



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we want to briefly consider the concept of "unbelief." When we speak of unbelief we usually refer to the refusal to believe or of a deliberate decision to disobey (please always note in Scripture that faith is tied to actions of obedience). Most of the time we think of unbelief as something that only those totally removed from God claim. But such is not necessarily the case.

Though we often recognize forms of secular unbelief, even religious forms of unbelief exist. Yes, Christians frown upon Atheism, Naturalism, Agnosticism, and Humanism because they are forms of secular unbelief. Yet, even those who are religious can hold to a form of unbelief.

Deism, Polytheism, Pantheism, and Religious Humanism are all forms of religious unbelief. Most Christians can clearly see how these belief systems that fail to look to Scripture as a faith basis (Romans 10:17) are a form of unbelief. But there are other religions that people might get angry if we would point out are really forms of unbelief.

Non-Christian religions like The Jehovah Witnesses (Watchtower Society) are forms of religious unbelief. In addition (and this gets closer to home) Theological Liberalism and Modernism, including the so-called "Higher Criticism" of scholarship are again all forms of unbelief as each fails to take Scripture as the only inspired source producing the faith God desires of His followers.

I guess we need to take the concept of unbelief one step further. This may be an area of unbelief with which we struggle. What is that area of unbelief you ask? It is when we clearly see in God's Word specific instruction on what God would have us to do to please Him and we ignore those instructions—in essence, we tell God we don't believe what He says. When we read of practices in which he tells us to avoid, and we do them anyway, we again tell God we don't believe what He says.

Do you have faith in God? Do you believe God? Do you follow all of His Word in your life? Do you choose belief or unbelief?

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Help Spread the News:

Please Join Us!!

12 Hours of Jesus

Saturday, December 28, 2019

8am to 8pm

Pritchard Community Center

Elizabethtown KY



Sunday's Sermons:

A. M. — Christ and the Church

Acts 2:41-47

P. M. — First Serve

Matt 6:22-24

Jesus, Son of God

I. Introduction

- A. Jesus as the Son of God stands at the heart of Christianity.
- B. What better way to support the case that Jesus is the Son of God than to use what Jesus, Himself, used to defend the Christian faith.

II. First Main Point: Jesus Appeal to Testimony

- A. Two or Three Witnesses (Deut. 19:15)
 - 1. Consider the following as witnesses:
 - a) John the Baptist (Jn 1:29-34)
 - b) God the Father (Matt. 3:17)
- B. Jesus met the burden of proof regarding testimony

III. Second Main Point: Jesus Appeal to Miracles

- A. An examination of various miracles of Jesus
- B. The miracles of Jesus demonstrated that what He claimed about Himself was true and that God's confirming hand was on the message He spoke.

IV. Third Main Point: Jesus Appeal to Prophecy

- A. The Old Testament provided evidence of what to look for regarding the coming Messiah.
- B. Jesus applies that evidence to show how it proved He was that Messiah.

V. Fourth Main Point: Jesus Appeal to the Resurrection

- A. Old Testament (Ps. 16, 22; Is. 52, 53; Dan 9; Zech 12)
- B. Jesus predicts (Matt. 12, 16, 17, 20; Mk. 8,9,10; Lk.9; Jn. 2,10)

VI. Conclusion

- A. From our study we gather
 - 1. Testimony proves Jesus to be the Son of God
 - 2. Miracles prove Jesus to be the Son of God
 - 3. Prophecy proves Jesus to be the Son of God
 - 4. The Resurrection proves Jesus to be the Son of God
- B. The evidence confirms Jesus is the Son of God
- C. What will you do with this knowledge?

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