

Chapter 1 : 24 Quotes That Will Make You Believe You Can Do Anything

Yet, if you say you believe God, that means you believe His Word, because God and His Word are one and NOT many different parts. You CANNOT believe the Bible and NOT believe God. Actually the same is true of everyone that we come into contact with.

The barrier to faith is that we love our sin. As Paul points out in Romans 1: So they invent myths, like evolution, to dodge the reality of God so that they can continue in their sin. If any miracle should have resulted in every person present falling on his face and worshiping Jesus as God, it would have been the raising of Lazarus from the dead. He had been dead four days, so that his body was beginning to decompose. But when Jesus cried out As a result, many did believe in Jesus, but in an amazing display of the hardness of unbelieving hearts, others went to report to the Jewish leaders what had happened. And, rather than acknowledging their mistaken views of Jesus, they intensified their efforts to kill Him. In the narrative, Jesus tells Martha If we believe in Christ, we will see the glory of God; but if we see miracles without believing we will be hardened in our sin. If we believe in Christ, we will see the glory of God. As John said 1: The emphasis in the Bible is on glory as the manifestation of His attributes. Thus Calvin wrote *ibid*. So this miracle should result in our seeing the fact that Jesus is the author and giver of both physical and eternal life and that He has all power over death. Moses had already seen the Lord at the burning bush. He had seen the Lord deliver His people through the Red Sea, provide water from the rock, and manna from heaven every morning. But, Moses wanted more, and so should we! So, always pray that God will grant you more faith so that you will see more of His glory. But if salvation is of the Lord, then He is mighty to save the chief of sinners. Signs point to something beyond themselves. The physical miracles point to deeper spiritual truth. As a dead man whose body was undergoing corruption, Lazarus is a picture of sinners who are dead in their trespasses and sins Eph. As a dead man, Lazarus had no power to raise himself from the dead. He needed the new life that comes only from God John 6: It required the life-giving word of Jesus to call him from death to life. But no one who is dead in their sins is able to choose to believe until the Spirit of God quickens them from the dead. We saw this in John 1: So go to the Father in believing prayer and ask Him to save those who are so dead in sin that they stink! If you will believe in Him, you will see the glory of His love, grace, and justice at the cross. First, we need to affirm that A. Jesus did raise Lazarus from the dead. John reported this miracle so that you would believe in Jesus and have eternal life in His name. But Satan always attacks essential truths. If this is so, they say, why do the other three Gospels omit this important event? They conclude that John fabricated this story to illustrate some spiritual truths about Jesus. Paul refutes that nonsense by arguing that if Christ is not literally raised from the dead, our faith is worthless 1 Cor. The story does not read as a concocted fable or myth. It is straightforward and realistic, with many factual details. Thus what we have here is not a parable or a fable making some moral point. Rather, it is a historical account of Jesus raising a decomposing corpse to life. But John wants us to apply this actual miracle to our lives: This miracle should cause you to believe in Jesus as your Savior and Lord; and if you already believe, to increase your faith in Him. John views faith in Christ as both initial and ongoing. The disciples believed in Jesus in chapter 1, but in chapter 2, after Jesus turned the water into wine, we read 2: Apply this to yourself: The Bible commands you to believe in Jesus and be saved Acts Your faith in Christ needs to grow and it will grow as you see more and more of who He is. This miracle shows that Jesus is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. He is, as He told Martha He is the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh and laid down His life willingly on the cross so that whoever believes in Him has eternal life 3: This miracle shows that Jesus can do what mere men cannot do. Religion could not raise the dead. All that the Jews could do was offer consolation to Mary and Martha. The scribes and Pharisees could not raise the dead. Even modern medicine, with all of its advanced knowledge, cannot raise to life a body that has begun to decompose. But Jesus could do what no mere man could do. He spoke the word and Lazarus instantly came to life. Seeing a miracle without believing results in further

hardening of heart. We can learn three lessons: Unbelief is not based on insufficient evidence. They acknowledge that He is performing many signs. They had seen the man who had been paralyzed for 38 years, who used to beg at the Pool of Bethesda, now walking because Jesus healed him 5: They knew that the man born blind, who used to beg by the temple gate, now saw because Jesus healed him 9: But they rejected both of these miracles because Jesus had done them on the Sabbath. And now, Jesus does the ultimate miracle by commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb. What further evidence could they ask for? But their unbelief was not based on insufficient evidence. The same is true today. We have the evidence of fulfilled prophecy, including over prophecies that Jesus fulfilled. We have the eyewitness accounts of His teaching and miracles. There is the evidence of intricate design in all of creation, from the molecular level up to the global level. But unbelief due to the hardness of human hearts suppresses the evidence. Unbelief is based on selfish interests. The real heart of unbelief is seeking your own way while you leave God out. There are two groups here, representing two levels of unbelief. First, we see the unbelief of Caiaphas and the chief priests and Pharisees. The basis for their unbelief is clear. If the people believed in Jesus as Messiah, they feared that the Romans would intervene and they would lose their power and their comfortable living through controlling the temple. Caiaphas, who was the high priest, was a shrewd, calculating politician. First, he discredits what everyone else had said by flatly stating. As Jesus said John 6: You can oppose Him and for a time it may seem that you are succeeding. But, in the end, God always wins. God is going to win and all who oppose Him will lose. The second group that did not believe was the common people. They were not openly hostile toward Jesus, but neither were they committed to follow Him. They were just curious onlookers on the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. They were content to go on with their religious festival while they discussed whether or not Jesus would show up and what would happen if He did. So their interest in protecting themselves caused them to be passive while the religious leaders murdered an innocent and good man. The lesson here is that to be neutral towards Jesus is to be unbelieving. Self-centeredness is the heart of unbelief. The result of their self-interest was counter-productive, in that Jesus went away, because His time had not yet come. To have Jesus withdraw from you is the ultimate tragedy! The third lesson is: Even devoutly religious people can be unbelieving. Again, there is an ironic warning in Conclusion. So I conclude with the warning of Hebrews 3: If you believe, you will see the glory of God in Christ.

Chapter 2 : Mark "If You can?" echoed Jesus. "All things are possible to him who believes!"

If you want inspirational quotes about believing in God, here are Because like C.S. Lewis once said, "You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you."

Here are six straightforward reasons to believe that God is really there. No statements of, "You just have to believe. But first consider this. Here then, are some reasons to consider The complexity of our planet points to a deliberate Designer who not only created our universe, but sustains it today. But here are a few: If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67, mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water about two-thirds of the human body is water. It has wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees. Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water. Your brain takes in all the colors and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard. Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands. The human brain processes more than a million messages a second. This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is an intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter. The universe had a start - what caused it? Scientists are convinced that our universe began with one enormous explosion of energy and light, which we now call the Big Bang. This was the singular start to everything that exists: Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, stated, "The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the Universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen. It had a start Scientists have no explanation for the sudden explosion of light and matter. The universe operates by uniform laws of nature. Much of life may seem uncertain, but look at what we can count on day after day: How is it that we can identify laws of nature that never change? Why is the universe so orderly, so reliable? There is no logical necessity for a universe that obeys rules, let alone one that abides by the rules of mathematics. It is easy to imagine a universe in which conditions change unpredictably

from instant to instant, or even a universe in which things pop in and out of existence. The fact that there are rules at all is a kind of miracle. All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: The way they are arranged tell the computer program what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. These are arranged in the human cell like this: There are three billion of these letters in every human cell!! Well, just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-lettered program telling the cell to act in a certain way. It is a full instruction manual. One has to ask These are not just chemicals. Natural, biological causes are completely lacking as an explanation when programmed information is involved. You cannot find instruction, precise information like this, without someone intentionally constructing it. We know God exists because he pursues us. He is constantly initiating and seeking for us to come to him. I was an atheist at one time. And like many atheists, the issue of people believing in God bothered me greatly. What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know him. He has surrounded us with evidence of himself and he keeps the question of his existence squarely before us. I am not the only one who has experienced this. Malcolm Muggeridge, socialist and philosophical author, wrote, "I had a notion that somehow, besides questing, I was being pursued. Lewis said he remembered, " I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: Yet over the following several months, I became amazed by his love for me. Unlike any other revelation of God, Jesus Christ is the clearest, most specific picture of God revealing himself to us. None of them ever claimed to be equal to God. That is what sets Jesus apart from all the others. Though he talked about his Father in heaven, it was not from the position of separation, but of very close union, unique to all humankind. Jesus said that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father, anyone who believed in him, believed in the Father. He said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Unlike other teachers who focused people on their words, Jesus pointed people to himself. He did not say, "follow my words and you will find truth. He had power over objects He performed miracles over nature People everywhere followed Jesus, because he constantly met their needs, doing the miraculous. Jesus revealed that although he views us as sinners, worthy of his punishment, his love for us ruled and he came up with a different plan. God himself took on the form of man and accepted the punishment for our sin on our behalf. Perhaps, but many loving fathers would gladly trade places with their child in a cancer ward if they could. The Bible says that the reason we would love God is because he first loved us. Jesus died in our place so we could be forgiven.

Chapter 3 : How Do We Know There's a God When We Can't See Him? by Aaron Menikoff

You cannot say the bible cannot be taken literally and say you believe in Jesus because Jesus said "A man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God" and since the bible is the word of god you by not living by it are directly contradicting the Person you are basing your belief system on.

Anyhow, i have accepted Jesus at least twice in my life already at the age of 16, and I have denied him and taken up Agnosticism instead. The arguments for the belief in Jesus are much weaker than those against him. My response is in Green: You say you want to believe, but your message to me says exactly the opposite of that. Second you claim that the arguments against believing in Jesus are stronger than those for believing in Him. Have you read a Bible and really tried to understand it? Have you ever asked God to open your eyes and help you to understand His word? One of your problems is the reason you are trying to believe in Jesus. That is the problem most people have. You even claim that the argument against the existence of God is more powerful than the argument for Him. I will tell you what God has to say about that: See God does not feel compelled to try to prove to anyone that He exists. The proof is all around you. Take your hand and hold it in front of your face. Now think about what you are looking at. There are trillions of cells making up what you are looking at. Now how do you think each cell was made? How does a finger nail cell know it is a finger nail cell and not a skin cell? How does a muscle cell know it should be a muscle cell? What about the blood running through your hand? Think about the blood, it has many different cells which do different things, like fight invaders, or carry oxygen to the other cells. Think how that oxygen gets from outside to the blood and then from the blood to the cells. Can you really claim there is a better argument for Atheism than for God? We are complex beings and our design demands that there must have been a master designer. DNA is so complex that we are just now beginning to be able to answer the questions I asked. A finger nail cell knows what it is to be because of the blue print in the DNA. Evolution just does not stand up to the light of day. If you can believe in evolution, with so much going against it, then you will have NO excuse to offer God when you stand before Him and He asks you why you did not believe in His Son. It is a choice. If you investigate it you will find that it is different than any other book in history. Not only has it changed more lives and out lived the many governments which have tried to destroy it, but it contains predictions which were made thousands of years before they happened. Just two for example. About 4, years ago the Bible predicted that in the last days Israel would be the center of concern for the whole world. Now when the prediction was made most of Israel was captive in Babylon. Not only that but about 2, years ago Israel ceased to exist as a country. The people were scattered throughout the world. This has happened to different peoples but all of them have disappeared by blending in with the host countries they were scattered to. Not so for the Jews, they have retained their national identity for these two thousand years. Then in they became a country again. So what you say, the whole country is just a little strip of land in the middle east. Well can you deny that Israel is the concern of the whole world? You told me not to try to tell you that Atheism is influenced by Satan. I will tell you exactly that. Let me ask you something, where do those atheist get their morals from? If there is no God, then we are just animals, why would we have morals? Why not let the powerful do what they want, no one could stop them anyway, let the weak die. Why tell the truth unless it serves your purposes? Do you see my point, what are morals? As for them being more moral than the Christians you know, well maybe you are looking at the wrong people. Anyone can claim to be a Christian, but to be a true one you have to follow what Christ taught and He taught morals. So your argument does not stand the test of light. See the problem is this, the reason you need to worry about hell is that we were all born into this world as sinners and we have all sinned. The punishment is death. Not physical death, but spiritual death. In other words, the soul is eternally separated from God in eternal punishment to pay for the sins committed. But that is only half the story. God not only created us, but He loved us. So He made a way for His holy nature to be appeased and we could still have a relationship with Him. He sent His Son, Jesus to die for our sins. He raised Him up on the third day and He is

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now in heaven ready to forgive us if we will just ask and believe in Him. But to believe you need to be ready to admit you deserve to die for your sins, and that God is just in punishing you. You owe Him, He does not owe you anything. You said you want to believe in Jesus, then do it. Read the Bible and think about it and what it says. If there is no God, and the proof to you is overwhelming then you should forget about hell because it is not real anyway. But you better be sure. It is up to you. Believing is not the same thing as having no doubt, it means that you are willing to believe. Ask God to help you. Read a Bible, this is what God says: If you refuse to read a Bible and try to find God, then you are and will remain lost in your sins and you will have no one to blame but yourself. It is not my job to bring you to Christ. It is my job to give you the truth and that is what I am trying to do. It is up to you whether you accept it or not. God is offering you eternal life, but only you can take it, no one can take it for you and then give it to you. Like I said check out the Bible for yourself. You can prove without using the Bible that a man named Jesus lived 2, years ago, that He did a bunch of either magic or miracles depending on which you want to believe. That many people followed Him. That He was hung on a cross and died. That shortly after His death, His followers seemed to get strength and that many of the people who followed Him were put to death because they would not renounce Him. Why would a bunch of people be willing to die for a lie since they would have known it was a lie? It is easy to claim that there is no proof for the Bible or for God, but if you truly seek and look for the truth you will find it.

"God has so much for you, Dear One. And, yes, seasons will come when He requires so much from you that you feel like you can't bear it. You do have a choice.

A primary particle of conditionality; if, whether, that, etc. Of uncertain affinity; to be able or possible. Answer, bid, bring word, command. A primary verb; to speak or say. Of Hebrew origin; Jesus, the name of our Lord and two other Israelites. All, the whole, every kind of. Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole. From dunamai; powerful or capable; neuter possible. The, the definite article. Including the feminine he, and the neuter to in all their inflections; the definite article; the. From pistis; to have faith, i. Credit; by implication, to entrust. Our Lord repeats the half-believing, half-despairing words of the father in a tone of sadness, If thou canst. Was this the way in which a man should speak who came to Him as a Healer? Such a one had to learn the great primary lesson that "all things were possible to him that believeth," that the secret of previous failure lay, in part at least, in his own want of faith, as well as in that of the scribes and disciples who had tried their arts of exorcism in vain. Pulpit Commentary Verses 23, All things are possible to him that believeth. The answer of the father is touching and beautiful. It is as though he said, "I do believe; but my faith is weak. Do thou, therefore, increase and strengthen it; so that whatever there is in me of doubt or remaining unbelief may be taken away, and I may be counted worthy to obtain from thee this blessing for my son. Matthew Henry Commentary 9: Very much is promised to our believing. If thou canst believe, it is possible that thy hard heart may be softened, thy spiritual diseases may be cured; and, weak as thou art, thou mayest be able to hold out to the end. Those that complain of unbelief, must look up to Christ for grace to help them against it, and his grace will be sufficient for them. Whom Christ cures, he cures effectually. But Satan is unwilling to be driven from those that have been long his slaves, and, when he cannot deceive or destroy the sinner, he will cause him all the terror that he can. The disciples must not think to do their work always with the same ease; some services call for more than ordinary pains.

For some reason, they always fail to look beyond religious definitions of God, and that is probably why they don't believe there is a God, because they think the idea is absurd, which it is, when you only look at it from a religious perspective.

I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me--and I in him--bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing John I no longer call you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my Father John But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus Romans 3: We know that our old man was crucified with him so that the body of sin would no longer dominate us, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin Romans 6: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Romans 8: For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death Romans 8: And if children, then heirs namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ --if indeed we suffer with him so we may also be glorified with him Romans 8: See also Ephesians 1: He is the reason you have a relationship with Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption â€¦ 1 Corinthians 1: But the one united with the Lord is one spirit with him 1 Corinthians 6: But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and who makes known through us the fragrance that consists of the knowledge of him in every place 2 Corinthians 2: But their minds were closed. For to this very day, the same veil remains when they hear the old covenant read. So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away--look, what is new has come 2 Corinthians 5: God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God 2 Corinthians 5: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female--for all of you are one in Christ Jesus Galatians 3: So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if you are a son, then you are also an heir through God Galatians 4: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery Galatians 5: Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ Ephesians 1: For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love Ephesians 1: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace Ephesians 1: And when you heard the word of truth the gospel of your salvation --when you believed in Christ--you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit Ephesians 1: But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even though we were dead in transgressions, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you are saved Ephesians 2: For we are his workmanship, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we may do them Ephesians 2: But now in Christ Jesus you who used to be far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ Ephesians 2: See also Ephesians 5: Walk as children of the light Ephesians 5: But our citizenship is in heaven--and we also await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ â€¦ Philippians 3: And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus Philippians 4: And my God will supply your every need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus Philippians 4: Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God Colossians 3: When Christ who is your life appears, then you too will be revealed in glory with him Colossians 3: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience â€¦ Colossians 3: We know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you â€¦ 1 Thessalonians 1: The more we embrace these truths from Scripture about who we have become in Christ, the more stable, grateful, and fully assured we will be in this world.

They will inspire you and show you that you can achieve anything - if you believe you can, work for it and get back up again every time you fall. And remember, these quotes come from some of the most successful people that ever lived!

We ended up talking about whether or not you can lose your salvation. Can we lose our salvation? I believe we can Matt: What must you do to keep it then? We are born again NOT of our own wills. That is true and Hebrews say that if we willingly sin after knowing the truth we no longer have an intercessor in heaven Matt: Have you ever sinned willfully after being a Christian? I am not speaking of one sin, I am speaking of turning away from God. But, if you can lose your salvation, then what do you do with John And also 1 John 2: What about those who endure to the end will be saved Matt: That is speaking of the end times tribulation era. If you can lose your salvation, then what do you do with John If you can lose it, then Jesus should have said, "and they may perish. So, will they never perish? Believing is a present tense word and you must believe till the end Matt: But can you answer the questions above? And belief requires a response Matt: Can you answer the question regarding John You have it wrong. This is a common error in Christianity in America. It amounts to salvation by works. He says his sheep know his voice and follow Matt: There are 2 schools of thought on this subject and I am not Calvinistic. But I do not want to argue about it Matt: Jesus said they will never perish. We endure because we ARE saved. So you are saying that if someone accepts Jesus as his savior and feels the need to repent and follows Jesus for many years and then for some reason he turns and walks in darkness that in the end he is still forgiven. The Bible says in 1 John 2: You are saying it is impossible for a true Christian to turn Matt: Not sure what you mean. Away from God, to reject him Matt: No, a true Christian cannot. I am saying that when we believe that we are justified and from that point on we walk with Jesus in belief and we walk each day we pick up our cross and continue walking with him If we stop walking and turn from God and no longer trust in him as our savior then we will not enter heaven. Now a question for you. Are you saying that the Spirit begins the work of salvation in us and that we work it out and complete it by remaining faithful? That IS what you are saying--that we get saved and keep it by the effort of our works, right? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? I would say that there are very few people who ever have lived that can say they did Matt: You still have not answered John Your teaching is a new teaching Matt: He stopped responding after this last statement. I believe that a Christian can hold the position that you can lose your salvation. My only concern is that they do not fall into the error of trying to keep their salvation by their own works. This is very problematic since it moves away from salvation by grace.

Chapter 7 : Does God Exist - Six Reasons to Believe that God is Really There - Is There a God

These are all things that you can thank God for and can help you believe God is looking out for you. Be thankful and be persistent. Notice how people who have been not had certain things can still thrive.

Bible Study Software Question: Well, I heard a Bible verse that said something like: And how are you supposed to "believe you have received it"? Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" Mark What happens far too often is that people repeat verses they hear from the top of their heads without going back to the source. Over time that wording may change to the point that the original meaning is lost. Other times a phrase is taken out of its context so that the intention is lost. The statement you give has been used to portray God as a cosmic vending machine: What you spotted is an inconsistency in what is being said. In context, what Jesus is stating that the disciples, and we, are to have faith in what we are asking of God. James puts it this way: But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" James 1: Have you ever met the kid who is selling from door to door. Jesus also started out his discussion in Mark by saying, "Have faith in God. The conditional of abiding in Jesus and his words must be met first before we can ask what we desire and expect to receive from him. Another verse to consider is: Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full" John Notice that Jesus did not say to ask anything. We are to ask in his name. The phrase "in his name" means with his authority. When you take a check to the bank to cash it, the bank gives you money because the check has the signature of the account holder at the bank. Thus, Jesus is stating that we are to pray in accordance to His will and the things we ask for will be given. John puts it this way, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" I John 5: A word that you sometimes see in the Bible is "lawlessness" or "iniquity. There are conditions which must be met. But when those conditions are met, we have to have confidence that God will answer, else why bother asking? Send mail to minister lavistachurchofchrist. Permission is given in advance to use the material and pictures on this site for non-commercial purposes. We only ask that you give credit to the original creators. A link back to this site is not required, though it is always appreciated.

Chapter 8 : We Say We Believe God's Word, But Do We Act Like It?

13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Have you ever Lied or Stolen? Have you looked at someone with Lust? If so, God sees you as a Murderer. Read 1 Cor 6: The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds false converts among the wheat True Christians is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. There is also a false idea being preached these days in most churches, that tell people to simply come forward at an Altar Call, and "Accept" Jesus into your heart. This is all true, God can do these things, but the focus here is still on self and not on Dying to Self and on Repentance and leaving everything to follow Christ. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote. All these Evil things come from within; they are what Defile you and make you Unacceptable to God. We can be Self-Deceived. For anyone who refused to Obey the Law of Moses in the Old Testament was put to death without Mercy on the Testimony of two or three witnesses. You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. How can we know that we are being Deceived by Satan? I will NOT accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of Justice, a River of Righteous living that will never run dry. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. They try to pay their own fine for their Judgment of their Sin, but no amount of Good Deeds can earn a way into Heaven. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a Despised Tax Collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and Prayed this Prayer: For those who Exalt themselves will be Humbled, and those who Humble themselves will be Exalted. For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. There are some who do so to: Relieve a guilty conscience, or they feel like it makes them feel better; or they feel like they are doing God a favor. They do these things out of obligation or duty. Even while you Fast, you keep Oppressing your Workers. Stay away from people like that! On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. Because of this, they will be severely punished. Because of this, they will be more severely punished. They come to the Temple every day and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near me. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your workers. I am Holier than you!

Chapter 9 : I've tried but I just can't believe in Jesus.

But keep on reading (bible), praying, and believing in our God. and He will blessed you, protect you, guide you and loving you. Nothing is impossible through Christ you strengthen you. God's Loves you đŸ™, God will explain to you everything, through me and through Holy Spirit.

However, for the sake of clarity, we must explain a few things. First of all, there are many false religious groups out there who say they believe in Jesus but in actuality do not. The Mormons , for example, teach that Jesus is a brother of the devil, begotten through sexual intercourse between God and his goddess wife who both came from another planet. That is not the Jesus of the Bible. That is also a false Jesus. In fact, Jesus warned us about this when he said. Paul the Apostle also mentioned the concept of there being a "false Jesus. So, believing in Jesus is enough to be saved, but you must be believing in the true Jesus, not a false one. Who is the true Jesus? The Bible tells us there is only one God in all existence Isaiah He is the second person of the Trinity who became one of us. Jesus has two natures. He is both divine and human at the same time. We call this the hypostatic union. It is important to believe that Jesus is the "I am," especially when we understand that when Moses was talking to God at the burning bush and asked God what his name was the Lord said, "I am that I am," Exodus 3: So, believing in Jesus means you believe that he is God and flesh Colossians 2: In addition, you must believe the gospel Mark 1: What is true belief? Not only must you believe in the true Jesus, but you must also have true faith. In theology, we talk about two kinds of faith: Ascentia is nothing more than mental acknowledgment. The devil, for example, acknowledges that God exists James 2: But he does not have fiducia. That is, he does not have a trusting faith in God. It is fiducia that Christians are supposed to possess. We are to have a faithful, independent trust in the work of Christ upon the cross who cleansed us from our sins. We not only believe that, but we also trust in the sin sacrifice that Jesus made on that cross. This is false because we are justified declared righteous before God by faith Romans 3: Conclusion Therefore, belief in Jesus is enough to be saved, but you must believe that Jesus is God and flesh, and your belief must be a trustful act of dependence upon Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. Only then is belief in Jesus sufficient to save.