## Introduction

Are We Fully Convinced in our Walk with Christ?

Abraham was Fully Convinced God is Able to Complete His Promises

Paul was Fully Persuaded Jesus is the Messiah

How do we know we are Fully Convinced Jesus is the Messiah and our Savior?

Being Fully Convinced Jesus is Lord and Salvation Comes by Faith alone matters.

What Must we be fully convinced about?

## You Say you Trust in God. Why do you trust more in: money, talent, government, yourself?

E. Stanley: E. Stanley Jones stated it graphically, "If you don't make up your mind, then your unmade mind will unmake you.

## Text:

[Isa 31:1 KJV] 1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because [they are] many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

[Jas 1:8 KJV] 8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.

## Are you Fully Convinced God is able to do whatever he promises?

You cannot be convinced of something you do not know.

You cannot be convinced of something you do not believe.

When you are fully convinced, you will not waver.

## Abraham was Fully Convinced God is Able

God counted Abraham righteous both for his benefit and for our benefit. God will count us righteous if we believe in the Father and believe he raised his Son Jesus from the dead.

[Rom 4:20-25 KJV] 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; **<u>21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able</u> <u>also to perform.</u> 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.** 

[Rom 4:20-25 NLT] 20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <u>21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do</u> <u>whatever he promises.</u> 22 And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. 23 And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded 24 for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who

raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

[Rom 4:17 NLT] 17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

#### Faith Grows in Relationship with the Lord.

[Gen 18:17-18 KJV] 17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; 18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

[Gen 18:20-21 KJV] 20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Abraham questioned the Lord about what he was going to do to Sodom and Gomorrah. He asked if there were fifty righteous would he still destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? How about: 45? 40? 30? 20? 10?

#### Is Abraham really your father? Are you Convinced?

[Rom 4:16 KJV] 16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

[Rom 4:16 NLT] 16 So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. **For Abraham is the father of all who believe.** 

[Jhn 8:39 KJV] 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

## Paul was fully Fully convinced Jesus is the Messiah

[Act 9:5-6 KJV] 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?** And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

[Act 21:10-14 KJV] 10 And as we tarried [there] many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. 11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver [him] into the hands of the Gentiles. 12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

#### Paul to the Christians at Rome

[Rom 14:2-6 NLT] 2 For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. 3 Those who feel free to eat anything must not

look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. **5 In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.** 6 Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

## How can we become fully convinced Jesus is the Messiah, our Savior?

#### The Holy Spirit convinces Us

[Eph 1:16-18 KJV] 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

#### The More you learn, the more you will be convinced.

[1Jo 5:13 KJV] 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

# Being Fully Convinced Jesus is Lord and Salvation Comes by Faith alone matters. (We are Ambassadors for Christ)

[2Co 5:20 NLT] 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

#### Why are we not fully convinced about the things of God?

Doubt springs up and we consider two things are right at the same time.

We have not reached the point of being fully convinced of the things of God because we have not yet been talked into it.

## We Must we be fully convinced about?

Salvation is in Christ alone

Jesus is Lord and wants my full submission to Him

We have eternal life

We will not be at the White Throne Judgment if we are saved

We will have trouble in this life. We must strive for perfection daily through prayer, fasting, and reading God's Word.

Satan is a Liar

The World does not have the important answers to life. Only God Has these answers!

God's design for the family