

What Would Happen If We Actually Believed the Bible?

Say for example that we believed the scriptures that tell us that there actually was one person who was both God and Man and that He lived a sinless life here on earth yet was tempted in every way in which we are tempted, and yet managed to remain sinless.

Further, what if we actually believed that this same person offered Himself up to His Heavenly Father as the final sacrifice for the sin of mankind? Finding Himself in a situation where all penalties for all sin was poured out on Himself, totally satisfying any claim from anyone here on earth or in the heavens who might need some satisfaction that the work was in fact “finished”

What if we actually believed that ordinances written and given by God Himself to a mediator to be given to mankind that outlined every conceivable situation man could find himself in had to somehow be satisfied with the sacrifice of some other living being?

Having given this incredible outline to man in a very articulate manner explaining just what would be required in their behavior, and then giving them a program whereby alleviating any punishment due the offender, to be placed upon the head of another?

All the time knowing that this program offered would never remove the actual behavior and the penalty thereof from the life of the one offering himself/herself up to his creator for acceptance. Also, knowing that there will not be a behavioral change in the one making the offering, and being totally satisfied with this sacrifice, and steamily totally satisfied with this outcome.

What if after putting all of this together, God was not actually looking for behavioral change in the created being, but rather was after someone who would draw close to Himself and want nothing more than a personal relationship with this person.

Believe it or not beloved, this is what God was after all along.

Not someone who would measure himself either by himself or by the activity of others, but would actually measure only the closeness he is able to obtain with his creator Himself. God is actually looking to gain the heart of the man and nothing more. To find a personal relationship with His created.

You see we are told that this Man (Jesus Christ) actually tore down, blotted out all the ordinances or commandments that were totally against us, took the punishment for breaking them upon Himself and giving us peace with a Righteous God.

If we really believed that this is the case, what part does sin or (missing the mark) actually have to do with the life of the believer today?

How much time is spent on discussing such an “irrelevant activity”? What if the same amount of time was spend in the pulpit on “knowing Him” or “understanding His heart” or “seeing His loveliness” or “sharing His goodness with a dying confused, guilt ridden, lost but needing to be found generation of people?

Why on earth would King David claim in Psalm 51 that God was not after sacrifices and offerings when he knew darn well that that is actually what God had claimed He was after?

We know that answer to that in the next verse.

Jesus said “if I be lifted up (not your or my behavior or lack thereof) I will draw all men unto myself.”