I BELIEVE

John 9:1-7 NASB

Jesus and His disciples are leaving the temple and see a blind man who is begging.

The man was not blind because of his sin or his parents sin.

Jesus made clay mixed with His spittle and applied it to the man’s eyes.

The man was healed when he obediently went to the Pool of Siloam and washed his eyes.

PRINCIPLE #1 Jesus said that we can move mountains if we have the faith the size of a mustard seed. This man’s faith was quite small for he didn’t even know who Jesus was. He was obedient to one who spoke with authority.

The Pharisees find out about this miracle and that it was done on the Sabbath by Jesus.

They question him and do not believe it until they call the seeing man’s parents.

The parents do not want to answer their questions for fear of being kicked out of the synagogue.

The Pharisees again question the seeing man and after he remains faithful to the truth, they put him out of the synagogue.

John 9:35-38 NASB

Jesus finds the man and asks him if he believes in the Son of Man.

After understanding that it is Jesus, he says, “Lord, I believe,” and he worships Him.

PRINCIPLE #2 Believing is the difference between being saved and being eternally lost.

John 3:16, 36 KJV

Romans 10:9-10 KJV

Charles Blondin was the tight rope walker who walked across Niagra Gorge on an 1100’ rope, 3 1/4” in diameter, 160’ above the water on 06/30/1859. He crossed several times thereafter, once when blindfolded, another carrying his manager on his back, again with his legs in a sack, once when he was on stilts, again when pushing a wheelbarrow, one time he carried a stove and a chair and midway cooked an omelet and ate it, and another instance he stood on a chair with one leg on the rope. After pushing the wheelbarrow loaded with 350# of cement he asked the cheering crowd if they believed that he could push a man across. He asked one
of the cheering men, “Do you think I could push you safely across in the wheelbarrow?” “Yes, of course.” “Get in.” The man refused.

PRINCIPLE #3 The apostles did not write the Apostle’s Creed, but they believed what is written in it. All except John were martyred for their belief.

II Timothy 1:12 KJV

The word creed is from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe”.

The first known form of the “Creed” was dated around 120 A. D.

Paul and Peter were very concerned about false teachers and their promotion of a gospel contrary to the truth.

II Corinthians 11:2-4 NIV

II Peter 2:1-3 NIV

John, the author of the last gospel written and leader of the Church late into the first century, used the word “believe” or a form of it over 80 times in relation to salvation.

The Apostle’s Creed

Even though the Apostles did not write the Creed, it is based on their teachings written in the New Testament which is the inspired Word of God.

The Creed gives us the basic truths of the Godhead and their gospel which are indisputable.

These truths are important and are the basis for all of our understanding. Humanity looks to do what is right in their own eyes.

Judges 21:25 KJV

The Creed says, “I believe…” and not “We believe…”. Our belief unto righteousness is personal. Each of us must believe for themselves.

PRINCIPLE #4 We are what we believe and it is displayed by our behavior. Jesus said, “You will know them by their fruits.” Our actions come from our feelings. Our feelings are directed by our attitudes. Our attitudes are dictated by our values and our values are based on our beliefs; what we truly believe in our heart.

Matthew 15:17-20 NASB

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

Recite the Apostle’s Creed