

## Things Most Surely Believed

- I. God created the world.
  - A. God exists
    1. It cannot be any other way.
    2. Possibilities
      - a) The universe was created.
      - b) The universe created itself.
    3. Who is God?
      - a) Power
      - b) Good
    4. Heb. 11:6
  - B. Evidence
    1. Philosophic
      - a) Teleological - design demands a designer
      - b) Ontological - greatest possible being
      - c) Cosmological - deduced from facts/evidence; aka "universal causation"
    2. Scientific/Mathematic
      - a) Laws
        - (1) 2nd law of thermodynamics
        - (2) Cause-effect
        - (3) Biogenesis - Pasteur
      - b) Numbers
        - (1) Not invented, but discovered
        - (2) Big Bang - physics suppressed
        - (3) Irrationals
          - (a) Pi
          - (b) Phi (Golden ratio)
    - C. Power
      1. Miraculous
        - a) Nature's laws - God has power over them
        - b) Man works within
      2. Word
        - a) Speaks, and it happens
        - b) Godhead
          - (1) Father
          - (2) Word
          - (3) Spirit
        - c) Impossibilities
          - (1) Things God cannot do
          - (2) Absurdities
      - D. Destruction
        1. God has the power.
        2. God has the authority.
    - II. God loves us.
      - A. We are made in God's image (Imago Dei) - Gen. 1:27.
        1. Spirit
          - a) separates us from animals
            - (1) superiority

- (2) dominion
      - (3) fear
    - b) Immortal - will not die
  - 2. Emotion
    - a) Evolved?
    - b) empathy, sympathy, guilt, grief, joy, pride, debt, etc.
  - B. We are created for God's good pleasure (Eph. 1:5-9; Phi. 2:13).
    - 1. Choice
      - a) God cannot create His equal; there can be only one.
      - b) So we have free moral agency (Deu. 30:19).
      - c) It brings God joy when we are obedient and faithful.
    - 2. Obedience
      - a) God has communicated:
        - (1) Laws
        - (2) Expectations
      - b) All sin (Rom. 3:23)
  - C. He has arranged our redemption (Rom. 5:8-9; John 3:16; Eph. 2:1-2)
    - 1. All have sinned.
    - 2. God still loves us.
    - 3. God has laws.
    - 4. God is just and righteous.
    - 5. God is gracious and merciful.
    - 6. God has arranged our redemption through His own sacrifice.
  - D. He expects our sanctification.
    - 1. God's holiness/purity (1 Pet. 1:15-16)
      - a) Eden
      - b) Tabernacle/Temple
      - c) Church
      - d) Heaven
    - 2. Our lives
      - a) Daily
      - b) Continual
- III. Jesus is the Son of God.
- A. Jesus is God.
    - 1. John 1
    - 2. Col. 1
    - 3. Heb. 1
    - 4. Pre-existence
      - a) Jesus in OT
      - b) Jesus as Word
  - B. Jesus lived as a human
    - 1. Virgin birth (Isa. 7:14; Mat. 1)
      - a) Only begotten
    - 2. Temptation (Heb. 4:14-15)
    - 3. Suffering
    - 4. Death
  - C. Jesus was both God and man.
    - 1. Phi. 2:5-9
    - 2. Propitiation

3. Advocate
  4. Intercessor
  5. Mediator
- D. Jesus was resurrected.
1. Grave could not hold him.
  2. Eyewitnesses
  3. He will never die/become human/come to earth again.
  4. We will be resurrected too.
  5. Bodies will be changed.
- IV. The Bible is from God.
- A. Revelation - God speaking to man
1. General - creation (Rom. 1:20)
  2. Specific - patriarchs, prophets, Bible (Heb. 1:1-3)
- B. Inspiration - God speaking through man
1. Verbal (2 Sam. 23:2)
  2. Plenary (2 Pet. 1:20-21)
  3. Fulfilled prophecies and promises (Isa. 55:11)
    - a) Work of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2; Acts 2)
      - (1) Completed (1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4)
      - (2) Baptism of HS no longer occurring
- C. Inerrancy
1. Literary cohesion
    - a) 40 writers
    - b) 1 theme
    - c) 1500 years
    - d) various backgrounds
  2. Scientific foreknowledge
  3. Historical accuracy
- D. Preservation/canonicity
1. God's control (Eph. 1:11)
  2. Textual evidence
    - a) over 5000 manuscripts of NT
    - b) OT documents above doubt
  3. Eye and ear test
    - a) Apocrypha
    - b) Pseudepigrapha
  4. Internal claims
- V. The Church is Important.
- A. God's Eternal Plan
1. Gen. 3:15
  2. Gen. 12:1-3
  3. Exo. 19:3-8
  4. 2 Sam. 7:12-16
  5. Jer. 31:31-34
  6. Mat. 16:18
  7. Acts 2:47
  8. Acts 20:28
  9. Eph. 3
- B. God's Glory

1. Eden
  2. Tabernacle
  3. Temple
  4. Transfiguration
  5. Church
  6. Heaven
- C. Singularity - unity plus the idea of there being only one correct way
1. Man - Family - Nation - Church
  2. Doctrine
  3. Organization
  4. Practice
- D. Types/Shadows
1. Eden
  2. Ark
  3. Tabernacle/Temple
    - a) Layout
    - b) Furniture
    - c) Pattern
  4. Family
  5. Body
- E. Names
1. Kingdom
  2. Body
  3. Church of...
    - a) Christ
    - b) God
    - c) Firstborn
- VI. Heaven and Hell are real.
- A. The Bible says so.
1. We have no other proof.
  2. Heaven
    - a) Gen. 5:24 (Heb. 11:5)
    - b) 2 Kin. 2:1, 11
  3. Hell
    - a) Psa. 9:17; 16:10
    - b) Pro. 15:24
- B. What is Heaven?
1. 3 Heavens
    - a) sky/atmosphere (Gen. 1-2)
    - b) Outer space (Deu. 1:10; 10:14; 1 Kin. 8:27)
    - c) Heaven
      - (1) dwelling place of God (1 Kin. 8:43)
      - (2) eternal home of the faithful (2 Cor. 5:1)
  2. God's presence
    - a) Not a physical place (1 Cor. 15:50-54)
    - b) complete purity (Heb. 4:15)
  3. Never will be on earth
    - a) John 3:31
    - b) John 14:1-6

- c) Luke 24:51
  - d) Acts 1:10-11
  - e) Acts 7:55
- C. What is Hell?
- 1. Hades/Gahenna
    - a) Luke 16
  - 2. Separation from God
    - a) Isa. 59:1-2
    - b) Mat. 25:31-46
  - 3. Not annihilation
    - a) Mark 9:43-46
- D. What happens when we die?
- 1. Hades
  - 2. Heaven/Hell directly