

Because of Satan Some Will Never Believe

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Believe: The bible definition of believe means to be convince of something, or give credence to something. One must personally appropriate what they are accepting as true. A personal acknowledging and acceptance that something is true

We know that it is Satan's desire that none of us should ever receive the truth. We also understand and accept that it is of the works of Satan that many will not ever truly believe. I am fully aware based on the word of God that we as human beings are created in the image of God, and that we possess self-will, which mean we can make our own decisions and choices in this life. However, as we learned from prior bible study lessons, Satan's influence can play a major role in a decision process. If we believe Satan's lies, our decisions and choices in our life's journey here on earth will align themselves with his influence. Even if one does not believe, they are still held accountable for their decisions and choices, and are subject to God's judgement, and condemnation. In other words, unbelief is not an excuse or get out o hell free card. God is infinitely true and perfect regardless of whether we believe His Word or not, God is still God! We must always remember that Satan whom God has allowed to be the God of this world for a season, tries to blind our minds so that we will not be able to comprehend the truth of the gospel, but will rather believe worldly falsehood and lies.

- **Romans 3:3-4** For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? (4) God forbid: yea let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, THAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY SAYING, AND MIGHTEST OVERCOME WHEN THOU ART JUDGED.
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of od, should shine unto them.

The word of God tells us that one of the reasons that Jesus came into the world was to open the eyes of those that believed that they needed a savior, and who were spiritually blind but desire to know the truth. The word also says that Jesus blinded the spiritual eyes of those who thought they had all the answers, and who believed they could see clearly, but they were actually spiritually blind by their pride, and self-righteousness. Our disobedience lead to spiritual blindness.

- **John 9:39** And Jesus said, For judgement I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.
- **John 12:37-40** But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: (38) That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? (39) Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, (40) He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

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Those who attend church normally spend a considerable amount of time deciding where they will worship. On the other hand we should spend as much or even more time ensuring and validating who we are worshipping. In reality, not everyone that calls on the name of our Lord, is a true teacher of the word of God. The word of God tells us that there are many false teachers of the word of God, even Satan can disguise himself so he can influence and convince the people that they are worshipping God, when in fact they are actually worshipping him. The sure way to make sure we are worshipping the one and true God is to compare what we hear, and what we see with the word of God. If the word you hear is contrary to God's word, then it is not Him, you are worshipping! If the manifestation of the worship service is not in alignment with the word of God, then it is not God. Do not allow yourself to get caught in the emotion of worshipping, but rather always seek whether your worshipping experiences align themselves up with the will of God, as reflected in His word!

- **1 John 4:1-4** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
- **2 Peter 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.