

WHAT I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE

WE WILL LOOK AT COVENANT TRUTHS WE MUST CHOOSE TO BELIEVE TO EXPERIENCE THE WINNING LIFE JESUS PURCHASED FOR US.

CENTRAL TRUTH: WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IS WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AS YOUR PRESENT REALITY.

2 Timothy 1:12 NIV

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

FAITH IS A CONSCIOUS DECISION YOU MAKE NOT A FEELING.

Joshua 24:15 NIV

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

- GOD CREATED US WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE CHOICES.

- WE ARE SPIRIT BEINGS LIKE GOD. LIVING IN A TEMPORARY EARTH SUIT LIKE JESUS DID & WE HAVE A SOUL WHERE WE MAKE CHOICES,

COMPONENTS OF OUR SOUL - MIND, WILL & EMOTIONS (REASONING)

Deuteronomy 30:19 NIV

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE .

POWER POINT- YOU ARE A SERVANT TO THE CHOICES YOU MAKE.

- JESUS CONFRONTS THOMAS

NOTE: THOMAS CHOSE NOT TO BELIEVE . An act of his will. If he chose not to BELIEVE he could have chosen to believe)

John 20:24-29 GNT

ONE OF THE TWELVE DISCIPLES, THOMAS (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD!" THOMAS SAID TO THEM, "UNLESS I SEE THE SCARS OF THE NAILS IN HIS HANDS AND PUT MY FINGER ON THOSE SCARS AND MY HAND IN HIS SIDE, I WILL NOT BELIEVE." [26] A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

YOU CAN MAKE A PERSONAL DECISION TO BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD

2 Corinthians 5:7 KJVS
(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

2 Corinthians 5:7 NCV
We live by what we believe, not by what we can see.

POWER POINT- YOU MUST ARREST YOUR MIND.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NCV
We capture every THOUGHT and make it give up and OBEY CHRIST.

ILLUSTRATION- PAUL CHOSE TO BELIEVE GOD IN THE STORM.

Acts 27:25 KJVS
Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

II. PROMISES I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD (not an exhaustive list)

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE JESUS DIED FOR MY SINS

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NLT
I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. [4] He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

Romans 10:9-10 NLT
If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is by believing in your heart that

you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM FORGIVEN

Ephesians 1:7 NLT

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Acts 13:38 NLT

"Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins.

Colossians 1:14 NLT

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* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM RIGHTEOUS- RIGHT WITH GOD

Acts 13:39 NLT

Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight-something the law of Moses could never do.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Romans 5:1,11 NLT

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. [11] So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM SANCTIFIED (HOLY,SET APART BY GOD)

1 Corinthians 6:11 KJVS

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 ERV

In the past some of you were like that. But you were washed clean, you were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:10 GW

We have been set apart as holy because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do by sacrificing his body once and for all.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM BLESSED

1 Corinthians 6:11 KJVS

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1 Corinthians 6:11 ERV

In the past some of you were like that. But you were washed clean, you were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 1:3 KJVS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Galatians 3:9 NLT

So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Galatians 3:14 NLT

Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:27 GW

You are Christ's body and each of you is an individual part of it.

Ephesians 5:30 NLT

And we are members of his body.

Romans 12:5 NLT

so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

1 Corinthians 6:15 KJVS

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM DELIVERED FROM THE AUTHORITY OF DARKNESS & I AM IN THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 1:13 NLT

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness.....

1 John 3:8 NLT

But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS IN ME NOW.

Luke 17:21 KJVS

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Romans 14:17 KJVS

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM IN COVENANT WITH GOD

Hebrews 8:6 KJVS

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 7:22 NLT

Because of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God.

2 Corinthians 3:6 NLT

He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD CAN NOT LIE & HE WILL ALWAYS HONOR HIS COVENANT WORD IN MY LIFE

Hebrews 6:17-18 NLT

God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. [18] So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable

because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

Psalm 89:34 NLT

No, I will not break my covenant; I will not take back a single word I said.

Psalm 105:8 NLT

He always stands by his covenant- the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST IS LORD OF LORDS

1 Timothy 6:15 NLT

For, At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

Acts 20:21 NLT

I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike-the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.

Philippians 2:11 NLT

and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Corinthians 1:9 KJVS

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD CREATED ME FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE

Ephesians 1:11 TPT

Through our union with Christ we too have been claimed by God as his own inheritance. Before we were even born, he gave us our destiny; that we would fulfill the plan of God who always accomplishes every purpose and plan in his heart.

2 Timothy 1:9 AMP

for He delivered us and saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life-a life set apart-a life of purpose], not because of our works [or because of any personal merit-we could do nothing to earn this], but because of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] which was granted to us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago],

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD GAVE ME SPECIFIC GIFTS TO FULFILL MY PURPOSE

Romans 12:6 NLT

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Ephesians 4:7 NLT

However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD GIVES ME ALL THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO FULFILL MY ASSIGNMENT

Luke 8:3 GNT

Joanna, whose husband Chuza was an officer in Herod's court; and Susanna, and many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.

2 Corinthians 9:8 TPT

Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything-every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.

1 Corinthians 1:7 NLT

Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I CAN DO THE WORKS JESUS DID

John 14:12 NLT

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Philippians 2:13 NLT

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 4:13 NLT

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AS JESUS WAS

1 John 2:20,27 KJVS

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. [27] But the

anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, [22] set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I CAN BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT AS THE BELIEVERS WERE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 2:4 KJVS

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:8 NCV

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and you elders,

Acts 10:44 KJVS

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE WHEN I PRAY IN TONGUES WITHOUT MY UNDERSTANDING MY SPIRIT IS PRAYING, I AM SPEAKING TO GOD & I AM EDIFYING MYSELF

1 Corinthians 14:2,14-15 AMP

For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him or catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things]. [14] For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive [because it does not understand what my spirit is praying]. [15] Then what am I to do? I will pray with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will pray with the mind [using words I understand]; I will sing with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will sing with the mind [using words I understand].

1 Corinthians 14:4 AMP

One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church [promotes growth in spiritual wisdom, devotion, holiness, and joy].

Jude 1:20 AMP

But you, beloved, build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], pray in the Holy Spirit,

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I LAY HANDS ON THE SICK & THEY RECOVER

Mark 16:17-18,20 KJVS

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 28:8 KJVS

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Acts 8:7 KJVS

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them : and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I PRAY THE PRAYER OF FAITH FOR THE SICK & THEY ARE HEALED

James 5:14-15 KJVS

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: [15] And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:16 KJVS

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN JESUS NAME I CAN CAST OUT DEVILS

Acts 16:16-18 KJVS

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: [17] The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the

servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. [18] And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Acts 8:7 KJVS

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them : and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE EVERYTIME I PRAY GOD'S WILL HE HEARS & ANSWERS MY PRAYERS

John 16:23-24 NLT

At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. [24] You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

1 John 5:14-15 KJVS

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: [15] And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I AM HEALED AND HAVE DIVINE HEALTH

Matthew 8:17 KJVS

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1 Peter 2:24 KJVS

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE MY BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD & HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN MY BODY

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, [20] for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

John 14:17 KJVS

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him

not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

1 John 4:4 KJVS

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD LOVES ME UNCONDITIONALLY & ETERNALLY

Romans 8:35,38-39 NLT

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? [38] And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. [39] No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 4:19 KJVS

We love him, because he first loved us.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD WANTS ME TO PROSPER FINANCIALLY

3 John 1:2 KJVS

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Philippians 4:19 NLT

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD MULTIPLIES THE FINANCIAL SEEDS I SOW FOR H8S PURPOSE

2 Corinthians 9:10 AMP

Now He who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing [that is, your resources] and increase the harvest of your righteousness [which shows itself in active goodness, kindness, and love].

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE I HAVE ACCESS TO GOD'S WISDOM

1 Corinthians 1:24,30 NLT

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the

power of God and the wisdom of God. [30] God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

James 1:5 NLT

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

James 1:5 GNT

But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE GOD IS MY HEAVENLY FATHER

John 20:17 KJVS

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Romans 8:15 NLT

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

1 Corinthians 1:3 NIV

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

* BELIEVE I AM A CHILD (HEIR) OF GOD & A JOINT HEIR WITH JESUS CHRIST

Galatians 3:26 AMPC

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

Galatians 4:6-7 NIV

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." [7] So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:16-17 NIV

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs---heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

* CHOOSE TO BELIEVE JESUS IS COMING BACK