

ARE WE SINNERS BY NATURE?
"Do We Doubt Our Faith?"

The questions for this Sunday is are we like Thomas? ...

Or do we believe in what we can not see and believe with our hearts

It is a process of growing up in the Christian faith.

John 20:19-29

19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.**

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye**

the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 ¶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because

thou hast seen me, thou hast believed:
blessed are they that have not seen, and
yet have believed.

Where is our faith when things go wrong in our lives and no where to go and we start to doubt ourselves and turn our backs on the one true thing that would set us free Jesus Christ, if we only believe in him. Why do we doubt our hearts and ourselves? Jesus is Forgiveness of our sins if we repent and confess and ask him into our hearts.

Believe in Jesus Christ and have Faith in him.

Have personal Fellowship with Jesus and walk with him, For he is the ever-lasting light of the world. Call upon the Lord.

That is what the Bible says in Proverbs 1: 24-29 “Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. When

your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD.”

Jesus lived a perfectly sinless life. He heals people and casts demons out of people. He is the Son of God. He has such love for you that he took your sin upon himself. By doing so, he was whipped and beaten and bruised and crucified. But he didn't regret it...you know it? Because when they nailed his hands to the cross, he was thinking about you. He was thinking about his great love for you that compelled him to carry on. But Wait! Yea he died but guess what? He rose from the dead on the 3rd day and now he's sitting on the right hand side of God in heaven. This is no joke. We serve a living God. The God that created everything in the universe. The God that loves every

single human being with an unconditional love. A God that is so good, he wants to take our sins and distress away even. A God that wishes that no man perishes. Are you sick of sin? Do you need assurance that you are a true child of God? Do you want to live your life for Jesus and have him show up in your life?

He promised he would if you just ask. He loves you so much; words can't even describe it. He wants you to call out to him. He's waiting for you to turn from your sinful ways and embrace him. He waiting for you with open arms, matter of fact he created you for this purpose. So, do you want it? I hope so. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life." he said "If you drink of the living water you will never thirst again" he is the living water. All you have to do is receive him into your heart all of your heart. Give everything over to him. Hand over everything to Jesus, you're Lord and savior. He wants it. He died for it. God knows we are sinners, He hates the sin, but loves the sinner.

We have been curse since the beginning of Adam and Eve when sin first started and its our nature to sin and is the will of Satan for us to sin and as a child of the Father he will correct us if we are disobedient and hope that we will learn from our mistakes. You can try to be the best person and try to do what is right and think “Well I am not a sinner I do what is right, I don’t lie, steal, cheat, and I obey the ten commandments, so I am good person right?” You are just fooling yourself. I tell you one thing, you can be even a righteous person all the day of your life and still be a sinner. You sin everyday of your life and not even know it, the smallest thing is still a sin. Only thing is that we can only try not to sin. Since it is by our human nature to sin.

Romans: 3:23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.** But it does help to do well, but remember it still won’t get you a pass to heaven.

We still have to go through Jesus Christ in John:14:6 **Jesus saith unto him, I am the**

way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The Father is however a forgiving and Loving Father. Now get to know Jesus and know that he also cares for you and the Love of the Father shows that in John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus is the best friend that you can ever have and he is waiting to get to know you, open your heart to him, talk to him and walk with him.

If you struggling with low self-esteem stress, depression, empty broken hearted, liveness, anything...hand it over to him. He promised he would take it. Ask him right now to forgive you of your sins. Proclaim him as your Lord and savior; know you will have ever-lasting life. You will feel the change. We need to have a humble heart and swallow our pride and stop holding back, Satan has been playing his hand in

continuing to get you to sin, its time to get rid of that doubting feeling and bring Christ back into you heart.

Let's not be like Thomas, "A Doubting Thomas."

Once you open your heart you will feel the joy and peace in your life, walking in the spirit of the light of the world. For he knows your heart. Renew your faith, strength it

You will become a new creature, distinguished from the people of the earth. Well, are you excited? Do you have a warm feeling deep in you heart? Do you want it? Good, now pray this right now:

"Father God in heaven, I repent right now from my sins. I believe that you love me so much that you sent Jesus, you're son, as a perfect sacrifice. I thank you Lord. Wash me of my sins away and bring Jesus, into my life. I receive you now as my Lord and Savior. Open my heart and cleanse me. Let me follow you in your guidance and wisdom and bring me stronger and closer in the spirit. I pray this in the name of Jesus,

Amen and Amen!" Wow. How does it feel? It feels good right? His anointing and blessings will flow.

Some say, well Jesus isn't real, He's never helped me when I am in need. Or some say, God doesn't care he allows bad things to happen and not around when we need him, so why should I care? Well let me tell you something, He has been there all along, it's just you haven't asked him into your heart and meant it. You shouldn't just call on him only in times of trouble but every day and walk with him in the light, the ever-lasting light of Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen

We have to remember sometimes when things do go wrong it Gods will For its his plan, you can't question God will. Disaster happens in our daily lives comes, We may not understand it but we can come to the Father in prayer and ask for his help and guidance.

We do need to remember that we're on Gods time and not of our own, For there is

a season of all things and the fruits of life will grow in you heart and with it so will your faith be in lighten by the love of the Heavenly Father and of the son Jesus Christ.

Pray every day, start your morning off with a Morning Prayer and before you go to sleep, say a Evening Prayer, when thing don't seem to go right, stop and pray.

Maybe things are not going right because you forgot to pray to him today? Turn all your worries over to him.

Start praying things will change in your life and you will be truly blessed in your daily walk with him.

Philippians 4:6: **Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

Philippians 4:7: **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:13: **I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.**

Luke 1:37: For with God nothing shall be impossible.

So we have to be patient of our needs, you notice I said our needs Not our wants, God will provide our needs in his time and if its his will, It will be his Grace that will be placed on you and inner peace will flow and the storms of life will be calm in the faith of the Lord. Amen ……Let us Pray

Heavenly Father we come to you to ask for guidance in following our faith in making it stronger, for we know you have never left us and we will be blessed by your grace and all things through your love in all that we do. May your holy word be enriching in our heart and in spirit as we grow in our faith. This I pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen