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Are You Really A Bible Believer?

One of the first requirements of what a person says they believe is that he/she know something about what it is that they do believe. An older brother of the church walked up to me one day and told me that when he passed from this life that he wanted me to preach his funeral. I then knew something about his intentions which I did not know prior to him sharing it with me. In addition, I trusted this man to be telling the truth as I knew his character and had faith in what he spoke.

A significant fact concerning a Bible Believing Person is that they must have some knowledge of the Bible and have faith in the one who wrote it. The Apostle Paul spoke concerning the authenticity of the content of the Bible when he said, **“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets”** (Hebrews 1:1). Paul’s words should reflect our attitudes, as quickened followers of Christ, toward its divine authorship, therefore cementing our belief in its contents.

In Genesis 1:26 we find, **“And God said, Let us make man in our image.”** If we, as human beings, are rational beings who are made in God’s divine image, then it is logical to believe that our Creator has given the truths of the Bible to His offspring. God has spoken to us in many ways, one being through His wonderful, marvelous, and beautiful creation which indeed testifies of His majesty. David said, **“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork”** (Psalm 19:1).

God went further and has communicated directly with His children through the means of His inspired, written word. Jesus himself said, **“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”** (Matthew 4:4 - Luke 4:4). Paul related these thoughts much better than I in the First book of Corinthians 2:10-13,

10 “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

In conclusion I ask these two questions: As a born again child of God who professes to love the Lord, do you read and study the bible enough to know what it is you truly believe of the Sovereignty, Power, Forgiving, Just, Merciful, and Loving God of Creation, and, as a result of this knowledge, have faith in that which you read as being the truth to live by and to die by? **“Think About IT”**