Salvation/Believe January 9

Life After Death

As we all know death comes to all mortals, but believing that our soul lives on after death makes our physical death faceable.

God gave man his soul – And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7. KJV. So here we see the living part of us is our soul, in death our soul departs from us – And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, (for she died) Genesis 35:18a. KJV.

Upon dying our soul departs and it goes to its eternal resting place –but now it has been revealed to us through the coming of our Saviour, Christ Jesus. He has ended the power of death and through the gospel has revealed immortal life. 2 Timothy1:10. Through Jesus our soul can also live with Him forever and ever!

If we believe that there is no life after death, how bleak our lives would be all love, hope and faith would be to no avail. The promise of eternal life gives this life on earth meaning and purpose.

VERSE FOR TODAY: For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. 2 Corinthians 4: 16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thanks be to you, O Lord, who gave meaning and purpose to this life, helping me to give others this same hope.

Believe January 10

God

God is our creator, the one who caused all the world and us to exist.

-In the beginning God created the heaven and earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female. Genesis 1:1, 27.KJV We see God created the world and human life too. When you really think about the birth of a baby, only God could create such a miracle.

The theory of evolution, where it is theorized that man started as ape and through centuries evolved into man, does not fit into a God created realm. There may be a side of evolution that may fit, the idea that animals and other living matter adapt to their surroundings. When we are born our existence out of the womb is a totally different world and if we don’t adapt, we die!

VERSE FOR TODAY: How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! Psalm 19:1

PRAYER THOUGHT: Praise the Lord today and everyday for our very existence.

Believe January 11

God is Eternal

Something that is eternal lasts forever, an infinite amount of time. God is eternal. O Lord, you live forever;

Psalm 102:24b.

The same God that helped the Israelites –God has always been your defense;

his eternal arms are your support.

Deuteronomy 33:27a. Those same eternal arms support us today, so many centuries later.

God was before the world and will be God after the world passes away – Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternally God, and will be God for ever. Psalm 90:2.

There is nothing more lasting than God, in this ever-changing world, God is, was and evermore shall be.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God; Isaiah 40:28a.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord,

for always being there for me during the good and bad times.

Believe January 12

God’s Faithfulness and Truth

One way of showing faithfulness is to keep promises, God keeps His promises –Praise the Lord who has given his people peace, as he promised he would. He has kept all the generous promises he made through his servant Moses. 1 Kings 8:56.

Through God’s faithfulness we can gain strength – But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and keep you safe from the Evil One. 2 Thessalonians 3:3. What an inner peace when we know we can depend on God.

We know God will do what is right –Your God is faithful and true; he does what is right and fair. Deuteronomy 32:4b.

We often depend on earthly people and things and put our trust in them, but God is the only true and steadfast being.

VERSE FOR TODAY: God is not like men, who lie; He is not a human who changes his mind. Whatever he promises, he does; He speaks, and it is done. Numbers 23:19

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Help me to be more like Thee.

Believe January 13

God is the Judge

God is the only true judge of people, because he is the only one who can see all that one does in the open as well as in secret. - God is going to judge everything we do, whether good or bad, even things done in secret. Ecclesiastes 12:14.

God is a just God. In judging, as at Sodom, He tried to find some innocent people, because he did not want to destroy the innocent with the guilty –The judge of all the earth has to act justly. Genesis 18:25c. We know when we are judged by God we will receive what is fair and just.

God will also be the final judge of the world – For God will reward every person according to what each has done. Romans 2:6. We are so fortunate to have someone who judges everyone alike. Here we can see that whatever God’s final decision will be of our fate we will have the most fair and just judge of all heaven and earth. If the verdict is eternal damnation we will have only ourselves to blame.

VERSE FOR TODAY: God is the only lawgiver and judge. He alone can save and destroy. Who do you think you are, to judge someone else? James 4:12.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for your fair judgment. Help us to believe in you and live for you making your only judgment of us rewards not destination.

Believe January 14

God is Love

God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world to die for us that we might have eternal life. Can you imagine loving so much that you’d give your ONLY son to die that that person could live? That is what God did for us while we were living in hate and sin.

God is love, and those who live in love live in union with God and God lives in union with them.  Love is made perfect in us… 1 John 4:16b-17a. If we live in the Love of the Lord He lives in us by means of the Holy Spirit.

Love is from God – Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. 1 Corinthians 13:8.

Love does not come from ourselves - …love comes from God. God is love…1 John 4:7a, 8b.

VERSE FOR TODAY: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 KJV.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for such undying love that you have shown us, help us to show such perfect love in my life.

Believe January 15

In Jesus

The Birth of Jesus was foretold or prophesied many years before the actual event - A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, “Wonderful Counsellor”, “Mighty God”, “Eternal Father”, “Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 9:6.

The birthplace of Jesus was also foretold - The Lord says, “Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times.”Micah 5:2. Micah and Isaiah had to be inspired by God to have foretold the information about Jesus’ birth so many years before it actually happened.

Jesus was sent to the one final sacrifice to remove sin - Instead, now when all ages of time are nearing the end, he has appeared once and for all, to remove sin through the sacrifice of himself. Hebrews 9:26b. The Israelites were required to make sacrifices of animals, flour, olive oil, and birds, several times a year and for numerous sins and festivals. Leviticus is a good book to explain all the sacrificial requirements. Jesus changed all of that for us, He was a once and for all sacrifice for our sins.

VERSE FOR TODAY: “…She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus — because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for your Son that paid the price for our sins.

Believe January 16

Jesus, Son of God

Jesus being the Word of Life – In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**From the very beginning the Word was with God. John 1:1, 2. We see here that Jesus was with God, in God, at the creation of the world, now Jesus was made in human form.

A revelation was made by an angel, to Mary, a virgin, that she would have a child by the Holy Spirit - The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35. This establishes the divine nature of Jesus.

For more evidence of the divine nature of Jesus - Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the firstborn Son, superior to all created things. Colossians 1:15.

God acknowledged Jesus as His Son - Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.” Matthew 3:17.

Jesus also acknowledged that he was the Son of God –“… tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Jesus answered him, “So you say… Mathew 26:63c, 64a.

VERSE FOR TODAY: As to his divine holiness, he was shown with great power to be the Son of God by being raised from death. Romans 1:4.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, your divine nature is such that we have a perfect example through you.