

## **Knowing What We Believe**

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

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Of course, I have a question. Do you know what you believe and why? This may seem like a simple question but the implications of it are so powerful to how we live in this world.

I realize we all have beliefs about so many things. Political beliefs – democrat, republican, conservative, liberal; educational beliefs – public school, Christian school, private school, charter schools; religious beliefs – denominational, conservative, liberal, progressive, traditional; community beliefs – rural, urban, suburb, city; relationship beliefs – affectionate, distant, proper; food beliefs – healthy, whole 30, fast food; family beliefs – large, small, activities, rules. Obviously, there are other beliefs that we could list.

One I purposely didn't list was our beliefs about God and the Bible. Yes, I think those are different than religious beliefs. What do you believe about God and

His word? Are you bound by what someone has taught you? Are you bound by the teachings of your named group? But the important question is, 'what do you believe'?

I wonder which belief or beliefs influence the others. It seems abundantly clear that for most, our belief about God is more influenced by everything else we believe. And that is unfortunate. Because when that is the case, God is a changing God without any stability.

But when everything else we believe is influenced/guided/directed by our belief about the God in the Bible our lives will be changed. Be open to the Spirit as you continue to read, study and come to know God.

Know what you believe and why. And don't be afraid share it with others.

All Things for Christ,  
Michael