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Why is Trusting God So Important?

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“As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the Lord is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him”. - 2 Sam. 22:31 “And Jesus said to him, if you can! All things are possible to him who believes. Immediately the boy’s father cried out and began saying, I do believe help my unbelief”. - Mark 9:23, 24

Trusting God, or exhibiting unwavering faith in Him is the most important part of one’s personal relationship with Him (**Heb. 11:6**). The result that comes from a deep abiding trust in God allows believers to journey through the most difficult challenges of life with minimal disappointments. I say this because as believers who trust God to prove His will in their situations, “...all things work out for good” (**Rom. 8:28**). *The end of the believer’s test/struggle allows God the opportunity to confirm His love and provide him or her with confirmation of His activity in their life.* What more can God do to indicate that He has a watchful eye and a compassionate heart for the situations and circumstances that touch believers lives? If we don’t have to worry about the things that are truly above and beyond our capability and instead can trust God to take care of us, then we can focus on our need for ongoing spiritual growth and development without losing hope.

I sense that many Christians while they continue to process their relationship with God, often become stuck in problems they attempt to manage without His direct involvement. They do this I believe, because they do not have a firm grip on the need to trust God in the process of walking with Him. Apparently, there are blind spots in their awareness of God’s nature and in His desire to grace them with His loving-kindness. The passages above describe some of the characteristics of God and demonstrate His willingness to meet human needs. *To struggle with trusting God is equal to not understanding who He is and what He intends to do for us through His grace and mercy.* As a result, we must examine with greater responsibility our need to understand who God is and moreover root ourselves in His aspirations to magnify His name in us. We must always be mindful that as Christians, our life condition reflects on God. Do we think that God wants the world to believe that He is a raggedy God/Father who will not manage up (promote) His children when they face their difficulties? *Because that’s what the world assumes, when believers exhibit little or no trust in God.*

The God Christians serve is blameless, that is, He is complete, full of integrity and He always keeps His word. The scriptures confirm throughout that God never fails to keep His promises. When we trust Him, we experience His daily provision and consistent care as a father does for his children. As our shield, He not only protects us from the enemies of truth; often He intercedes to protect us from our own miscalculations in making life decisions. In doing so, He intends to keep us under His umbrella of love as long as we desire to remain in His faithful care. *It is important to understand that just as God has declared and maintains His obligation to us; we must be willing to live within our obligation to His holiness and truth.*

The narrative in Mark 9 demonstrates the Lord’s compassion and willingness to minister to a seeker of truth. In that the father came to Jesus, he declared his confidence and trust that the Lord would heal his mute son. *This explains the Lord’s openness and availability to those who come to Him, who trust in His powers as the Son of God.* In verse 24 the father cries out proclaiming his trust and seeking the Lord’s help perhaps for any deficiency he may have. Though the narrative expands beyond this however, the element of trust in Jesus moved the father to locate the source of help he needed for his son.

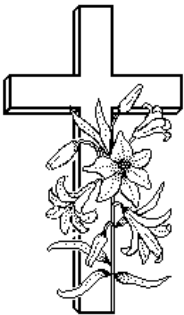
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Schedule of Weekly Services:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am
Worship 11:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Benevolence Ministry** – please remember our twice a month food giveaway here at the church building. We still need volunteers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:45 to 6:45pm. If you are interested in working with this ministry, please see Sis. Taylor for more information and sign up.
- † **Youth Activity** – immediately following worship service **Today** and every 2nd Sunday of the month. All youth and their parents are encouraged to join us for lunch & nursing home visit.
- † **Congregational Cleaning & Painting** – Saturday, **Aug. 18th** from 8:00am – until. All members are asked to meet at the building to help paint the inside of the building and clean.
- † **Ladies' Prayer Class** – all ladies are encouraged to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship, on Sunday, **Aug. 17th**, and every 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning at 7pm. Place to be determined
- † **Family Development Class** – All are welcomed to please join us for fellowship meal and family development class following worship service **Aug. 26th** and every 4th Sunday of the month.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Usher</u>
Songs	C. Taylor	C. Wilkins
Scripture Reading	D. Bigelow	
Opening Prayer	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Assistants</u>
Sermon	C.K. Stewart, I	D. Clark
Invitation Prayer		& C. Wilkins
Communion & Collection	D. Bigelow Sr.	
Welcome Visitors	C.K. Stewart, I	<u>Greeter</u>
Benediction	N. Mathis	L. Woods
Cup Collection	Marcus & Timothy	
Mission Collection	Caleb	

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.

With Christian Love, Dr. C.K. Stewart, I, Minister