THE SKEPTIC BELIEVER

“The New FAD in God’s Kingdom”

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John 14:12-14 (NIV)

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13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV)
17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
18 They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”
Where is the power that we need in the church today?
WITHOUT GOD, MAN CANNOT;

WITHOUT MAN GOD WILL NOT!
Psalm 78:41-42 (NKJV)
41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy.
More than eight in ten (84 percent) of the world’s 7 billion people adheres to some form of religion.

Christians make up the largest group, with 2.2 billion adherents, or 32 percent worldwide.

Muslims, with 1.6 billion adherents, or 23 percent worldwide.
• Close behind are the “nones”, those who say they have no religious affiliation or say they do not believe in God, at 1.1 billion, or 16 percent.

• That means that about the same number of people who identify as Catholics worldwide say they have no religion.
A ChrEaster?
NO!
SKEPTIC BELIEVER
Seek The Evidence
The Skeptic believer is one who believes in Christ, even one who has accepted Christ, but is skeptical of the life changing power they hear preached on Sunday morning.
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Why We Do Not See God Answer Our Prayers?
3 Characteristics of Skeptic Believer

1. Instead of speaking truthfully from the depths of God’s Word, they’ll reverberate with their conventional wisdom sometimes called “good ole common sense.”
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II. Instead asking how Jesus and His Gospel bears upon particular issues in life and culture, they’ll turn appeal to their old stand-by platitudes and politically correct assumptions.
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III. Instead of praising God for the bold and courageous vision given to their preacher, they’ll complain and say, “Don’t get too radical.”
“...guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith”

(I Tim 6:20-21)
SKEPTICISM

Skepticism is generally any questioning attitude towards knowledge, facts, opinions, or beliefs stated as facts, or doubt regarding claims that are factual.
The HOLY SPIRIT Cannot Operate Where There Is UNBELIEF.
Mark 9:23-25 (NKJV)
23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”
24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”
FAITH

Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing. Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.
Hebrews 11:1-3 (KJV)
1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
(2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
Galatians 5:9 (KJV)
A little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump.
It is always our little worries. We say, “I will not trust when I cannot see”, and that is where unbelief begins. The only cure for unbelief is obedience to the Spirit. The greatest word of Jesus to His disciples is abandon.
What If I Have Never Seen?
OH...YES YOU HAVE
Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)
21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
Are You Ready For A Change?