

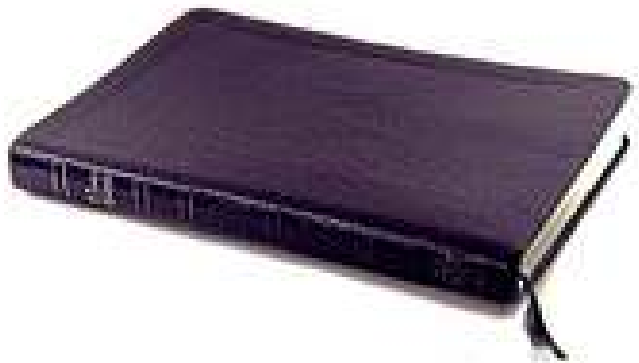
Acts 27:22-25

22 And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

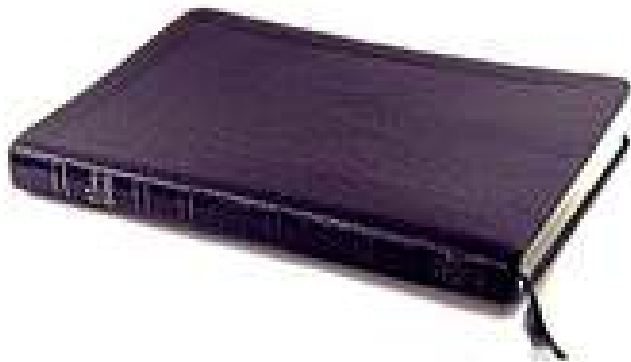
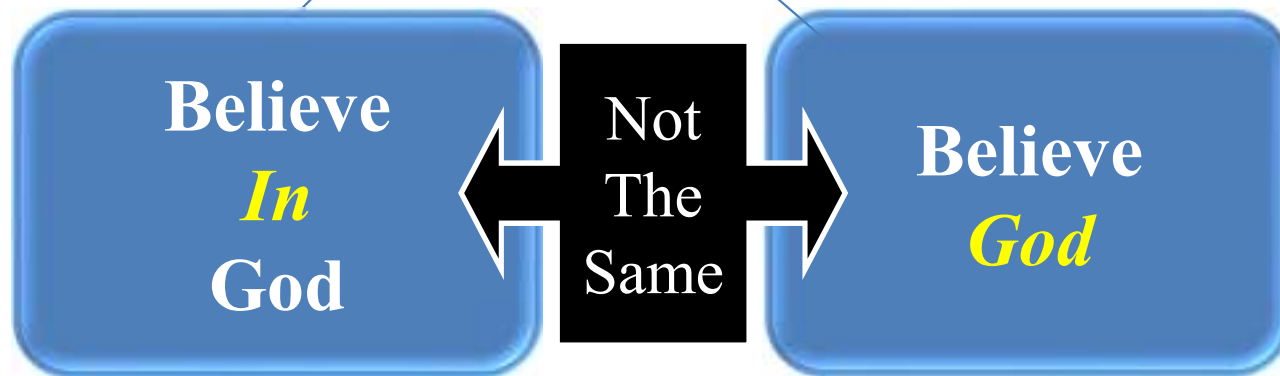
25 "Therefore take heart, men, for **I believe God** that it will be just as it was told me.



- Trust
- Confidence
- Dependence
- Reliance

Heb 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



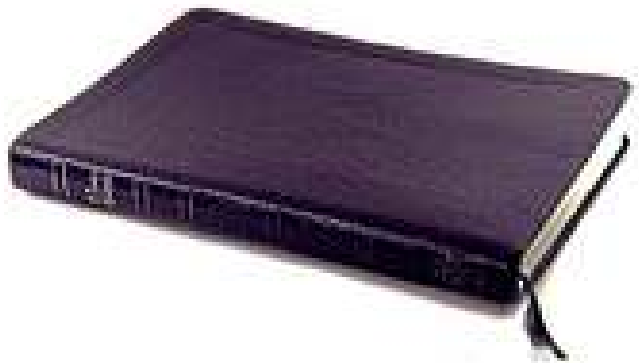
Acts 1:1

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both **to do** and **teach**,

Must Accept:

What Jesus
Did
(Believe *in* Him)

What Jesus
Taught
(Believe *Him*)



John 20:30-31

20 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Believe
In
Christ

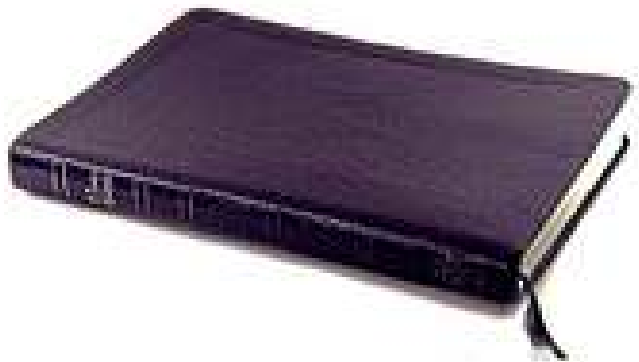
Believe
Christ



1 John 5:10

10 He who **believes in the Son of God** has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

Believe God = believing testimony of God



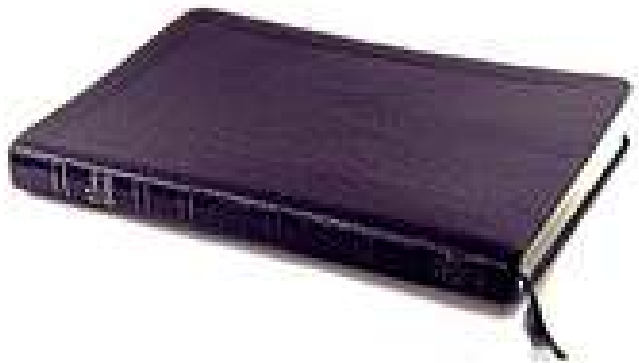
The Challenge:

Believe
In
God

Merely

Believe
God

Both

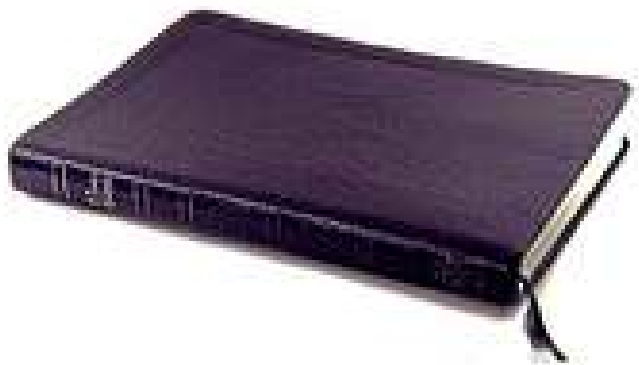


Believing God



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1. Those Who Faced The Challenge



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A. Believed *in* God & Believed *God*

1. Noah (Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:22)
2. Abraham (Rom. 4:16-21)
3. Hannah (1 Sam. 1:1-18)
4. Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:5-6)
5. Ezra (Ezra 8:22)
6. Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25; 2:13-14)
7. Paul (Acts 27:25)



I. Those Who Faced The Challenge

A. Believed *in* God & Believed *God*

B. Believed *in* God – not Believe *God*

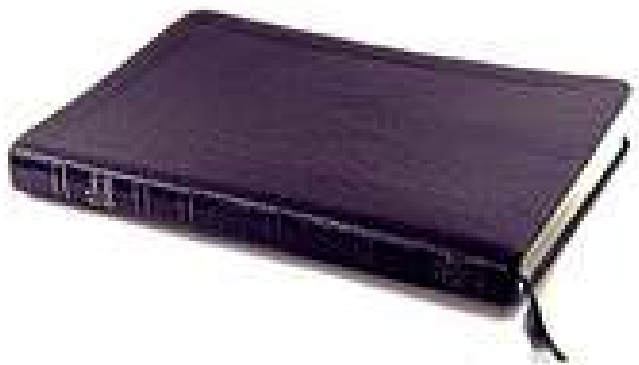
1. Moses (Exo. 3:11, 13; 4:1, 10; Num. 20:12)
2. Gideon (Judges 6:11-27)
3. Habakkuk (Hab. 1:12-ff)
4. Zacharias (Luke 1:6-25)
5. Peter (Matt. 26:31-35)



Believing God

I. Those Who Faced The Challenge

II. Your Challenge



II. Your Challenge

A. Believe *in* God

1. Believe that He exist – Real! (Heb. 11:6a)
2. Believe that He is creator of universe (Psa. 33:6-9)
3. Believe that Jesus is Son of God (John 8:24)
4. Believe that salvation is through Christ (Acts 4:12)
5. Believe that Jesus was raised from dead (Rom. 1:4)
6. Believe Bible is God's revelation (2 Tim. 3:16-17)



*Ready to Defend
Our Faith
Against All Challenges!*

II. Your Challenge

A. Believe *in* God

B. Do You Really Believe God?

1. He controls world & nations (Dan. 4:25; Rev. 4)?
2. He hears & answers prayer (1 Pet. 3:12)?
3. Respect & obey parents (Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20)?
4. How raise child – how turn out (Prov. 22:6)?
5. Discipline works (1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2)?
6. Not allow tempted greater than can bear (1 Cor. 10:13)?
7. Can obey any command, etc. (Phil. 4:13)?
8. The power is in the word (Rom. 1:16)?
9. Association with evil corrupts (1 Cor. 15:33)?
10. Could return at any time (2 Pet. 3:10)?

II. Your Challenge

A. Believe *in* God

B. Do You Really Believe God?

C. Do Believe God Enough to Obey?

1. One thing to believe *in* God
2. Another thing to believe *God*
3. Even another to act upon that faith! (i.e. Moses)

Jeremiah

- Preached that Israel would return (Jer. 25:11)
- Believed that Israel would return
- Bought a field as a promise (Jer. 32)

Believing God

I. Those Who Faced The Challenge

II. Your Challenge

