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## I BELIEVE IN

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

3:00 The Apostles Creed. Not written by any of the apostles, but the expressed faith of the apostles as seen in the scripture. It is a synopsis of what the New Testament teaches as the Christian belief.

7:00 The origin of the creed came from the line of questioning presented to a candidate for baptism. The candidate would say – I believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- 14:00 The Greek and Latin illuminate the emphasis on "I believe <u>IN</u>" which is intended to show a relationship. Man trusting in God.
- 17:10 Isaiah 7:9b "...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all".
- 26:00 The belief is not in any God (Theism) but a very specific God Father-Son-Holy Spirit. Expressed in the Son Jesus the Christ. That is why we call ourselves Christians.

God has created us in his image which means in part; we are able to communicate with him (in relationship), and we have Free Will – we can reject God if we wish.

- 28:00 Revelation 3:20 The Lord stands at our door knocking but we must let him in.
- 29:20 2 Corinthians 4:2 The Gospel message is to be taken forth without deception, manipulation, extra emotional appeal. It is presented by setting forth the truth, plainly and clearly.
- 36:00 Our faith is not a quantitative thing. The question is: what is the Object of our faith? What is our faith in?

Faith matures and strengthens by the assurance gained from our experience. We witness God at work and our trust in him strengthens.

38:00 Isaiah 30:12-15. Verse 15; "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Trust is the key. A synonym for faith as meant in the scripture is often TRUST.

- 42:40 Hebrews 11:6 "and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him".
  - Faith Trust is essential to a real relationship.
- 44:40 John 3:15-16 Those who believe (Trust) in God will have an eternal relationship with him.
- 47:40 Belief, Faith, Trust, all produce the fruit of Commitment. What does God expect as far as commitment? We need to commit as much as we know about ourselves to as much as we know about Him. Next year I should know more about myself (more to commit), and I should know more about the Lord (more to commit to).
- 56:15 John 7:38-39 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

Our belief is not just that there was a Jesus, historically, and that he may be God, but our trust that the Holy Spirit will indwell us so that we will have an impact on the world for the kingdom.

- 58:40 Romans 10:13-15 Faith comes from hearing the Gospel message taught plainly and clearly it is that environment in which the Spirit moves upon those hearers to sift the doubters from the believers. He knocks, but they have to have the will to open the door.
- 63:30 Mark 9:21-24 "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief." Are we willing to be deepened so that our moments of lesser trust are fewer and fewer as we mature?

Is. 7:9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son.

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

Rev. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

<u>2Cor. 4:2</u> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Is. 30:12 Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says:

"Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, this sin will become for you

this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant.

Is. 30:14 It will break in pieces like pottery,
shattered so mercilessly
that among its pieces not a fragment will be found
for taking coals from a hearth
or scooping water out of a cistern."

Is. 30:15 This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- John 3:15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- John 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- Rom. 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Rom. 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?

  And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?

  And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
- Mark 9:21 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"
  - "From childhood," he answered. 22 "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."
- Mark 9:23 "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."
- Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"