

## Believe in the Son of God

### The battle of the senses versus believing

**A** battle rages between the five senses and the spiritual man. This takes place in every Christian. The Christian walk largely focuses on managing this battle. We have been discussing the natural man which is limited to the five senses for learning. You will be challenged with this battle, and will have to choose your avenue of learning—believe what the five senses tell you, or believe what the Word of God says to be true. We will be discussing both your ability to believe in Christ, and the Belief that Jesus Christ fostered, specifically his salvation works.

### Pistis

Pistus is the Greek word translated “faith, believing, and believe.” The context determines it’s meaning. It can mean ordinary believing,



it can refer to the believing of Jesus Christ, and it can refer to the manifestation of believing.

### The Belief of the Son of God

**(Hab 2:4 KJV) Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.**

Christianity hinges upon the accomplishments of Jesus Christ. Most Christians are aware of this. His accomplishments mean everything. Without them, it would not be possible to become a son of God. Christians live according to the belief that Je-

sus Christ accomplished what God sent him to do. We are to believe in him and what he did.

**(Gal 2:16 KJV) Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

**(Gal 2:20 KJV) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

We are justified by the belief of the Son of God.

**(Heb 12:2 KJV) Looking unto Jesus the au-**

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thor and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We are to look unto Jesus, which means to accept his works. He started and finished our belief.

(Rev 14:12 KJV) Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

We patiently keep this belief.

## Obedient to the Belief

(1 Cor 16:13 KJV) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

We must take our 'believing' walk seriously.

(2 Cor 13:5 KJV) Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be rep-

robates?

Our lifelong quest is to be obedient to the Belief of the Son of God.

(Jude 1:3 KJV) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

As you should now see, a battle is set between the five senses and believing faith. Choose believing faith and you'll always win.

## Opposition to the Belief

(Deu 32:20 KJV) And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is* no faith.

(Mat 23:23 KJV) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the

weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

These people ignored the importance of the weightier matters of the law, one of which included faith. This is before Christianity; even so, faith was a significant aspect of their lives.

(Mark 4:40 KJV) And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

(Acts 13:8 KJV) But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Beware of those who attempt to turn you away from the faith. They're out there, and they're dangerous people.

(Rom 3:3 KJV) For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

(Gal 1:23 KJV) But

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they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

(2 Th 3:2 KJV) And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

(1 Tim 4:1 KJV) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

(1 Tim 5:8 KJV) But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

I hope you see the seriousness of the choice I'm asking you to make. Choose walking by faith over walking by your five senses. God's Word is quite clear about the importance of being obedient to the Belief.

## Established in the Belief

It takes work, but we are to become established in the belief of the son of God.

(Acts 16:5 KJV) And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

To this God gives the increase.

(1 Tim 6:12 KJV) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

(Titus 1:13 KJV) This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

We are to help fellow believers become sound in the belief of the son of God. We do this by teaching his accomplishments. We have no need to work for our salvation.

(Heb 10:23 KJV) Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Hold it fast in Unity!

(2 Cor 4:13 KJV) We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Each of us comprise the body of Christ and have the same spirit of believing. What a fantastic truth!

(Rom 12:3 KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Every man has been given the same ability to believe in Christ. No Christian is without this ability. Children, once able to reason, can believe. In fact, children often surpass adults in their willingness to believe.

## Caring for others in the Belief

Finally, we are to care for others who believe.

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(2 Cor 1:24 KJV) Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

A Christian should develop his ability to believe in the son of God and should accept Christ's complete work. We are to help others with this.

(Rom 14:1 KJV) Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations.

Don't argue with weaker ones; receive them and help them grow.

(Phil 1:25 KJV) And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

Continue with like-minded believers for their furtherance and joy of believing.

(1 Th 3:2 KJV) And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

Timothy was a leader in the church. Leadership can establish and comfort others concerning their believing.

(1 Th 3:5 KJV) For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

Satan attempts to rob you of your believing. Remember John 10:10?

(John 10:10 KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

He will do this through teachings contrary to the faith of Jesus Christ. Christ did it all so that we would have to do nothing!

## Ability to Believe

We can believe. When we do, we are of the rich in believing.

(James 2:5 KJV)

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

(Gal 3:26 KJV) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Believing is integral to becoming a child of God.

(Gal 5:5-6 KJV) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. {6} For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Believing is available to you and matters greatly regarding your walk with God.

(Eph 2:8 KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Grace provides salvation through believing. Salvation comes to you through nothing of yourself except to believe. This is the gift of God

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to you. You have the ability  
to believe.

Much love in Christ,

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