

YOU NEED TO KNOW

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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ALL ABOUT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 3

Knowing what you believe and why you believe it.

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Introduction to the Doctrine of God the Holy Spirit

And if you had to **locate** the epicenter of the Christian faith, it would have to be Jerusalem.

Acts 1:4-5, 8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

And if you had to **define** the epicenter of the Christian Faith, it would be the bulwarks that arise from the Scriptures - the Bible.

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine** and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

There are basically 5 fundamentals of the Christian faith which are essential for Christianity, and upon which all denominations agree:

- (1) **The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ** (John1:1; John20:28; Hebrews1:8-9).
- (2) **The Virgin Birth** (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:27).
- (3) **The Blood Atonement** (Acts20:28; Romans3:25, 5:9; Ephesians1:7; Hebrews 9:12-14).
- (4) **The Bodily Resurrection** (Luke24:36-46; 1Corinthians15:1-4,15:14-15).
- (5) **The inerrancy of the Scriptures themselves** (Psalm12:6-7; Romans15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20).

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12.) God the Holy Spirit authored the scriptures

The Bible – Unlike all other books, Is alive and active.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight,

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved (held, enveloped, carried)** by the Holy Spirit.

He wants us to trust in His faithfulness

Hebrews 6:18

that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

How God has empowered His eternal word for us

Isaiah 55:10-11

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

What Jesus Thought About the Old Testament

Matthew 5:17 -18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

You can trust the Bible.

1. FULFILLED PROPHECY

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

3. FIRST CENTURY CRUCIFIXION

4. THE BIBLE'S INTERNAL CONSISTENCY

5. EXTRA-BIBLICAL WRITINGS

Other historical sources outside of the Bible corroborate details surrounding:

- The Flood
 - Long life spans prior to the Flood
 - Details surrounding the Exodus
 - The Assyrian invasion of Israel
- Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Judah
- Cyrus's freeing of the Jews from Babylon
 - John the Baptist's murder
- The prolonged darkness on the day Jesus died
- Herod Agrippa's sudden death after being hailed as a god

6. THE BIBLE'S AMAZING SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY

7. THE MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE

Today there survives some 25,000 partial and complete, ancient handwritten manuscript copies of the **New Testament**, as well as thousands of copies of the **Old Testament** and of those **Old Testament** manuscripts, many of them predate the time of Christ.

"In 1947 a shepherd boy tending his father's sheep in Qumran, north and to the west of the Dead Sea in Israel, made an

amazing discovery while looking for a lost goat. There in Qumran, in a hillside cave that had laid untouched for nearly two thousand years, this twelve-year-old Muslim boy discovered a collection of large clay jars containing carefully wrapped leather manuscripts. What this boy stumbled upon was an ancient collection of handwritten copies of the Old Testament that dated as far back as the third century before Christ. This was truly an amazing discovery!

Archaeologists spent years searching the surrounding caves. By the time they were done, copies of every book of the Old Testament had been discovered (with the exception of Esther). In some cases there were multiple copies of the same book. For example, there were nineteen copies of the Book of Isaiah, twenty-five copies of Deuteronomy and thirty copies of the Psalms.”

The Dead Sea Scrolls have allowed Biblical scholars and textual critics to go back and verify that the Bible we have today is the same Bible the early church had 2,000 years ago.

8. THE BIBLE’S TRANSFORMING POWER FOR GOOD IN THE WORLD:

- (1) To build countless hospitals and orphanages.
- (2) Start many of the world's greatest universities Harvard, Yale, Princeton.
- (3) Launch innumerable humanitarian efforts to the poor.
- (4) Work for the equality of men and women and those of different skin colors.
- (5) Scientific exploratory ventures to the world and the universe.
- (6) The development of great arts.
- (7) The abolishment of slavery pioneered by William Wilberforce.

The historian Philip Schaff summarized the enormous impact the Bible has had on people when he wrote this about Jesus:

“Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more people than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, He spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.”

(Schaff, *The Person of Christ*, p. 29)

9. THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

Another reason that you can be sure that the Bible is trustworthy is because Jesus said it was! If there's anyone we can trust regarding the Word of God, it's the One who proved Himself to be the Son of **God by fulfilling hundreds of Old Testament prophecies**, living a sinless life, performing numerous miracles and His resurrection from the dead. And Jesus assured us that the Jewish Scriptures could be trusted: Jesus taught that the Scriptures were:

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13.) God the Holy Spirit unifies the believers

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell **together in unity!**

together / unity yachad, yakh´-ad; to be as a unit made up of multiples. Being one in mission, direction, voice, will, action.

But how does unity happen in the church?

(In the world – unity is easy to achieve.)

NOTE HERE:

Spiritual unity is a divine work that is published or produced by the Holy Spirit.

He is **(#1) the Unifier**. The means by which He unifies is **(#2) The Word of God**. The result is found in the **(#3) unification of the believers**.

Romans 12:5-8

so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; **7** or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly **in the apostles' doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**.

1 Corinthians 12:12-19

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many. **15** If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? **18** But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. **19** And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

Amos 3:3 NLT

Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

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14.) God the Holy Spirit is restraining evil

John 16:7-11

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-9

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4** who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. **5** Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders...

At some point in time, we do not know when, we will not know when, **the Holy Spirit is going to suddenly hand the church over to Jesus at His Appearing. When that happens, the Holy Spirit will do the following:** *"Only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed,"* **Not taken away, but taken out of the way. The world has not yet seen evil like it is going to.**

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15.) God the Holy Spirit equips the Christian for life

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant... **4** There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Ephesians 4:11-14

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Romans 12:1-2, 6-8

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.... **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; **7** or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<

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