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ONLY BELIEVE

You may have heard the song, "Only believe, Only Believe, All things are possible, Only Believe." I have always liked this song, but there is a question I must ask. What is it that we are to believe?

Are we to believe it is God's will for us to be sick?

Are we to believe it is God's will that we are constantly defeated by Satan?

Are we to believe it God's will that some will get saved and some won't?

Are we to believe that there is a literal heaven and hell?

Good questions, and many ask them. What we believe will determine what we receive. If we don't back up what we believe with scripture, then it is fruitless to even expect to receive. I know a lady that prayed one day about going to church. She decided that the next person that knocked on her door and invited her to church, she would say yes, and go. Little did she know when the doorbell rang less than ten minutes later that those calling were from a cult. Yet, she had made this "promise" ignorantly, and went to their "church." She was in it for a long while until she realized their error and then found it nearly impossible to leave. After leaving, they continued to call and come by. She did not know what they "believed" when they rang her doorbell, so she was "deceived."

We must use the Bible as our litmus test of belief, but even then, we must not take scriptures out of context. Here is a question for those of you that are "bible knowers". Did Jesus die for our sins and sicknesses or just our sins? The answer will determine whether you fight the faith for illnesses as well as believe you are saved from your sin.

The answer is both. Jesus died for your sin, and by his stripes you were healed. (Read Isaiah 53.) It came as a package deal for you, but you have to receive both by faith to have them. You are saved by faith, and you are healed by faith. You can choose to believe it or not.

Did you know the devils believe and tremble? They know who Jesus is, but they know that they have no future with God. They know their time is short before they go to the lake of fire. Satan knows scripture too. He quoted it (and misquoted it deliberately) to Jesus when he was tempted. Jesus came back with the same answer starting with "**It is written**" each time. If we don't know what "**is written**" how can we combat Satan's attacks? We can't. So, we have to choose to read, study, and speak the word of God over ourselves in faith to receive.

Only believe? Yes, I believe the Word of God is true, and I stand on it and quote it for me and those I hold dearly in my words and prayers. What about you? What do you believe?