

HIGHER AIM

What We Believe - Part 2

What We Believe | Romans 14:12

INTRODUCTION

Living a life fully committed to Christ requires that you know what you believe. Last week, we began a series talking about what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. Today, we're going to continue that discussion, so let's dive in.

KEY POINTS

1. We believe in the competency of the soul.

Every person on this earth is going to one day stand before God and give an account for their life. They will have to take responsibility for all of their words, thoughts, and actions. But when you've placed your faith in Jesus, the Lord will see you as He sees Jesus, completely righteous. And you will get to spend eternity in heaven with Him. But before we get to that point, we are responsible for what we think about Jesus. God will hold you accountable for how you responded to Christ while you were on earth.

2. We believe in the experience of grace.

Experiencing grace means having a spiritual encounter with God. It's where at the right time, at the right place, and in the right way, when we have heard the message of Jesus, the gospel preached very clearly, the Spirit of God begins to do a work inside our spirit, and He begins to draw us to Himself.

For some, it may be a magnet that we cannot resist - the sense that God is drawing us. It may be just a sense of an awareness that you are separate from God, and you need to give your life to Christ." There does not have to be a sense of emotion. Don't wait for a feeling. Just lean into the experience of grace. NOTES

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. How do you feel about having to give an account of your life to the Lord one day?
- 2. When was a time you had a spiritual encounter with God? What did you learn from that encounter?
- 3. How can you see God working in your heart right now?