

What I Believe

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- I believe that there is a God
- I believe that God has revealed Himself to man and can be known by man
- I believe that God has desires and purposes
- I believe that the desires and purposes of God take priority over all the desires and purposes of man, and that the desires and purposes of God must inevitably be fulfilled and completed
- I believe that God chose Abraham and his descendents over all men in the earth to be blessed and to bless the earth, and that Jesus Christ is a descendent of Abraham
- I believe that the Holy Scriptures of Judaism and Christianity are the literal words of God breathed by God, given by God, protected by God, and that these Scriptures are unchangeable and inevitable for eternity
- I believe that there is One Father in heaven, who is God, the Father of Jesus Christ
- I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and that Jesus Christ is God
- I believe that there is One Holy Spirit of God, who is God, and who has been sent by the Father to draw men to Jesus Christ, and to dwell in, empower, comfort, and reveal truth to men
- I believe that the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are these Three and yet One God
- I believe that there is no other way for men to know God except through the person of Jesus Christ
- I believe that all men are born in sin and are separated from God from the moment of conception and must be born again into the life of God before they can know and please God
- I believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ enables men to die with Jesus Christ, to be buried with Jesus Christ, to be resurrected into the new life of God with Jesus Christ, and to ascend with Jesus Christ into heaven to know God there
- I believe that all who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God become the children of God

- I believe that Jesus Christ came to earth to reveal the personal love of the Father to men
- I believe that men consist of body, soul, and spirit and that the human spirit is designed to become one with the Spirit of God and reveal God's truth to the human body and soul
- I believe that all Christians everywhere form One Body of Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ is in no way divided
- I believe that there is a very great fallen angel named Satan who has rebelled against God and has taken one-third of the angels of heaven with him to fight against God and God's purposes
- I believe that Satan tempted Eve to rebel against God in the garden of Eden, that Eve rebelled, that after Eve rebelled she tempted her husband Adam to rebel, and that Adam rebelled
- I believe that, as a result of Adam's rebellion, all men are born slaves to Satan and the cause of Satan's rebellion and are helpless to free themselves from the power of Satan
- I believe that Jesus Christ died as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of God against men and to allow men to come back to intimate relationship with God as His friends
- I believe that there is a place called Heaven where the born again children of God will live for eternity in the Presence of God
- I believe that there is no redemption for Satan, the angels of Satan, and men who refuse to accept the offer of salvation through Jesus Christ
- I believe there is a place called Hell which is an eternal place of punishment and separation from God for all who refuse to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ

If you have any questions about my beliefs, please feel free to send email and discuss with me. I am open to correction and desire to be teachable. Please cite ample clarification from the Scripture. Thank you. ~~Robert Evans.

Other more contemporary thoughts:

- I believe that to be compelled or coerced to believe in God (or "practice religion xyz") is not to believe in God at all but rather to react to: fear, ostracism, pain, thralldom, torture, death. To have NO choice NOT to believe in God is not to believe in God at all. God gives all men everywhere the choice to believe in Him or not believe in Him. The Scripture says that, "It is God's will that none should perish but all should come to repentance" through His only begotten Son Jesus. This change/repentance that God seeks does not come by men threatening violence against other men. God freely chooses to love us so that we in turn may freely choose to love Him. All religious compulsion, coercion, intimidation,

persecution, violence, murder is wickedness and offensive to God! Those who practice such evil are on a collision course with the unending torments of hell and everlasting separation from God. Never doubt it.

- I believe that a "building" is not *a church* or *the Church*. The followers of Jesus should not refer to a building as *a/the church*. I believe that a "meeting" is not *a church* or *the Church*. The followers of Jesus should not refer to meetings as *having church*. The Church of Jesus Christ is comprised exclusively of people who are His "called out ones"... called out of this dead world and called unto a living, interactive relationship with Himself. One cannot *go to church* or *have church* but rather one *becomes* a living organic part of Jesus' Church. As someone once said, "You don't *have* a church. You *are* a Church. You *have* a relationship [with Jesus]."
- I believe that Jesus Christ is the direct Head and Leader and Covering of His Church and of every member who comprises His Church. No man may interpose himself into this position. As Jesus said, "Not so with you." Rather Jesus said, "There will be one flock one Shepherd." (John 10.16) This of course does not preclude accountability and "spurring one another on to love and good deeds", which we are commanded to do. The Body has but one Head.
- I believe that Jesus Christ started His Church 2000+ years ago. It is impossible for anyone to start or facilitate any other "church" with any other name. "There will be one flock one Shepherd." (John 10.16)
- I believe that the followers of Jesus are named after their Lord and their God -- Jesus Christ -- alone. They must not invent or take on any other name or identity or affiliation besides Jesus Christ Himself and His Father in Heaven. I am a passionate follower of Jesus Christ. Period.