

Faith

Worldly people don't believe the Bible is Christ, the word of God, choosing instead to believe in self, wealth and evolution. The reasons why are explained in the following scriptures.

For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are saved it is the power of God. (1Co 1:18)

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" (Rom 10:9-13)

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, **to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness**, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** Because the **foolishness of God** is wiser than men, and the **weakness of God** is stronger than men. (1Co 1:22-25)

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"
But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"
So then **faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.** (Rom 10:14-17)

Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen. For **by it** the elders obtained a good testimony. **By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Heb 11:1-3)

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so **no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which **man's wisdom teaches** but which the **Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned.** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (1Co 2:11-16)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Rom 12:1-2)

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known **the Holy scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for **salvation through faith** which is in Christ Jesus. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may **be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2Ti 3:14-17)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him **ask in faith, with no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. (Jam 1:5-6)

"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. **Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given**; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." (Luk 8:16-18)

We Christians should strive for the spiritual qualities; of a higher status than the material things of this life, qualities of love, which cannot be purchased.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, **believes all things, hopes all things**, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that **which is perfect has come**, then that **which is in part** will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but **when I become a man, I put away childish things**. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I **know in part**, but then **I shall know** just as I also am known. And now abide **faith, hope, love**, these three; but **the greatest of these is love**. (1Co 13:4-13)

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith**. For as we have many members in one body, but **all the members do not have the same function**, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. (Rom 12:3-9)

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. **Owe no one anything except to love one another**, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:7-8)

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law**. (Rom 13:10)

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (Rom 13:14)

So then **each of us shall give account of himself to God**. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. (Rom 14:13)

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But **if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

(You cannot be prosecuted for any righteous work you are doing, because you are doing nothing wrong!!!)

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.**

Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, **you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness**, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But **let each one examine his own work**, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. **For each one shall bear his own load.** (Gal 5:16 - 6:5)

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 15:5-6)

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