Bear the Light

- the Spirit *is not* you're guide ***to a moral bar***

Galatians 5:16-21

The Spirit is about fruit, *which is to bear the light,* **Matthew 5:16, John 8:12**

As you look at Jesus,
your soul will have an advantage,
you will – ***see*** *what you've been* ***told*** –
understand *what you have* ***not heard***

Jesus is the only person in history that is exactly who He says He is

Jesus is the only person in history that had one point of reference

Jesus is the only person in history that always uses what is important to you to teach you about Him

Jesus is food for the soul that we can waste for lack of concern

Start at John 6:15 in 2027

Does God love me?

1

The only tool Satan has is lies, and he seeks to deceive each of our minds

John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 11:3

Satan systematically lies about who God is, who you are and who others are

Genesis 3:1-13, Romans 1:25

Most people will develop their idea of faith in God along their way of thinking, rather than along the lines of who God has revealed Himself to be in the Bible

These people live impulsive and defensive lives **– being easily misled**

Read the Proverbs

2

God is love

The language of God is love

1 John 4:7-19

Love is from God, vs 7 – **love for one another**

…the love of God was manifested, vs 9 –
God sent His only Son into humanity,

which is hostile to His ways,
so we might have this Jesus point of reference
to love one another as He does

He loved us, vs 10 –

in sending Jesus, God demonstrated love one for another through affection, good will, well meaning and kindness

without any merit being found in us

His love is perfected in us, vs 12 –
His attitude of well meaning and kindness accomplishes its purpose through us

He has given us His spirit, vs 13 –
the Spirit loves on us when we gather as a Church

We have come to believe the love God has for us, vs 16 – **if you look at God long enough** you will know you can place your confidence in Him **because of His attitude and demonstration of love towards you**

As God is (loving others regardless of merit), so are we in this world, vs 17

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, vs 18 – **there is no reason to live in fear of anything while placing confidence in God's love for us**

We love, because He first loved us, vs 19 – **God loved us first, and without merit**

We respond by choosing to express His love in the same way

God is so loving that He allows you to choose how intimate you will be with Him

John 4, the woman at the well

God is so loving that He will fight for you

He will also fight against you if that is what He must do to fight for you

Luke 9, Jesus fights *for* **James and John by fighting** *against* **them**

God is love

Get this right and you will live exceptional lives

Read the Bible, again…

…look for God, because the love God has for you is not learned in a 5 minute online video

The stories of the Bible have taught me

my **assurance** is not in
how much my heart is set on God,
but how unshakably His heart is set on me

Does God exist?

1

My Personal Testimony

I know who I was before…

the center of my world was me

I chose friends for what I got out of it

I lied to protect myself or make myself look good

I learned to perform for people, to do what was important to them so they would include me

I know who I am now… **not that guy**

At salvation the Spirit began to
challenge my methods, and
cut me off by eliminating their effectiveness

It took me years to surrender doing things my way, and yield to a new way

Now I anticipate the Spirit will
many times in a day make me aware of God,
that I might love Him, others and myself well

2

Attesting Miracles (Signs)

Miracles are not a violation of what we know as the laws of nature

Troy’s hand/eye coordination vs
my ability to cover a lot of ground

The Laws of Physics can be interrupted

the fundamental laws that govern the universe are not a closed system

The Laws of Physics can only tell us what **typically** happens

To not interpret life spiritually…

- plagued the Jewish people's understanding of relationship to God in Matthew 5

- hindered Mary and Joseph in Luke 1:34, Matthew 1:18-19

- hindered Nicodemus in John 3

- hindered the woman at the well in John 4

I believe Miracles overlap with us

Therefore, **I believe God exists**

*This belief began for me in a rather dramatic way **36 years ago***

Psalm 18:28-29

10 month old infants seldom survive bacterial meningitis if not treated promptly

Adam's delayed treatment put him at a nearly 0% survival rate

Matthew 1:20, Acts 10:1-8

34 years ago I had a dream about a man I knew in Mississippi

Acts 12:5-10

34 years ago I asked God to give me time to talk with my dying father in the hospital, and no one came in his room while I was there

Mark 16:9, (Luke 8:26-33)

30 years ago around 2AM

It wasn’t a group hallucination

28 years ago

Donna and I secretly bought Rod and Marilyn meal at the Cracker Barrel

1 month ago

I failed to buy donuts for Dell

Does God exist?

My personal testimony says **yes**

Miracles overlapping with me says **yes**

meaning I find this life is both physical and spiritual

Does God exist?

Miracles overlapping with Isaac says **yes**

meaning I believe the God of the Bible is inviting you to make a choice to interact with Him. Pick up the pieces.

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