gifts.

How can one say with a straight face that they are forgiven of their sin without repenting of the sin in ones life and turning away from it.

Yeshua sacrificed Himself, gave everything, (that part of Him that was mortal man), so that others might live in His Fathers kingdom.

How can it be that mortal man, any man can come along and say we don't have to ask for or sacrifice anything in any way to have forgiveness and be able to stand before G-d in righteousness.

We can live a life of sin and wickedness without even questioning whether or not we will be accepted by G-d. Because man has re-defined what is sinful or not, according to their re-interpretation of the word of G-d.

(transliteration of the verse below into Hebrew) ū-lă-hab-dîl, bên haq-qō-deš ū-bên ha-hōl; ū-bên haţ-ţā-mê ū-bên haţ-ţā-hō-wr

You must distinguish between the holy and the common, between the clean and the unclean.

Leviticus 10:10.

We recite those words every Shabbat and every church function that we gather for together. Do we believe as the body of Christ that these words are true from the mouth of G-d or not!

Yet the wickedness of man comes along and decides what the word of G-d is and they demand that G-d will bow down to them and accept it!

Oh Ye of foul breath!

Catholic Church works to explain what same-sex blessings are and are not

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What is this about?

A few years ago, a gay man and his partner of 14 years, were visiting family in Mexico. While there, a priest — who's a longtime friend — surprised the couple.

"I just want to make sure that you guys take care of each other," the gay man recalls the priest saying. "And at that point he actually asked us to kneel in front of him and gave us a blessing."

Essentially, Pope Francis' <u>declaration</u> in December allowing for such blessings officially to take place, a practice that some priests have been doing for a long time but more or less as an open secret.

The two men live in suburban LA and regularly attend Saturday evening Mass with the LGBTQ+ Catholic group Dignity. About a dozen or so people gather for hymns, Scripture, prayer and communion.

For what purpose. They do not repent of their sexual and/or other sins nor do they turn away from them.

Is this what G-d's word has come down to, something that one perverts (especially a man of G-d) due to a friendship, and / or relationships with those of this world. Those that have their own form of righteousness that they say comes from G-d.

It won't matter if one is a country Pastor or a Pope from the Vatican. Each will have to give a complete accounting of their life in the service of G-d. And G-d tells us what happens to those that pervert His ways. See; Revelation 22:18-19.

What does one believe? Whom shall one believe, man or G-d.

Let's talk about the other half of today's message, whom or what will one worship.

There are just as many choices (according to man's reasoning) as in what one believes and trusts in, when it comes to faith and worship.

In the beginning G-d created heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1.

Those of us that have read the word of G-d from the Bible that we know as the King James Bible, the KJV, is where many of us started our Christian journey seeking the truth of what G-d's standard for a life of righteousness and morality and walking in His ways before others, began. And the meaning thereof.

At least that's where I started. And stopped and started again. More than once. Why did it take me so long to understand the truth from a biblical perspective.

For the same reason many still do today.

The way I saw life was through the eyes of the world, to take and use every opportunity that presented itself for my own self pleasure, my own gain and making excuses or blaming other's for my lost opportunities.

Worshiping G-d, some invisible entity never crossed my mind. Well, no it's not that I never considered G-d, or that He existed. I just didn't want to submit to His ways.

And as far as giving credit for my accomplishments to someone or something that I couldn't see, hear or touch; wasn't going to happen.

I like many of the same minded individuals read certain verses of the Bible just enough to put down someone when I was confronted due to my sinning, or what I called Bible thumping.

Below are examples of Scriptures learned and sarcastic answers given to those that would confront me for my sins.

G-d so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son so that whoever believed in Him would not perish. John 3:16.

Do I believe in Jesus, yeah sure. So therefore, I'm saved. Leave me alone. He died for me so what's the problem.

1"Do not judge, or you will be judged. 2For with the same judgment you pronounce, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be

measured to you. Matthew 7:1-2.

You do you, and I'll do me and we both will be happy and get along.

It contained all kinds of four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth, as well as birds of the air. Then a voice said to him: "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" Acts 10:12-13.

Keep your hands of my pulled pork sandwich or you'll draw back a bloody stump.

These verses are still used today by those of this world, and the same answers I used are still being given today.

My understanding of the ways of G-d wouldn't have even filled a thimble, and as far as worship, bowing my knee or praying, dream on.

Now why have I told you this part of my life, this part of my past. Because others need to hear and know and stop their self-destruction and know that G-d loves them and is waiting for them to come to Him for forgiveness.

For they being ignorant of G-d's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of G-d. Romans 10:3

I was living that verse, as many today, still do. I've learned a lot since than.

We hear many times from Pastor Don that we are disciples of Yeshua, and that we are to disciple others to follow in all His ways and to be obedient to G-d's commandments as He was.

45The good man brings good things out of the good treasure of his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil treasure of his heart. For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks. **46** Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I say? **Luke 6:45-46.**

Discipleship

- 1.the condition or situation of being a disciple, a follower, or a student of some philosophy, especially a follower of Christ:
- 2. the group of original followers of Christ in His lifetime: *The key to Jesus' discipleship was his personal trust in his disciples*.

Yeshua's personal trust in His disciples. Is that not a great honor for us to be given, our Lords personal trust.

But we know, that with all good things comes a cost.

What is the Cost of Discipleship:

From the book titled, Truth for Each Day: by Rev. Billy Graham.

"G-d has paid the greatest debt we will ever incur, and once we understand the incredible sacrifice He has made for us, we will be compelled to turn to Him in obedience and love. Many people want the benefits of their faith, but they hesitate at the cost of discipleship. To be a disciple of Jesus means to learn from Him, to follow Him. The cost may be high.

"A person must determine to leave sin behind. Living a disciplined life for Christ helps condition believers for a life of usefulness. Our minds must be set to do the will of the Lord, which is walking in obedience to G-d's commands.

"Jesus does not call us to a life of selfish comfort and ease-He calls us to a battle! He calls us to give up our own plans and follow Him without reserve. Yes it costs to follow Christ, but, it also costs not to follow Christ.

"Saving faith is a commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord. It is more than ascent to historical or theological truth given to us in G-d's Word. It is faith in the promises of G-d that all who trusts in Christ will not perish but have eternal life.

"Jesus didn't use gimmicks to gain followers. He laid out tough demands of discipleship --- total commitment to His Word.

"What will we as disciples of Christ believe, and will we follow Him in obedience and truth, or will we give in to the things of the world. Whom will we worship as god. The creator of heaven and earth, the almighty I AM, or the greed, corruption and perverse evils of man."

We are given free will to do as we want, but we who say that we are G-d's people and Yeshua is our Lord and Savior must always remember these words from Paul concerning free will.

1 Corinthians 6:12

- "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial.
- "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be mastered by anything.

We can sin, lie, cheat, steal. We can be as those whom are of this world who focus on the next TV reality show, a lottery winner, being envious and jealous and questioning G-d

on why them and not me.

Is that what a man or woman of G-d wants? Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial.

Everything is permissible, by a worldly view but one may very well be mastered and become a slave to something or someone that is evil.

One can count the cost for their belief, worship and trust in G-d and our Lord and Savior, and one may just decide that everything it will cost them is just to much to ask for. But consider these words.

- **36**A man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' **37**Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me;
- **38** and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.
- 39Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
- **40**He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me.
- **41**Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.
- **42**And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward." **Matthew 10:36-42.**

Today, gather with your family and friends, talk about the goodness from G-d that you have received along your journey to fulfill your commitment that He has given you to share with others.

One may never know the change that he or she has made in another's life until the day one stands before G-d and hears those beautiful words from Him; well done good and faithful servant.

May G-d bless each and everyone today and always, Amen and amen.