**BELIEVE or UNBELIEF**

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**GOD HAS PROVED HIS LOVE TO YOU**

I want to start out this Newsletter by saying – O to BELIEVE GOD!! O the Blessedness of trusting in Him and Believing His Word! God has promised Good things to those who will only Believe. The Lord is Ever Faithful. He forever remains True to His Word and Promises. Not a Word of His good promise can ever fall to the ground. He will Hasten His Word to perform it – (Which means He will watch over it to make it good in your Life if you will Believe and obey it). To really Believe is a Heart matter – it’s in the Heart - you Know – you are Persuaded - you’ve already seen enough – you’ve seen answers to Prayer – you’ve seen God make ways when there wasn’t any. In His time, He comes through. He’s opened doors you could not see. (He is the Door). Deep in your Heart, you know how God has come by your way and touched you many times. He’s blessed you in ways you could not see and wasn’t even aware of. He’s worked in your situations, worked things out that you couldn’t. For you know by experience that your Lord knows how to fix things. O the times that your Heavenly Father saw you struggling, saw you in need and He sent others your way, put it in their hearts and sent them to you. God became your Helper and Saviour through them! They were God’s hands and feet ministering to you in your time of need. They brought words of encouragement and was God’s Love reaching out to you. O the times He has showed you mercy over and over when He heard the cry of your Heart in your time of need! He knew you wanted to serve Him and He did not let you down.

**DON’T DOUBT JESUS NOW**

**HE’LL BE THERE**

 Dear Child, you already **Know** too much to doubt your God now! You have witnessed how He has calmed your storms on the troubled sea. When your boat was being tossed by the waves and in the fog and mist you could not see, He spoke to the troubling winds and they hushed. Your Lord and Saviour brought a great Calm. You may be going through it right now but don’t ever forget, Jesus knows right where you are. He’ll come to you in the fourth watch (3am -6am) of the night as He did the disciples of old. God saw them so troubled and afraid. When they thought their boat was going down, they looked out over the raging waters and there was Jesus walking on the waves coming to them!

He spoke His famous words as He still speaks them today – “Be of Good Cheer: it is I; be not afraid!” When Jesus stepped on board, the wind ceased. O what a Saviour! O how faithful He is to those who Believe. Don’t doubt your Lord now! Keep trusting Him Child. Your night will never be too dark or too long what He won’t find you. He’ll come and bring you peace and you’ll be on your way sailing again. Jesus will never leave you, forsake you, forget you nor lose you!! Dear reader, you’ve seen His tender hand of mercy and felt it touch you time and again. It was there to lift you when you were down. You’ve heard His voice deep in your Heart say – “it’s going to be alright, it will work out, just hold on and trust me.” And here you are today, years later and you’re still trusting and serving God. He didn’t let you down. He didn’t let you down. He was there all the time. Yes, you know too much to ever doubt Him now!

**LORD JESUS – I STILL BELIEVE!**

 This writer would like to pause to say – “I wasn’t there when Jesus looked out over the multitudes with compassion and fed the hungry, healed their sick and hurting, raised the dead and restored their life back to them, made the lame to leap and walk, opened the eyes of the blind and behold their joy as they looked for the first time upon their Saviour’s face, how He caused the dumb to talk and sing, how He healed the troubled minds and souls – But I believe! I wasn’t there to see Him when He laid down His life for us on an old rugged Cross, stretched out His hands for them to drive the nails through them and through His feet as He bore our every sin. I wasn’t in the crowd that day to watch as they lifted Him up on that Cross and hear the words He uttered from a broken heart - “Father, forgive them.” I never heard Him when He looked at the repentant thief by His side and said – “Today, shalt thou be with Me in Paradise!” But O I believe! I didn’t witness as He died and they took His body down, wrapped it in grave clothes and placed it in a borrowed tomb and rolled a 2,000 - pound stone over the door to seal it shut. I wasn’t there on that 3rd day on resurrection morning when Hell did its best to keep our Lord in the grave and see the Angel roll away the stone and witness our Lord Jesus come out with power and great Glory holding the keys of Death and Hell in His hand, saying “All power is now given unto me.” But I believe! I wasn’t standing there in that crowd that day on the Mt. of Olives as Jesus ascended up to Heaven in a cloud and hear the Angels dressed in white say – “This same Jesus you see go away is coming back in like manner.”

 No, I wasn’t there to hear or see any of that, but O how I Still believe! I have the witness deep in my Heart! This good Salvation has kept me for almost 44 long years! It’s been tried and True, HAS NEVER FAILED and I am persuaded it will take me through. I have the Sweet Holy Ghost abiding inside and He’s letting me know – the Lord is coming, He’s coming soon!! Just hold on a little longer, keep serving and trusting God.

 Dear reader, don’t doubt the Lord now! He’s coming and His reward is with Him. God has not forgotten you. Though tired and weary, battle scarred and afflicted - just keep on Believing, keep on pursuing, do not faint! It’s no time to let up now. It’s just about over Child, the battle is almost won. You started out in this race maybe weeks, months or years ago to make Heaven your eternal Home, so Run. Look out what’s in ahead of you. You are coming around the last bend, be patient, keep Believing, you can’t slow up now. We’re almost Home!! Lord, I’m going to serve you till my last breath. Jesus, I still Believe! I Love you and I KNOW you Love me!

**THE DANGER OF UNBELIEF**

 Children, we’ve studied the Heads side of Belief. Now, I want to turn the coin over to the Tails side of **Unbelief**. Do you know what the number one biggest Sin is in all the world? It’s the Mother of all others. It’s the most horrible and ugliest of them all. This Sin has sent more people to Hell than any other listed in the Bible! As a matter of fact, every soul of the sinner and backslider that dies lost and ends up in that place of torment is because of this Sin. It is the Horrible Sin of **Unbelief.** This Sin, God hates! He withdraws Himself from it. It turns Jesus away from you. The Angels won’t even come around it. It will shut the Door of Heaven on you. Unbelief will tie God’s hands that He cannot touch you and move for you. It will bar your path to Blessings and will hold back good things from you.

 This Sin started way back in the Garden of Eden. It drove our first parents out of Paradise and barred them from ever entering back in. Since that day when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and did not believe His Word – O what a Trail of Tears Unbelief has left behind! You can trace Unbelief’s footsteps all through your Bible and the pages of History and you will see the mess that it has left behind – the fragments and broken pieces of peoples’ lives! O the failures and regrets and defeats it has left behind. Just look around you, it’s not hard to see Unbelief’s hideous results upon man’s body and soul. This Sin is an evil Monster – It is a Spirit. It’s not hard to spot it – it wears the cloak of Doubt. The Devil is its father. If you will listen close, you still can hear its voice all around you today. It still hisses from the voice of the Serpent like it did to Eve long ago – “You don’t have to listen to God – you don’t have to believe what He said – it’s alright – it’ll be OK – go ahead and do it, enjoy it, it won’t hurt you – you don’t have to take God’s Holy Word serious and believe it! You’re not getting anywhere anyway – just give in!” O what a deadly seducing voice this word – UNBELIEF has in it! Spiritual death lies in its clutches.

**THE SON OF GOD REJECTED IN**

**NAZARETH**

 When Jesus came into His home town of Nazareth, the people wouldn’t believe in Him. That’s just Mary and the carpenter’s son. The Bible said in Mark 6 – There, He could do no mighty work, save He laid His hands upon a few sick folk and healed them. **Mark 6:6** – And He **Marveled** because of their Unbelief. (After all I have done and showed you, and all that you have heard of me and you still Won’t Believe?)

 O God, have mercy! Is this the reason America is in the shape she’s in? Surely this is the reason the homes are broken and a mess with Sin – a society that has pushed God out, rejected His Word and Commandments and now she’s reaping the whirlwind!

**DEFINITION OF UNBELIEF**

 The definition of Unbelief is – (The disbelief of God’s Divine Word and Gospel). The awful spirit of Unbelief rejects God’s Laws. Does not reverence or respect Him. It won’t take His warnings. It shuns His reproof and instruction. **Unbelief** sees no danger! It is presumptuous in its actions. It lives for the moment and self-gratification. It doesn’t weigh the consequences or look ahead to see the end result. It has NO FEAR of God!

Unbelief is the biggest enemy God has and will forever be your most dreaded foe and opponent. It will face you at every turn. It will meet you at the junctions in your life when you need to make important decisions. There will be times God will call and He will deal and speak to your heart concerning His Word and Will. It’s in these places you will come face to face with this spirit. It will challenge you whether you will believe God, cling to Him, trust and obey! If you listen and give in to it, God can never bless and move for you. He cannot use you.

Listen close: Many people die prematurely and go to the grave before their time because of Unbelief. They simply gave up on God. There will be times in your life that you will find yourself in hard places, in places of confinement. It’s in these places that you cannot change the situation you are in but you are forced to endure for a while. You don’t like it and don’t want it, but you are there. It is here that your Faith in God will be tested and tried! Will you still Love Him and Serve Him? Will you still Trust and hold on to Him? Will you be true? Do you still Believe and know that your God is with you and will not fail? Remember, He’s the God of your Past that Called you and Saved you and He will not leave or forsake you now! He’s there dear Child, Don’t Doubt Him now!

Oh, dear God, help us to realize that Unbelief will bring the hedge down around us! It will allow the enemy to come in and wreak havoc in our life. When this spirit is in your heart, it opens the door to every other spirit to enter. And believe me, there are many spirits in this world, just look around you - But there’s only ONE HOLY SPIRIT! The spirit of Unbelief will weaken you, strip you of your armor that you won’t be able to stand against your enemy and the wiles of the devil. This awful spirit if allowed in your heart and mind, will paint everything negative and bad. Its aim is to make things look worse than what they really are. The spirit of Unbelief will always make God look small and unfair. It will make Him look too hard – that He doesn’t understand and does not care. In your times of suffering is when Unbelief’s voice can be heard loud and clear – You don’t have anything, you’re not important, others are blessed more than you - just give up, what’s the use!

**THE FINAL STAGE OF UNBELIEF**

 Listen to me close: Many are called but few are chosen. The chosen ones are those who come through the fire still holding on to Jesus. I’ve seen many in my 44 years of Christian service who were truly called. They had an experience in God. The Lord revealed Himself to them and blessed them. They were anointed and used of the Holy Ghost but somewhere along the way, in their time of trial, they Doubted out! They gave up their Faith in God that was much more precious than Gold and went their own way. Now they are outside looking in and their lives are a mess. They made total shipwreck.

 To the sinners who rejected the Lord down through the years and went their own way and would not believe in God, they will come to the end and that spirit of Unbelief will say – “You have failed!” I want to say to all who are reading – If you give up on God and will not Believe Him, trust and obey – your Unbelief will turn inward on you in the end and you will feel no good and unworthy. That horrible spirit will tell you – “You are a Failure!”

**THE FINAL PICTURE**

This is the final picture of a soul in its death throes after years of rejecting God. They now have lost all hope – nothing good to reach for - all those wasted years cannot be recalled. Gone is yesteryears Grace. They’re not happy with themselves. My life is vain they say. I don’t like what I see, what I’ve done and what I have become. I’ve wasted my life. I didn’t Believe God. I turned Him away. I MISSED IT! I had a chance but forfeited it all because I wanted to have things my way. Their final thoughts are: “I wish I had Believed!” And now, that spirit of Unbelief that was with them all those years is there to usher them into the darkness of death without Christ Jesus and it will forever be with them in eternity. Oh God, help us get this horrible spirit out of our heart and life before it is too late.

I want to say to my readers – “Hold on to God! Don’t doubt Him now!” Many of you are being tried and going through the fire. But Remember, God operates by Faith! There’s just something about Believing God and going on when things are rough and bleak. That little mustard seed size of Faith and the desire that’s in your heart has taken you through and it will surely see you through to the end! Though your Faith at times has wavered and sometimes been weak – but yet, it has kept you! O thank God, it has kept you. It didn’t let you down. The Lord has come to you time and again because you still believed.

**My Prayer**:

Lord Jesus, I know you’re coming soon. I want to be found Faithful, still holding on and Believing. I’m longing for your appearing and to go Home! I’ve come this far by Faith and I’m going to finish the race. Through it all Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in you. You’ve been so good to me – I refuse to let go of your nail-scarred hand. I’ll cling to that old Rugged Cross and exchange it some day for a Crown. God loves you! May God Bless my readers!

Lord Jesus, I

Will forever

Believe & Trust

**IN YOU!**