**BIBLE - UNBELIEF**

***ROMANS 1:18-25 - TEXT***

**INTRODUCTION** – Why do many people live a life of unbelief and disobedience when the scriptures warn us against unbelief? God is instructing us to not be beset by a lack of faith in our lives. The purpose of this lesson is to show us that in disobedience there is an element of unbelief. Unbelief can be defined as “a lack of accepting the truth on something.”

***ACTING IN UNBELIEF:***

1. **UNBELIEF SUPPRESSES THE TRUTH** – **ROM. 1:18-20** – Why does this happen? Why do we refuse to accept the truth?
2. Lack of courage –
3. **REV. 21:8** – We often suppress the truth because we are fearful or cowardly.
4. **MATT. 25:25** – The example of the one talent man who was afraid.
5. Lack of conviction –
6. **MARK 16:14 –** The apostles did not have much conviction.
7. **HEB. 3:16-19 –** The Israelites displayed a lack of faith in God.
8. **HEB.** **3:12** - The bible warns us about the dangers of lacking faith.
9. Lack of self control –
10. **GAL. 5:22-23** – Exhibiting unbelief is a result of losing self control.
11. **1 COR. 9:25-27** – If we lose self control we lose our ability to compete for the prize.
12. **UNBELIEF PERVERTS THE TRUTH** – **ROM. 1:21-23** – They knew the truth about the one God and some even acknowledged the truth but refused to obey God.
13. Accepted God’s existence but did not obey –
14. **MATT. 21:25** – The example of the Pharisees not accepting the authority of God’s son – Jesus.
15. **ACTS 26:26-28** – Paul knew Agrippa had true knowledge concerning the prophets and their message yet he refused to obey.
16. Accepted God’s existence but only partially obeyed –
17. **TITUS 1:16** – The plight of many Christians today is that they profess they know God but actually deny him because they are disobedient. They are disqualified for every good work.
18. **EPH. 2:8-10** – We are actually created in Christ Jesus for good works.
19. **TITUS 3:8** – Believers are to be careful to maintain good works.
20. True belief always results in obedience –
21. **ACTS 19:18-20** – Ephesians fire of denial.
22. **JONAH 3:5-10** – When God saw their works he relented from the disaster he said he would bring upon them.
23. **UNBELIEF LEADS TO PERVERSION IN OUR LIFE** – **ROM. 1:24-25** – God will allow us to exchange the truth of God for a lie, but we must be willing to suffer the consequences.
24. **HEB. 4:1-6** – Disobedience causes us to come short of the Promised Land.
25. **MARK 16:16** – Unbelief cause us to come short of salvation.
26. **HEB. 10:23-25** – Are you going to allow your unbelief to justify your forsaking the assemblies.
27. **NUM. 20:7-12** – Example of Moses disobeying God. When one disobeys he is acting as if he does not believe.
28. Why do we do these things and make choices that exhibit unbelief?
29. **GEN. 4:5-8** – If we like Cain allow our emotions to take control.
30. **GAL. 6:9** - God warns us not to become weary in well doing.
31. **MATT. 6:19-24** – Material possessions are more important to us.
32. **3 JN. 9** – Pride was causing Diotrephes to act in unbelief.
33. **GAL. 2:11-14** – Fear of what friends or family might say. This was a problem with Peter.

**CONCLUSION** –

What is the status of your faith?

Get rid of unbelief!!!

Base your faith on the word of God – **ROM. 10:17**

If we will do that then our faith will please God – **HEB. 11:6**