

Believers and Non-Believers

The Bible is the most verified, authenticated historical document on earth. The more science finds, the more it supports facts in the Bible. Archeologists keep digging up things that prove the Bible is a historically correct as well as faith inspired. There have been many accounts of a man named Jesus, walking in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas performing miracles. His conflict with Roman laws were highly documented by Romans. They have found so many artifacts that support it like the Shroud of Turin that was actually believed to be the cloth that was over Jesus's face in the tomb. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves near Qumran around 1947, these ancient Hebrew and Aramaic manuscripts include biblical texts that predate standard medieval copies by over a thousand years, demonstrating the remarkable textual stability of the Hebrew Bible. Today I see an increasing divide between believers and non-believers. Non-believers do not have the faith to believe the Bible and frankly do not care in most cases because they don't want to be bothered by God. They feel they are doing fine without His help. They don't want to be stifled by commandments and laws.

Today the separation between believers and non-believers is widened as is the liberal/conservative belief and people do not want to hear if you do not want to believe the same as they do. I feel it makes it harder to talk to someone about your faith. We are to be telling people about Jesus, but that is getting to be more difficult. A few yrs ago two very close friends died of pancreatic cancer within a few months of each other. One had been a devout follower of Christ most of her life. They did not know each other. The last time I visited with the devout Christian, she was graceful as always. She KNEW she would see her savior soon and had peace about it. The other friend had spoken with me about my faith just a little over the years. As close as we were, I wasn't positive she was saved. I know she prayed for many things, but she had not been to church since she was a child. My fear was that she thought she was saved but didn't really know the Jesus she prayed to. When she told me about her diagnosis, I asked to come and visit her. Her husband, who was not a believer and has no time for "non-sense" would not let me come and see her. I pressed him and he told me that she was in a coma and wouldn't come out because he didn't want me there. I texted her daughter and told her I was so sorry that she was in a coma, to which she replied, "Oh, she isn't". So, when my friend's death was imminent, she called me to the hospital room so I

could be with her. She was about 80 lbs., frail and in pain. She couldn't speak but the tortured look on her face told me she was in pain. I prayed over her. Except when her husband was in the room. SO sad! I do not know if I will see her in heaven. She was a "good person" but do not be deceived, no one is "good enough" on their own. We need to accept the free gift of salvation. We need to have a relationship with God the Father, Jesus His son and the Holy Spirit. We do not need to be perfect or even "good enough" because that's why we have Jesus. We need to pray ceaselessly. Communing with God every minute of every day.

Lord, thank you that we have the faith to believe that you will take us to a home with "streets of gold" one day. Help us to know when and where we can speak with unsaved friends and family to plant seeds that you will harvest. Amen

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