

Believers Non-negotiable

What Christians must and absolutely believe without wavering, according to God's Word.

To God's **elect**, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:**

Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. (1 Peter 1: 1-6)

As a Christian, you cannot have it both ways. You must Believe right God's Way

13 points I need you to know and BELIEVE!

1. God Elected and Chose you. *It is God's Call and it is God's glory—all of His glory (John 17:22)* **2. Wake up from your false dreams, and become real by believing in the real Jesus Christ who is the real deal.** *False and shallow dreams are keeping you from living a fulfilled and honest life. Listen carefully, you had no ability (you have no ability apart from the grace of God) whatsoever to choose God, nor Find God (He was never lost), or seek God (Romans 3:11), or accept God (what right do you have to accept the Holy God of the Universe?), nor give your life to God (what life?), nor make a decision for God (how could you?), nor trust God (you do not even know how to trust in yourself because there is nothing good in you to trust) and to trust in your own terms (how arrogant can you be?), otherwise you become a thief of God's glory and you make God a liar if you believe that you had anything good—e.g. your common sense for a good decision, to contribute to your justification and redemption. The Bible says you were dead and wicked (2 Chron. 7:14), dead means dead, wicked means wicked. God's abundant Grace is irresistible. Therefore, we do not have the ability to resist Grace.* **3. The Trinity is a reality and you better believe it right.** *God the Father is Holy and Love. God the Son is totally obedient and submissive to the Father. God the Holy Spirit is totally obedient to the Father and to the Son for our benefit.* **4. It is all about God the Father, number one ranking member of the Trinity and the one who gets to receive all the glory not only from you and I, which He demands, but also from Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, all of it, everything points to the Father, through the Cross and Christ Jesus for obedience to Jesus Christ and sanctification of the Holy Spirit.** **5. The Gospel is a blood expensive issue that purchased your permanent peace with God, the Judge, at a very, very expensive price. Someone had to pay your (mine) full debt of sin and guilt that makes you deserve Hell for ever. Jesus**

paid your debt in full with His entire Life, joyful attitude and Sinless blood. He hung on the Cross so you do not have to hang on there anymore. 6. Quit complaining, wining, and arguing, and asking God to be with you and others, that is not a biblical prayer, it is very weak and unbiblical. He is with you already. He is Emmanuel. Embrace the fullness of the Truth of Jesus Christ and allow Him to envelope you totally. Jesus must become supreme, not just first or at the center; if He is first, then someone else, or something else, is second. Believe and embrace the abundant Grace and Peace that God the Father gave you through Jesus Christ. 7. Praise and worship God the Father for His Great Mercy that has given you New Birth. You have become a new creation, brand new, nothing old is left. You are no accident, God made you in His very image and likeness, aleluya! You are somebody in Christ Jesus and are totally secured in Christ Jesus and fully reconciled to your Heavenly Loving Father. Believe it all, and Live it all to the fullest. 8. Praise God also for the living Hope and for resurrecting you from the dead: One time, and for giving you an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven (which actually starts the moment you are found by God the Father through Jesus Christ!) 9. The same power that resurrected you from the dead (not by luck, but by providence) will sustain you and move you to fresh levels of joy. You are shielded by the same resurrected power until Jesus' second coming, aleluya. 10. You cannot loose your salvation, believe it. It is not yours to loose. It is yours to live and transfer to others with consistent, contagious and magnetic joy. 11. No trial, no test and no suffering can separate you from the eternal Holy Love of your Father, God. 12. Your present and future are totally secured in Christ Jesus. All that happens to you is under the direct sovereign control of God the Father, for your faith to be proven genuine that will result in praise and glory and honor of God the Father. At the same time, you are responsible for what you bring to yourself by your disobedience. 13. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and believe right so you can live right in permanent peace and joy with God the Father, your true daddy who loves you!

- I Peter 1 (specially in verses 1-6) provide for the Christian, very clearly and plainly, the necessary and essential redemptive abundant Truth for his/her **right belief in the essential biblical doctrines of Justification** (God *paid* our entire bill with the death and Blood of Jesus to declare real guilty sinners **not guilty, forever!!**) and Sanctification (***Koinonia relationship between the new me in Christ and God the Holy Spirit who dwells inside the Christian (you and I) with permanency***), as well as the other biblical doctrines that must envelope the Christian, with fresh conviction and anchor you for ever!
- I Peter 1:1-6 is intended to shape The Christian's core beliefs, for good, with our Triune BIG God and how they relate to one another, in perfect holiness, and to their Paramount Creation (you and I) for the primary reason of reconciling God's elect to our Loving Heavenly God the Father *through* the total obedience of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the sanctifying work of the Spirit of God.
- The Christian's right and unwavering **Beliefs** will compel the Believer (you and I) to become totally convinced and eternally secured that Jesus Christ is our true and only Messiah. Therefore, we can fully Trust God the Father in all and for all to meet our

every need, through our constant attitude of repentance and God's permanent forgiveness of our sin.

- I Peter 1 contain a flowing fountain of practical Truth that the Christian must **believe** without wavering, in order that he/she can experience the totality of the abundance of Life for him/her to enjoy, with fresh joy, at fresh daily levels.
- The Christian must **believe** that it is his/her duty to transfer Christ's LIFE through the Word to billions of spiritually dead people in the world, who appear to be alive and who are in desperate need of resurrection, as well as to an ineffective Body of Christ who is experiencing everything else but LIFE, because the Cross. Christ Crucified and Resurrected has been divorced, by their own human decree, from the Glorious Biblical Gospel!
- The Christian must then **Believe and live out, to the fullest**, his/her *purpose* and that is to become a type of Christ: savior, to the Glory of God by becoming fully engaged and committed to **participate by God's exclusive invitation**, in what is **right and just** in the Eyes of God (Exodus 15:26), just like Joseph (**an ex-inmate**) did for his family and the Hebrew people (God's chosen people who clearly did not deserve God's abundant Grace nor Great Mercy, I Peter 1:2-3). In his book "Judges, such a great Salvation", Dr. Dale Ralph Davis says: "...the Canaanites were not innocent. Moses was emphatic about that; he humbled the Israelites by insisting that Yahweh was not giving them Canaan because they were such godly folks but because the Canaanites were so grossly wicked (Deut. 9:4-6)...the conquest of Canaan was an act of justice, Yahweh's justice. Israel was the instrument of his just judgment upon a corrupt and perverted people."
- The Christian must be driven and compelled by the right biblical Belief that he/she ought to render God fresh Glory in all of Life, by becoming the type of Christ (savior) Joseph became, showing Great Mercy to his wicked brothers who in their hearts believed that Joseph was truly dead as per their real intention and action of killing him. Joseph, not only revealed himself to his brothers, as their savior, which included Benjamin, and wept (Jesus revealed Himself to us in human form and wept, John 11:35; 17:6) so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and the Pharaoh's household heard about it also (Genesis 45:1-3). Joseph's influence, cooperation and great favor Yahweh gave him (Just like Jesus with His Father) with the Pharaoh provided for his brothers, and the rest of their family, the blessing of the best the land of Egypt had to offer. Joseph was used of God to resurrect the spirit of his father Jacob (Israel) and to provide also for Israel's remnant, 72 or so members, in their time of great famine and most importantly for God to keep His covenant He originally made with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), which was now transferred to Jacob through his father Isaac. Jacob was stunned when he heard that Joseph was **alive, however he did not believe the news he received through his sons. But when they told him every thing (the entire story of redemption with the evidence—The Gospel according to the Word of God!) Jacob's spirit was revived and Jacob became convinced that his son was still alive, alaluya—(Genesis 45:26-28).**

- The Christian (Believer) must make his/her number one objective to **believe** and become a permanent humble beggar of God the Father in Jesus' name, begging God by asking, seeking and knocking with much joyful perseverance and assurance that God will make a way out of no way (Exodus 14:12-14 & Matthew 7:7-12)!!
- The Christian must **believe** in the great permanent gift of the Holy Spirit and His resurrecting power, within the Believer (John 16:12-16 & Ephesians 1:13) to take his/her Biblical doctrinal beliefs, (which must be consistent and anchored in God's Holy character: I Peter 1:2 & 13-16) into a deeper rooted, unmovable and compelling conviction, that our **right belief** will provide us with permanent joy and peace with God the Father.
- The Christian must **believe** that the Holy Spirit creates a fresh disposition and capacity in our new heart, to fully and permanently awaken the Believer to become *receptive to receive*, **retain** and see with fresh open eyes, from his/her new heart (Ephesians 1:18-22), the Glory of God as he/she participates in what is right and just as we await for the fullness of our inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (I Peter 1:4).
- The Christian must **believe** that the old heart was 100% wicked, totally spoiled, with no ability to live life, it was totally dead, that is one of the reasons God had to elect us because we had no ability to choose Him (I Peter 1:1-2).
- The Christian must **believe that without faith is impossible to please God (render Him fresh glory daily) because anyone who comes to him MUST BELIEVE that He exists (Hebrews 11:6 & I Peter 1:5).**
- The Christian must **believe** that his/her *right belief* will increase his/her faith in our Great Heavenly Father and in all He has done for us through Jesus Christ, which will result in our full and complete Trust in all of God's 7000 plus promises He has revealed to us in His Holy Word for our total joyful benefit as we are totally shielded by His Power (I Peter 1:5).
- The Christian **must believe and fully Trust with total confidence** in the supremacy of Jesus Christ as Messiah in whom the redeemed Believer has been permanently reconciled to God the Father and have seen and experienced the fullness of the Glory of God the Father, for the total sufficiency of what He did for us sinners at the Cross. His sufficient amount of blood that was shed and His Resurrection from the dead (I Peter 1:2).
- The Christian must then **believe** that Jesus Christ does not have to do anything else for the redeemed sinner, because His redemptive and complete work was totally sufficient, not only for the complete justification and resurrection the redeemed sinner experienced, but also to **sustain** the redeemed sinner, with all he/she needs to be an effective believer with permanent joy and peace, forever into eternal glory (I Peter 1:5).
- The Christian must **also believe** that the real miracles of Jesus Christ **only** points the sinner to what took place at the Cross through Jesus Christ for his/her recognition of sin and guilt, not to His Hand for self-centeredness desires that will only make the Christian become a thief of God's Glory.

- The Christian must **believe** that in Christ Jesus he/she can experience a permanent righteous and fresh appetite for God' Holiness as a result of his/her new birth and living hope in Christ Jesus, which will result in **the permanent belief** that Jesus Christ, in whom the Believer has experienced the fullness of God's Love, **is all sufficient, all satisfying, all powerful and all reliable so the Believer will live his/her Life in Christ to the fullest.**
- The Christian *must believe* that the love we have for God the Father, is the absolute provision from Him to us through His Abundant Grace, Great Mercy, the sanctifying work of the Spirit, **for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling of His blood (I Peter 1:2-4).** God the Father **took the initiative to love us. He followed through and Delivered** on His Love for us (I John 4:18). This must be how we carry out ever plan of action.
- The Christian must **believe** that his/her obedience to Jesus Christ must be absolutely, unwavering and uncompromising.
- The Christian must **believe** that there is no excuse or justification (Luke 10:27-30) not to obey God because He has given the Christian in His Love package all the necessary tools the Christian needs to obey Him and hence demonstrate our sincere and genuine love for God the Father (I Peter 1:2-6).
- The Christian must **believe** in each of the helpful tools God the Father has given us.
- The Christian must **believe** that he/she only has one exclusive **choice: Obey God by becoming a willing and grateful participant in His finished work of righteousness.**
- The Christian must **believe** that he/she has seen and experienced in Christ Jesus his/her new birth (1 Peter 1:3) in whom God the Father was fully revealed and manifested. Therefore, to quote my mentor Chuck Colson, *"Our obedience in service to God by loving our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40) must flow out of a compelling conviction of duty, but also our obedience must flow out of our immense gratitude for God's abundant grace and great mercy for us (which will make us shout, alaluya!!), which clearly demonstrates His awesome love for us sinners, who believe that there was no merit in us to deserve His love!"*
- The Christian must also **believe** then that before we became recipients of God's love, we had no ability no love God. In other words, there was no love at all within us that would have glorified God because what we thought was love was self-centered selfish belief in the human trinity: me, myself and I.
- The Christian must **believe** that God the Father loved us sinners through the only vehicle of love that counts: **The Love of the Cross through Christ Jesus, which** redeemed sinners once and for all. The Christian must **believe** that it is this same type of love, and no other, **the love of the Cross through Jesus Christ,** that redeemed sinners must love their (our) neighbors with, to validate the love we as Christians believe we have for God the Father.
- The Christian must **believe then** that our love for God in whom the Christian experiences total satisfaction flows out from our fresh and real attitude of gratitude that gives the Christian altitude to new and fresh levels of joy in our relationship with God

the Father. This permanent and secured relationship is the result of our new birth and living hope we received from God the Father through Christ Jesus! This relationship with God the Father through Christ Jesus will teach us to trust Him at all times and in all circumstances knowing that we are totally shielded by God's Power until the second coming of Christ Jesus (1 Peter 1:5).

- The Christian **Belief** must always flow out from God the Father's Absolute Sovereignty and uncompromising Holy Character!
- The Christian **must believe** that sin is death and totally offends God's Holy Character. Sin is the enemy of joy! Sin **believes** in self for one's satisfaction, rather than **believing**, exclusively and totally, in God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in whom there is an unlimited fountain of refreshing and overflowing satisfaction and permanent joy. John Piper says, "*Sin is the suicidal abandonment of Joy.*" Dr. Piper goes on to say, "*Sin is coming to God and saying to God, no thanks.*"
- The Christian **Belief** must be totally anchored and focused on the absolute sovereign and undisputable love of God the Father that has been manifested and demonstrated, clearly, in Jesus Christ for totally depraved sinners (who do not deserve God's love), who do not possess the ability to choose or find Him.
- The Christian **must believe** that His total devotion must be to please God the Father, through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, by participating by God's invitation, in the finished redemptive work of Jesus Christ. This Trinitarian relationship must be clear and rightly anchored in the **belief** system of the Believer, especially when it comes to making sure that God the Father is the one that demands and deserves **all the Glory!!**
- Remember that only God the Father, not even Jesus Christ, knows the day or hour of Jesus' second coming (Matt. 24:36). The Christian **must believe** at all times that God the Father is Holy (Isa. 6:3; 1 Peter 1:13-15). Therefore, the Cross and sinless blood of Christ Jesus was the only possible payment to appease God's wrath as a result of our sin which offended His Holy character.
- The Christian **must believe** God the Father will never share His Glory with any of His creatures (Isaiah 42:8), and certainly not with totally depraved sinners. However, God the Father demands and commands that His creatures render to Him His Glory that will count forever, so He may unleash His Joy into His creatures.
- The Christian **must believe** God the Father has the complete and total authority as well as the only exclusive right of choosing His elect as His adoptive children (human beings, created by Him) through Jesus Christ, His only legitimate Son (2nd Ranking Person of The Trinity, equal to God the Father in His Divinity).
- The Christian **must believe** that Jesus Christ was totally obedient for the Glory of God His Father in His full humanity, as the second and last Adam (Luke 2:51-52; Phil. 2:5-11).
- The Christian **must believe** that Jesus Christ's unshakable obedience, in the midst of unprecedented sufferings, brought fresh and unspeakable joy to Him (Hebrews 12:2), by accomplishing with perfection and completion the unique mission God gave Him for His glory and our eternal benefit!

- The Christian must **believe, and not doubt**, that the obedience of Jesus Christ is now possible and transferable to Believers who claim to love God the Father (Rom. 1:4; I John 2:3-6; 3:6-10; 4:17-21; 5:2-6).
- The Christian must **believe** Jesus Christ paid the entire bill, without our help, not even the tip (someone had to pay!!!), with His Body and Sinless Blood on the Cross for guilty sinners, who have offended the Holy Character of God 100%.
- The Christian must **believe** that human beings are conceived and born in total sinful depravity, totally wicked, totally separated from God the Father, and with absolutely no ability to seek God the Father, or have the ability to find God (He has never been lost!), or the ability to accept God in his/her own time table, or personal conditions, or the ability to trust in God, or choose any type of good as God defines good (Rom. 3:11-13).
- The Christian must **believe** that before God chose him/her, there was no ability whatsoever inside him/her to choose the ultimate and greatest good, which is God the Father through Jesus Christ, nor could they love God without God loving them (us) first (I John 4:18), because there is no good in any human being, not even deep, deep down, not even at conception or at birth.
- The Christian must **believe** in the **new birth** he or she has experienced and received from God the Father through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit!
- The Christian must **believe** that the Holy Spirit is the 3rd Ranking Person of the Trinity, also equal to God the Father in His divinity, whose function, among many others, is to dwell within the Believer with permanency. The Holy Spirit came to own our house, not just rent it, purchased with Jesus blood.
- The Christian must **believe** that the Holy Spirit's function, as Helper and Counselor, is to apply or deliver into the Believer's tent all the Truth He has received from Jesus Christ so the Believer will be free to love and obey God the Father, exclusively, without delay, by now hating with fresh passion the sin that kept him/her from loving God (1 Pet. 1:3-4; 8-9).
- The Christian must **believe** that he/she cannot have it both ways. The Christian must be a real Christian fully dressed in humility at all times by demonstrating the evidence of his/her love for God, by not delaying the obedience that is required to be a Christian, and therefore, to be convicted with clear evidence in a court of law that he/she is a real Christian who believes right.
- The Christian must **believe** that no human being has the ability to give his/her life to Jesus Christ (what life I ask?) because apart from the life a human being has received from God the Father through His exclusive gift of Jesus Christ (John 10:10), as per God the Father's choosing, that human being is totally dead with no life at all to enjoy or to give. Remember one cannot transfer or give what one does not have (Eph. 2:1-10).
- The Christian must **believe** that God's Grace is truly abundant, not lacking anything. Therefore, the believer must **believe** that God's Grace is also spectacular and glorious, which provides for the believer permanent **security** for his/her justification, redemption, but also for his/her sanctification, enveloped in humility, for the believer to have a

vibrant and very secured relationship with God the Father that will fulfill the believer to experience fresh levels of joy daily and forever and ever with God the Father!

- The Christian must **believe** that his/her salvation—redemption is not his/her to loose, but to enjoy and develop in a permanent relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, who has sealed the believer's redemption for ever and ever (Eph. 1:13). It is a total gift from God. God never goes against His Word and He said that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). God the Father does not take away His gifts to His children. He cannot, because it goes against His Holy Character.
- The Christian must **believe** that as long as he/she practices obedience, our only **real and beneficial** choice as Christians, (for which we are 100% to practice and obey without complaining or arguing) with a joyful attitude (Phil. 2:5; Heb. 12:2), the suffering and trials that come his/her way must first go through the absolute sovereign's filter of God The Father, which God promises they are not only temporary, but most importantly are designed and sent by God for our faith to be proven genuine so it may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. In other words the Christian must **believe and confess** that Jesus Christ is coming back, that is how we really know that God loves us (I Peter 1:5-7).
- Not believing these essential Truths above, *rightly and with total conviction*, is very dangerous and will make one a thief of God's Glory, because God is very Jealous and He will not allow anyone of His creatures, which He created, (you and I) to even think for one moment, and take any percentage of the credit, that anyone had anything to offer to appease the real Wrath of God and hence cooperate with one's Justification (and help out with defending one's self in declaring one's self not guilty before God our Father the Holy judge, when in fact we all are guilty big time, deserving Hell forever!).
- Justification that came through Christ **alone** (the only and exclusive substitution to pay our total penalty of our guilt, and take our cross, that God the Father chose to accept to fully satisfied His Wrath), God's Grace **alone** and through Faith in God the Father's Promises **alone**, which includes Christ's resurrection from the dead in His new and glorified Body (which by the way appeared as clear evidence to more than 520 people 10 different times in 40 days) to defeat death forever, as well as all the works of the devil (I John 3:7-9). Death that entered into every human being that has been conceived or will be conceived in the future, through the original sin of Adam and Eve, is at the core of the Believer's Belief.
- The ability to believe that God Himself gave to each Believer produces the permanent faith to believe without doubting (Matthew 28:16-17) that indeed Jesus Christ is the true Messiah and God, and hence He is the only Truth, the only Life and the only Way to be totally and permanently reconciled to God our Father (John 14:6).
- God the Father has only shared some of His Glory for a very short period with His Son Jesus Christ for our total and permanent redemption which produced much fresh Glory for God the Father (our main objective also as redeemed sinners by obeying to the full Matthew 22:37-40). Please notice that Jesus Christ returned all the Glory to His Father

immediately through His unwavering Obedience that took Him to the Cross of Calvary through the Via Dolorosa (Isaiah 53, John 6, 17 and Philipians 2). It is this unshakable Belief that brings permanent Peace and Fresh Joy in the Believer.

- To Love God means to Obey God without Delay!

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