



## Do You Believe?

(Romans 1:16-21)

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- ❑ **Foundation: God's existence and authority**
  - Genesis 1:1 - created the heavens and the earth
  - Romans 1:18-20 - glory evident to all men through his creation; without excuse
- ❑ **Established Law: Unfitting Behavior**
  - Romans 1:24-31 - unrighteousness, immorality, wickedness, envy, strife, deceit, violent, proud, disobedient to parents, untrustworthy, unforgiving, gossips, unmerciful, unloving
  - Romans 1:32 - those that practice or approve of such things, are deserving of death
- ❑ **Law is Broken: Consequences**
  - Romans 3:23 - all have sinned
  - Romans 6:23 - consequences of this sin is death

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- ❑ **God's Eternal Plan: Before Creation**
  - Ephesians 1:3-14 - before creation; redemption & forgiveness thru His son; holy & blameless; guarantee of inheritance
- ❑ **Good News: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
  - John 1:1-4 - "...in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God..."
  - John 1:14 - Word became flesh and dwelt among us
  - Matt-John - Jesus' birth, baptism, teaching multitudes, appointing apostles
  - Matt-John - preparing for His death/sacrifice, resurrection, return to heaven
  - Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:16, John 20 - preparing apostles for spreading of Gospel
  - Luke 24:44ff - stay in Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high
  - Acts 2:1-4 - apostles in Jerusalem; filled with Holy Spirit and spoke as directed

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- ❑ **Gaining Access to Blessings "in Christ"**
  - Ephesians 1:3 - God's plan is for these blessings to be in Christ
  - Galatians 3:26 - "...baptized into Christ, have put on Christ..."
  - Galatians 3:29 - if Christ's, then Abraham's seed and heir according to the promise
  - Genesis 12, 17, 22 - thru Abraham's seed, all nations would be blessed
    - \*Ephesians 1:3 - the blessings are in Christ
    - \*Ephesians 1:7 - God's plan for redemption based on these
- ❑ **Into Christ: Living Righteously**
  - Galatians 5:16-26 - required to put away old behaviors considered unfitting; put on new man with behaviors of righteousness: love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, self-control
  - Ephesians 4:17-5:21 - old man, former ways must be put off, the new man is created according to God, in true righteousness: kind, forgiving, no wrath, no envy, no bitterness, no coarse speech

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- ❑ **Faithful Walk Required: New Man Lives as Christ**
  - 1 John 1:7 - we must walk in the light as He is in the light to be cleansed by his blood
  - Hebrews 10:36 - promise received only after we have done the will of God
  - Hebrews 3:14 - partakers of Christ IF we holdfast to the end
  - 1 Corinthians 15:1 - saved by the Gospel (Good News) if we hold fast
  - Revelation 2-3 - those who overcome, hold fast, persevere, will receive the crown
- ❑ **Fullness of Time: God's Righteous Judgment**
  - Romans 2:6 - God will righteously judge each one according to his own deeds
  - Romans 11:22 - "therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell severity; but towards you, goodness, IF you continue in His goodness, otherwise you also will be cut off"

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- ❑ **Conclusions We Must Come To**
  - Genesis 1:1 - God created the world and has all authority
  - Romans 1:32 - those practicing unfitting behavior are deserving of death
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 - a place of fire and vengeance is reserved for those who do not obey nor submit to God
  - Ephesians 1:3-14 - God prepared a plan before the beginning of time to redeem us back to Him thru His own son
  - Romans 1:16 - this Gospel is God's power unto salvation for everyone who believes
  - Romans 1:20 - Your choice to believe or not, accept it or not, obey it or not ... doesn't change it's existence nor your responsibility to it
- ❑ **Response: The Choice is Ours ... The Choice is Yours!**
  - Acts 8:39 - Rejoicing?
  - Matthew 19:22 - Sad?

**Won't You Believe?**