## WHO IS TO BE TRUSTED?

Dear reader, WORSHIP, GLORY & TRUST, could be considered as "brothers and sisters" of the same family. WHY? It's because, they are the PRESERVE of ONLY one person – the **CREATOR**. To recap, glory was given to man, when he was created, but he lost it, in the Garden of Eden. WHY? **SIN!!!!** The need for the restoration of this glory was the key essence of <u>Christ's first</u> coming to this earth. However, ALL GLORY belongs, and will always belong, to God. Now, what about TRUST?

Man, often, expects TRUST from others. If one were to say; "I can't put my trust in you", it is interpreted as an "insult". But, "I trust you, man", invokes excitement galore! WHY? Earthmen have come to believe that 'TRUST' is for them. But, to trust a person is not only to BELIEVE what the one says, but, also, to RELY on the person. It connotes; ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE in someone. Obviously, the usage of the word TRUST, for man, is a misnomer. Inadvertently, or carelessly, it's arrogated to man.

**God's word said in Jeremiah 17:5** "Thus saith the LORD; CURSED be the man that TRUSTETH in man, and MAKETH flesh his ARM, and whose HEART DEPARTETH from the LORD". Strong words! Isn't it? But;

**God's word said in Jeremiah 17:7** "Blessed is the man that **TRUSTETH** in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

Dear reader, from the above scriptures, as well as other scriptures, the following conclusions could, safely, be arrived at;

- ☐ You are to LOVE <u>ALL PEOPLE</u> [your neighbors], as yourself. Luke 10:27
- ☐ You are to BELIEVE <u>SOME PEOPLE</u>, but, ONLY to the extent of their integrity [their TRACK RECORD]. Proverbs 14:15, Proverbs 26:25.
- You are to PUT your TRUST in NO ONE, except GOD. Finally, salient lessons exist in the 'fierce' exchange between Jesus and Peter as ff.

**God's word said in Luke 22:33 "And he** [Peter] said unto him [Jesus], Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death" Reply:

**Jesus said in Luke 22:34** "...I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me"

In the above encounter, in effect, Peter was saying; "Lord Jesus, TRUST me". Christ's responds, in effect, was "Peter, YOU cannot be TRUSTED, in spite of ALL your good intentions". OR, "Peter, **TRUST** is for God, **ONLY**"

**Dear reader**, if you want to have the ability to LOVE your neighbor as yourself, BELIEVE those who MUST be believed, BUT, to PUT your TRUST, ONLY, in God – and NOT in man, not even YOURSELF, THEN, YOU MUST INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART. This begins your TRUST in **GOD**!!!

**God's word said in Psalm 118:8** "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

**God's word said in John 2:24** "But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew ALL MEN, 2:25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man."

**God's word said in Psalm 2:12** "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their TRUST in him."

**God's word said in 1 Peter: 5:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION, WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR:"

**Jesus said in Revelation 3:20** "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

**Jesus said in Revelation** 3:22 "He that hath an ear, let him hear..."

Dear reader, a delay in inviting Jesus into your heart, means you TRUST in your own righteousness, and not in God's righteousness. Jeremiah 17:5

**GOOD NEWS**: **No matter** how great your **SINS** are, **YOU** can register for Heaven **TODAY**, right **NOW**, and right **HERE**. Isaiah 1:18, 19. **How?** 

- → Simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died and Resurrected for YOU, personally. Rom 10 : 9 -10
- → Open your mouth and pray, audibly, a prayer of surrender to God, personally, accepting his Gift for you. Rom 10: 9 – 10, 13

## **\* DECISION FOR HEAVEN**

IF YOU WANT TO BE WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, BE BORN AGAIN, AND ESCAPE FROM DEATH TO LIFE (John 5:24), THEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS.

- → Lord Jesus Christ, I ACCEPT that I am a sinner. Rom 3:23, Is 64:6, , Ps 51:5
- → I REPENT, confess, renounce and forsake my SINS, and receive your forgiveness 1 John 1:9
- → Wash my Sins away with your precious blood, shed on Calvary Cross for me. Heb 9:22, 12
- → Lord Jesus Christ, come into my heart today and be my Lord and Savior. I dedicate the rest of my life to you Rev 3: 20, Joshua 24:15b
- → Thank you Jesus that I am now <u>born</u> <u>again</u>, and for saving me. *John 3: 3*

DEAR READER, CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT BY INDICATING:
Your Name:
Signature:
Date:

**IMPORTANT**: For you to remain in God's LOVE and grow spiritually;

- → Read the Bible, especially the New Testament, focusing on the gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to know more about Jesus Christ and make Him your friend. 1 Peter 2 : 2. Pray always to God Luke 18 : 1
- → Locate a Bible believing church where you can grow. Acts 2:47b
- → Tell others about Christ, continually. Ezekiel 33:8

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