

Why We Believe



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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my wife, Ginger, who has been there for me and nurtured me in spiritual truths for many years.

My kids, Daniel and Pierson, mean the world to me.

All the pastors, teachers, and mentors that have been in my life over the years. They have been an incredible asset to my life.

Finally, The Lord Jesus Christ, who, with His grace and mercy, is the driving force behind all that I do.

Introduction

Why do we believe?

Belief and faith are very closely related.

The definition of believe is:

Believe - to accept or regard (something) as true.

The definition of faith is:

Faith - strong belief or trust in someone or something.

Everyone has belief and faith in many things every day. When we get into our vehicles, we expect them to start. When we come home, we expect everyone to be there, etc. So, all of us have a measure of belief every single day.

What about believing in our Lord Jesus Christ (The anointed one)? This is the reason why I wanted to write this book. You say that's simple; we've heard this from all kinds of people before, but I want to share this concept with you from a different perspective that sheds light on maybe a few things you didn't know. If this is new to you, I hope you give this a chance and be open-minded about what I'm trying to say here. I've gone into great detail and study to

bring much of this information on this vital subject. For some of you, this could be the most important thing you read, period. This subject is a matter of where we spend eternity.

So, where do we look for this information? The Bible is the number one source we need to turn to, but it's not the only source available. Numerous writings from historians and early church fathers (from the first, second, and third centuries) supplied plenty of information about Jesus when He walked the Earth. Also, many artifacts have been uncovered in Israel and Rome that provide insight into the time period as well. Oral traditions are also passed down from Jewish Rabbis and documented from various sources. So, as you see, many sources coincide with the Bible's teachings. Many people in history have been against Christianity for multiple reasons, which is why there is much confusion in the facts surrounding The Bible and Jesus himself. It has been the most controversial subject for 2000 years now since his death. We will explore this in more detail in the coming chapters. I aim to share the knowledge I have learned to help you

understand the evidence to increase your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and The Bible itself.

1 The Bible

The Bible is a compilation of 66 books written by 40 different authors within the span of around 1500 years. Many men with various backgrounds and different time periods wrote all the books. There were kings, scholars, prophets, fishermen, and relatively simple men who penned the words inspired directly by God, which we now call The Bible. They wrote in different places and time periods—some during war, peace, jail, etc. The Apostle John was the last man to write The Book of Revelation somewhere around 95 A.D. on the island of Patmos, where a Roman Emperor banished him for his teaching and spreading the Gospel. God used these men to write the words of the Bible with one thing in mind: God’s redemption of humanity through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

History

We have writings from early church fathers, whom the apostles taught, that back up the stories in The Bible. There were also early historians from Rome and Israel

that wrote books that coincided with the writings as well. A man named Flavius Josephus was a Jewish historian who lived in the first century. He wrote valuable historical records of Jewish history for Rome that coincide with the teaching of The Bible. We also have the writings of many other historians and church fathers from the second and third centuries that back up the stories written in The Bible. From about 337 A.D. until the early 1500s, the Bible went underground and fell into the control of Roman Catholic Priests. They would have the only copies of the books in the Bible and controlled what was being taught because they were written in Latin.

False teaching and many religious ideas were started and continue to this day. In 1517 a man named Martin Luther, a priest, and theologian, wrote a document called The Ninety-five Theses. He started the Protestant Reformation and sought to place the Bible in the hands of ordinary Christians in a language they could understand. Luther taught that salvation and eternal life were not earned by good deeds or religious acts but were a free gift from God's grace through believing in and having faith in

Jesus Christ. Imagine that! That's what the Bible says. Needless to say, the Roman Catholics were not happy they lost control of religion, and of course, money was involved, and we are still battling that fight even today. These are some reasons why there is so much misinformation and confusion between the many churches.

Reliability

Can we really trust the Bible? Even though we have all kinds of sources that back up the Bible, the Bible itself is the absolute best source for believing in Christianity. We have many documents and artifacts uncovered in Israel and Rome that have proven many stories and places in the Bible. We have original manuscripts (early handwritten copies of the Bible) using meticulous practices from scribes from centuries before Christ. In 1947 The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the Qumran Caves, which have almost every book of the Old Testament and other books that support it, written between the first century B.C. to the first century A.D. They were written by a Jewish group called the

Essenes, who devoted their lives to writing and preserving sacred texts. We have uncovered pottery and other artifacts with writings that coincide with biblical texts. Archeologists have excavated areas in Jerusalem and other cities with inscriptions supporting the Bible as well. As we can see, there is much evidence supporting the Bible and other texts.

In The Old Testament, Jewish prophets and scribes wrote prophetic writings within several of the books (Isaiah, The Psalms, etc.). Every prophecy (future events taking place) written by these prophets has come true exactly how it was foretold. Some to the exact year and circumstances like the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus and many other events. Some of these examples are:
Isaiah 9:6

For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. NASB

This was written by the prophet Isaiah (in the book of Isaiah) somewhere around 740 B.C. prophesying about the birth of Jesus.

Psalm 22 is about the crucifixion of Jesus by King David, written around 1000 B.C. It describes the events exactly how they happened as written in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, And they cast lots for my clothing. Psalm 22:16-18 NASB

There are hundreds of scriptures from the Old Testament that describe future events that have happened and more that will occur in the future. The New Testament writers agreed with these and reiterated things that happened and will happen. We can see that all the writers in the Bible agree with each other without any doubt. Therefore, they had to be inspired by God when writing their books. They had no idea that all of this was compiled into what we now have as the Bible. That is where the unbeliever has a problem with scripture. They say, how can this be God if it was

written by men? Well, I say that's just how God wanted to do it. He wanted to speak through men to say what he wanted to say. Man on his own would not have written what is in the Bible. These men were either liars, or they were writing what God told them to write. Liars would not have written the words expressed in the Bible on how we should live or put our trust in Jesus the Messiah. Man would have written look what I can do! Right? Think about it!

2 Life

All species on the Earth originate after their own kind. They reproduce with their own kind. They produce offspring that are the same kind. Do you honestly think that this would have happened on its own from some fish flopping around on the shore coming from some algae? A person has to have more faith in believing in evolution or some scientific explanation of life than you do having faith in the Bible and God. There are so many inconsistencies in the scientific world on evolution that many scientists trying to prove it are now believers in Christ. I have always loved science and science fiction, but Hollywood writers and producers have shaped our world so much that some people think it's real. It's incredible how someone becomes an expert on something. They guess at something with a theory, and it gets written about in an article or book, and by luck, they become an expert.

No fossils have ever been found with an in-between species. If there were such a thing as evolution, you would have evidence from fossils that show something

morphing into another species. Nobody has ever found anything like that, and archeologists have been excavating for hundreds of years. Each species is unique to itself. Evolution is not even believed in the scientific world. Certain species of amphibians, reptiles, etc., have been able to adapt to their surroundings based on certain conditions present. Only God (the creator of the universe) would be able to create something like that.

In the scientific world, they use various methods to date fossils. Radiocarbon dating is one of the most popular methods used. Radiocarbon dating does not tell us how old something is. It only reveals how much carbon is in an artifact. Many factors can skew the results of carbon dating, like contamination, climatic conditions, etc. The flood of Noah, which happened over 4000 years ago, destroyed the amount of carbon relative to anything before the flood. Researchers have also found many inaccuracies in trying to date particular objects from other forms of dating. It is almost insulting to our intelligence when some scientist claims something is millions of years old based on some hypothesis they

have. There is absolutely no way, with any accuracy, someone can say anything is millions of years old. They are just trying to prove God and The Bible wrong to satisfy their own consciences. There is only so much you can learn from a textbook written by other humans. Wisdom comes from above!

3 Jesus as Savior

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24 NASB

Jesus exists in the world today through the Holy Spirit. He can't be seen by the naked eye.

God told Moses, "You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not see Me and Live!" (Exodus 33:20). "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). God is invisible to us. He is too holy for us imperfect humans to see him. The fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden subjected mankind to sin, and God cannot look upon sin and evil.

When Jesus walked the earth 2000 years ago, He was born from spirit into human flesh and became human. He was nailed to the cross and died as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. On the third day, He was resurrected and is now in heaven, awaiting His return to Earth to set up His kingdom here. Most people in the United States and many other countries worldwide have heard this. Many people celebrate Easter.

For many, it has become rabbits and a giant Easter egg hunt if you get where I'm going.

Jesus told a Jewish Pharisee that unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3). When someone accepts Jesus as savior and asks Him into their heart, their life changes (John 10:9-10). When you get born again, and The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within you, your life is not the same as it was. Now how can that be? If someone truly repents and has a relationship with God by praying and communicating with him, they become a different person. Is this just a coincidence? I think not! The problem is that many people are walking around claiming to be Christians, and by the definition Jesus explained, they are not. Those people set a bad example for others, but that's a subject for another time. Someone who is truly born again totally changes over time. How do you explain that? There are many spiritual truths and an entire spiritual world that we can't see, but we know it exists inside of us.

1 Peter 1:8 reads:

and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory. NASB

It is proven that thousands and thousands of people who accept Jesus as their savior and have a relationship with him are joyful and full of glory. Why is that? Is it a coincidence? I think not. A few, maybe, but not the number of people in the Lord that is seen all over the world. Obviously, there are times when people go through various trials and persecution that they are not very joyful. Therefore, we need others strong in the faith to help us return to our joyful state.

All the major religions in the world today do not operate like Christianity. I won't name any names, but I think we know who and what they are. Within their religions, you must work and do all kinds of things to be acceptable to God. It was proven in The Old Testament with Moses and the law that this is impossible for a human to do. Even they had to offer temporary sacrifices to atone for their sins, sicknesses, etc. Christ is

the only one who came to humanity to rid us of sin and sickness free of charge. All we must do is have faith in Him and believe that He is! It really is that easy.

4 Miracles unexplained

There have been many occasions over the years where people with terminal conditions or life-threatening illnesses have been healed.

You can say it's a coincidence, and people's bodies have healed themselves. Some of them maybe, but not hundreds and thousands documented by many men of God over the last several hundred years. Jesus was our example and healed all that he could. Peter and John, two of His disciples, healed people as well. (Acts 3:1-11) They started as just plain fishermen, but through the power of The Holy Spirit healed a man born lame.

All through the New Testament, people were getting healed. Some people say that doesn't happen today. How do you explain powerful miraculous healings that have occurred over the years? Some healings are instant, and some happen over time with continued prayer.

James 5:14-16 reads:

Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. NASB

Unfortunately, there have been times when some who were prayed over were not healed. There are many different reasons this can happen, but we will not get into that in this discussion. There are plenty of things we can't understand right now because we are mere human beings and don't have the mind of God! Plenty of people do get healed, and it's unexplainable.

Other unexplained miracles include prophetic men and women speaking the truth and facts about people they have never seen. I have witnessed this personally, and I can guarantee you that this stuff is real. Some may have gotten lucky and hit on something by accident, but there have been hundreds and thousands of accounts where the gift of knowledge has been given to certain prophetic with no

other explanation but God. This is happening much more frequently now than ever before in history!

Men and women of God have prophetic dreams of certain events (beforehand) that come true. These types of things happen to increase our faith in God and give us proof that He exists. We have no idea how many things and circumstances have been orchestrated by God that turn out a certain way. If all these things were just a few random occurrences, then yes, it would be hard to believe the truth. There have been many documented miracles of healings, visions, and dreams that are unexplainable other than God Himself!

The history of Israel is another miracle. How can a tiny little nation be sitting in the middle of all these hostile Arab Muslim nations and not have been destroyed by now? God has protected Israel and will always defend Israel until the seven-year tribulation occurs. At that point, Israel will be destroyed to usher in a new kingdom run by the Messiah Jesus Himself. Obviously, the United States and other countries are there to help them but isn't that part of God's plan as well? The United States has

always been God's country, and we will fight for it to continue.

As we can see by just a few examples, all the miracles that have occurred and are occurring prove there must be a divine influence here. I believe from experience that plenty of things going on in the world are the direct result of God's hand. We won't know everything God has participated in until we get to heaven. We only know in part at the moment.

5 Majestical God

When I look at a beautiful landscape or a beautiful mountain range and valley, I can't help knowing that the God of this universe created all of this. When we look at all the life on the Earth and how perfect and orderly each species is, including plant life, is there any doubt that an all-powerful God created all of this? We can listen to all these theories that man has tried to explain creation scientifically, but honestly, anyone believing this stuff doesn't want to accept the truth. They are trying to come up with reasons not to believe there is a higher power over them.

The Earth is spinning on an axis and rotating around the sun in a perfect orbit. Life will cease to exist if that orbit is off, even the tiniest fraction. I can't believe the whole Earth and all its creations, including man, are rotating around the sun in a perfect orbit for thousands of years, and not one time has this orbit ever been off at all. We look at all the planets that are in orbit with us and wonder how in the world did all this happen. I truly believe God knows all the laws of physics.

When I look up at the sky and see all the stars and the different constellations, I can't help thinking of how awesome our God is! Telescopes don't even come close to identifying the universe and distant bodies out in space. Astronomers try to date the universe at millions of years old and try to come up with theories on how the universe was formed. There is no way, with any amount of physical proof, that anyone can predict how long the universe, Earth, or any other object in space has existed over time. Just because someone makes a theory doesn't make it accurate. Just because they got lucky predicting some small piece of evidence, they push it forward and say, "Oh, if that's true, then this must be." Plenty of non-believers want anything to grab ahold of that proves there isn't a God or The Bible itself isn't true. Hollywood has shaped our perception of how space and distant objects should be in our minds, and scientists try to create theories based on that. Personally, I love all the science fiction movies that have been out over the years and have grown up watching them. When I read the Bible, it tells me a different story. God spoke into existence all the heavens

and earth (Genesis 1:1), and the heavens are still forming from his spoken word. This will continue until the end of the age. He then will make all things new and usher in a new age where He will rule on the earth for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4).

Detailed Human Bodies

The human hand is made up of a total of 27 individual bones. Each foot is made up of 26 bones, 30 joints, and more than 100 muscles, tendons, and ligaments, all of which work together to provide support, balance, and mobility. What about human eyes and ears? They see and hear while transmitting information to the brain for humans to comprehend what we are seeing and hearing. Do you honestly think, the way our bodies are put together, that this could have happened by chance through evolving from some single-cell organism from the ocean? The human brain is so complex that we only know about 10 percent of how it functions. Even with our technology and hundreds of years of study, we know very little about how it operates. It almost insults my intelligence to think all this stuff just

appeared from algae. I have a better idea! How about a loving God almighty who formed us from the dust and breathed life into us to make us what we are today.

If humanity evolved over time, like the science world claims, then we would have also evolved mentally. If we started from algae and formed into something, we would have mentally had to grow as well, right? Plenty of evidence shows us that people in the ancient days were knowledgeable about physics and mathematics in architecture and how they lived. The ancient ruins in Egypt, South America, etc., show us these massive pyramids and giant structures made with no equipment helping them. The advanced techniques that they used to build these gigantic structures go beyond most people's mental ability. Wouldn't humanity be a whole lot smarter as time goes by? Obviously, we have grown more technologically advanced within the last 100 years, but the point is that people were just as intelligent in the early days as they are today.

In the Psalms, we read:

“God’s splendor is a tale that is told, written in the stars. Space itself speaks his story through the marvels of the heavens. His truth is on tour in the starry vault of the sky, showing his skill in creation’s craftsmanship. Each day gushes out its message to the next, night by night whispering its knowledge to all— without a sound, without a word, without a voice being heard, yet all the world can hear its echo. Everywhere its message goes out. What a heavenly home God has set for the sun, shining in the superdome of the sky!”
Psalms 19:1-4 TPT

King David wrote this Psalm about God’s splendor in the sky. When we look at the sky at night or during the day, we can’t help wondering about the beautiful, magnificent creation surrounding us. Therefore, many cultures and religions worship constellations, the sun, the moon, etc. Humans have this inner knowledge that there is some God that exists just because of the awe-inspiring celestial heavens around us. Even if they have never heard the Gospel preached before, there still

exists this yearning for a creator that exists in all of humanity. Some people have blotted out this driving force built inside of them because they don't want to come under any authority. They think everything revolves around themselves and what they can do. At the end of the day, they are left clueless, searching for answers, especially when faced with life's problems and traumatic experiences. Unfortunately, this is true for some well-known people everyone looks up to just because they have gained popularity and become temporarily wealthy.

Romans 1:20 reads:

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” NASB

Many people, throughout the years, have been without excuse knowing about the Bible and hearing about Jesus. Here in the United States, Europe, and many other

countries worldwide, have a church on every other corner, and they have seen or heard about Jesus. I understand this isn't the case everywhere, but many people have heard or seen that Jesus and the church exist. I realize new generations of people not exposed to the Gospel are everywhere, and we still need to evangelize the lost and bring them into a loving relationship with Christ. I venture to say that a large majority of people have heard about Jesus and choose not to be in submission to anyone or anything these days.

Cells and DNA

Our cells and DNA are so complex that only God could have created them. Humans and all living things are composed of millions of cells that make up different parts of the body and the organs inside of them. They have specific functions within the body that causes different components to operate as God intended. DNA stores and processes information inside cells like a giant complex computer. It is far more advanced than any computer program in existence. More and more scientists

studying DNA believe a God must be responsible for creation. They have realized that the makeup of cells and DNA is far more complex to have just evolved over years and years of evolution. However, many more scientists are trying to prove that God doesn't exist because of their own insecurities and convictions. Just because someone has been able to advance a long way in education and is blessed with a high IQ doesn't make them an expert in creation. They are attempting to solve something they are not even close to solving. (Not even on the same page!) It would be like a 5-year-old trying to tell you how a space shuttle operates inside and out. They could make a good guess based on what they know and their surroundings but wouldn't even be close to the physics and wiring that makes the big machine operate. You would have to multiply that by millions to try and equal God's mind, but you get my point. I am not against education by any means. We need it here in this world to survive, but it has its limits when you are trying to solve things only God can solve.

6 Religion and Denominations

Religions have existed as long as people and civilizations have been around. Archeologists have uncovered various ruins from ancient civilizations around the world, and they always find evidence of religion and religious practices. Usually, they worshipped things like the sun, the moon, nature, etc., because they relied on nature and crops to provide for their survival. Writings and paintings have been found on artifacts and cave walls showing various forms of worship. Humans have indwelt, in our bodies, a longing for a higher power that we naturally know exists. That is why people who don't know God are constantly trying to fill voids ingrained in us with artificial desires. They are always wondering why we are here and filling the void with drugs or other means of satisfying their soul. It is part of our existence.

Of the major religions of the day, Hinduism and early forms of Judaism are some of the first followed religions. Buddhism was a spinoff of Hinduism and Christianity, and Islam followed after the death of Christ. It's funny that people will

accept our dating system before and after Christ but don't believe in Christ!
All of the practices within the major religions are very similar to what is written in the Bible. They use some of the same techniques from the Bible but twist them to satisfy their purpose. One thing is certain: out of all the religions (mainly Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), Christianity is the only one where God (Jesus) came down to us, and all we have to do is believe in him. Within Judaism, Islam, or any other religion, mankind has to make himself worthy by doing works and acts of service to be acceptable before God. It was proven in the Bible that we cannot measure up to God under any circumstance by doing works of our own flesh. We are sinners by the nature of Adam and are incapable of following the law to be acceptable by God. That is why we need Jesus as our savior! He died for our sins and made us acceptable in God's eyes by taking away our sins. Praise The Lord!

Denominations in the church came about after the death of Christ, with the Catholic Church being the first denomination coming out of Rome. In 313 AD Emperor Constantine, I made Christianity legal with

the Edict of Milan. Then in 380 AD, under Emperor Theodosius, Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. The Roman Catholic Church continued as the only means for people to hear the Bible preached for hundreds of years. The Bibles that were used were written in Latin, and no one could read Latin. As a result, the Catholic Church had control over the people with what was being preached. They came up with a bunch of man-made rules and interpretations of the Bible that aren't Biblical. The church and the government were involved together, and greed set in to control the people. They adopted many rules and regulations that hindered people from following the true Gospel.

In 1054 The Eastern Orthodox Church split from the Catholic Church over doctrinal issues. In 1517 with the Protestant Reformation, the church was divided into over 200 denominations. The early reformers realized the Bible clearly stated that we are justified by faith, not by following a bunch of man-made rules and regulations.

It is easy to see why many people have been turned off by attending these religious

services and think that is how church is supposed to be operated. In a service where the Holy Spirit is moving, people are getting healed, and there is joy in the hearts of those attending. I realize there are different ways people like attending services and worshipping the Lord, but if people are being subdued because of man-made rules, they can't experience God's true love and nature.

7 Last Days

The Bible gives us plenty of information concerning the last days and Christ's return. We can see that what was written 2000 years ago is going on and so prevalent in society today. The disciples came to Jesus and asked when the end would come and what would be the sign of His return. He answered their questions in these scriptures.

Matthew 24:6-12 says:

6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many

false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. NASB

These things have been going on for many years since then, but the frequency they are happening is increasing every year. Wars, famines, and earthquakes have been going on for years, but they are happening all the time now. People betraying one another and love growing cold is almost second nature now, whereas 75 to 100 years ago, trust and integrity meant something.

In the first century, the apostle Paul also wrote to Timothy, one of his disciples, about what would happen in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says:

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of

godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these. NASB

We are definitely here. I know there have been many people that fit these descriptions over the years, but this is so prevalent in society today. We can look around and see more people that fit these descriptions than ever before.

2 Peter 3:3-4 says:

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as they were from the beginning of creation." NASB

The apostle Peter, who walked with Jesus, wrote this about what it would be like before the coming of the Lord. Many believe these are all made-up stories because it has been a long time since everything has happened. That is precisely

how it was before the flood in Noah's day;
boom, it was too late!

As you can see, many things predicted in
The Bible concerning the last days are
happening right before us. God is very
merciful, holding out as long as He can to
bring as many people into his kingdom as
possible. One day though, it will be too late!

8 Conclusion

We are promised eternal life if we believe in and follow Jesus. Jesus said himself:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:16 NASB

It would be a shame to read all of this and not know you are going to heaven or have victory on Earth while you are here. God has a beautiful plan for your life, but it takes knowing him and believing that he is to make that happen. If you want to be sure that you are saved and are going to heaven, repeat this prayer and believe in your heart: *Lord, I confess with my mouth that you are my Savior. You died on the cross for me and shed your blood for my sins. On the third day, you were resurrected and are now seated in Heaven, waiting for your return to the Earth.*

If you say this simple prayer and mean it in your heart, you can be sure you will be saved. That's it! The Lord made it very simple for us to be saved and have a way to

follow him. You will want to read and study the Bible to know how to have a relationship with God. He wants a relationship with us through prayer and communication. After that, we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit to activate Him as a helper in our lives. The Holy Spirit is part of the three-in-one trinity of God, living inside our bodies, helping and comforting us along the way.

It doesn't matter how much information and evidence we have; faith is essential to believing in Jesus and God.

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be the One who rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6 NASB

There are many things that we don't understand about Jesus, Heaven, and exactly how everything works. That is why Jesus said we must come to him as little children. Our brains are not smart enough to process everything there is to know about creation, the Bible, etc. We only know in part, at the moment, because that

is how God intended it to be. I always hear why does God do this? Or why does he allow things like death and suffering? There are many things that can't be answered in this life, but God has his reasons, and we can't beat ourselves up trying to figure them out. What we think is a solution may totally be the opposite of what really must happen. I always use the ant analogy. Ants are intelligent creatures in their own world, but they have no idea how to pilot a space shuttle. They have no idea that it's even possible but are brilliant thinkers and planners in the insect world. Our brains process information based on what we have learned, how we were brought up, and our cultural surroundings. What we are thinking, in our heads, about creation and the mysteries of the universe are totally different from the process and mystery of God's spoken word that formed the Heavens and the Earth. We can't even wrap our minds around God's infinite wisdom and knowledge. All we know is what he tells us in his word and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. He had to keep things simple enough for us to understand, knowing that humanity always seeks

knowledge and understanding to satisfy our minds. Remember, we were created in God's image, and he knows everything about us.

Science is always trying to figure out how the Earth operates. An example is the weather experts trying to figure out how many storms we will have each year, and they are far away. With the help of technology and many years of study, they have come a long way in helping people be prepared and giving us much insight. Although humanity only knows so much about how the Earth operates, we are very grateful for the advances in science and the medical field. Doctors and scientists have helped many people for years, and we are very thankful for that. But we must remember they are only human beings and look to God for the final answers.

I have only scratched the surface of many of these issues. I wanted to write a generalized book backed by physical and biblical facts on why we should believe in God our Father and Jesus Christ the Messiah. There are many resources out there that go into these subjects much deeper. The Bible is our primary source for

information about Jesus, but there are plenty of other sources available written by historians and men from Jesus's time to the present. You have to admit there is much evidence I have shared in this book that should persuade anyone to believe in The Lord Jesus Christ or at least do their own research. And for believers, it is a book to help strengthen their faith. If it were just a few things, I would understand being skeptical or not giving it much attention. I have disclosed plenty of information and facts that there should be no doubt that Jesus exists and plenty of facts to back it up.

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