

# Faith Beyond Belief

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For a moment, let's take a trip in our imagination. Let's take a look beyond our death.

***When one is prepared to die, then they can truly live.***

The bible tells us that "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that, the judgment.

Your standing before God – my standing before God will one day be a reality.

In that day there will be full understanding of all that is truth.

What is true and what is false will no longer be obscure.

The question is, ARE YOU READY?

The Bible: the truth concerning the eternal ages.

Matthew 7:21–23 (NASB95)

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’

<sup>23</sup> “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

## Our faith must go far beyond belief!

**What We Say.** “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord’.”

We say “lord, lord”. However, this alone, does not save us. These words come from one who believes or else they would not say He is lord.

Jesus quoted the words of Isaiah saying, “They honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”

Forever a hearer but never a doer - (James 1:21–25, NASB95)

**What We Do.** The one who will enter Heaven is the one who does the will of God.

Many do their own thing then attach Jesus’ name to it. This speaks to people in the church; therefore, this speaks of people who are believers. These go even farther by at least having a show of ministry.

However, in their life they practice lawlessness. This renders any ministry that they do useless and false for its not the work of the Holy Spirit.

Looking beyond the end, we see that these believers do not enter into Heaven.

## Our faith must go beyond belief.

Faith without obedience is not faith at all. Why do you call Me Lord? The tree is known by the fruit it produces.” (Luke 6:43–46, NASB95)

For a bad tree to produce good fruit is impossible. The bad tree must be converted to a good tree and that is the power of Jesus Christ. He can change the very nature of the heart.

## The New Birth.

John 3:5 (NASB95)

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Water baptism is the testimony of all who believe. But it doesn’t gain entrance into the kingdom of God. One must be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit!

John made this clear in his ministry. I baptize you with mere water unto repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire!

John 1:12–13 (NASB95)

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

The children of God, washed in the blood of Jesus, born of the power of the Spirit, and kept by the power of His word, will all be with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.

Jesus Christ gave His life for the church. The church is the redeemed.

Ephesians 5:26–27 (NASB95)

<sup>26</sup> so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

## **The Judgment.**

The bible tells us of a rich man who, by the way, was religious. Immediately after he died, he opened his eyes in Hell and in much torment.

The bible speaking of the death of a child of God says, “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.”

The bible speaks of two final judgments; the great white throne judgment and the judgment seat of Christ. The unrighteous will be judged at the great white throne judgment and the righteous will be judged before the judgment seat of Christ.

Sobering words:

- What is our life but a vapor?
- The axe is already laid at the root of the trees.
- Fear God who is able to destroy both body and soul in Hell.
- The books were opened and everyone was judged by the things which were written in the books.

James 2:19–20 (NASB95)

<sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. <sup>20</sup> But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

Does your faith go beyond belief?