

Celebrating Sacred Joy
i.e., Supernatural Biblical-Spiritual Joy
Part 19

(Points I. and II. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

III. **Why** It Is Important for Believers to **Attain** and **Maintain** and **Manifest** Supernatural Biblical Spiritual Joy

[Points A. through C. and all sub points see previous note sheets]

D. Because It **Enhances** the **Quality** of One's Earthly Life and Spiritual Life cf Acts 5:29-42; 16:21-34; 2 Cor. 7:1-4; Philipp. 1:25; 4:4 cf 4:11-13; 1 Thess. 1:6; Heb.10:32-34

[Points 1. through 3. and all sub points see previous note sheets]

4. **Conversion** of the Jailer and His Family cf Acts 16:30-33

“And brought them out, and said, ‘Sirs what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.’” Acts 16:30-32

e. The Correct **Answer**: “And they said believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:31

4) Goes Beyond the Jailer's **Perceived** Need of Immediate, Present, Physical Deliverance from the Wrath of the God of Paul and Silas and Addresses His **Real** Needs Which Are Not Physical but **Spiritual**

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a) ***‘They Spoke Unto Him the Word of the Lord’*** in This Context It Means They Expounded the **Old Testament Scriptures** Which Reveal the One **True God** and the Essentials of the Gospel and Reveal **Who Jesus Christ Is**, **What Jesus Christ Has Done** and **Why He Had to Do the Things He Did**, the **Results** of His Work and **How** Human Beings Are to Respond to the Gospel cf Psalm 18:30; 33:4; The Book of Jeremiah Uses the Phrase ‘the word of the Lord’ 52 times Jeremiah 1:2, 4, 11, 13; 2:1, 4, 32; 6:10; 7:2; 8:9; 9:20; 13:2, 3, 8; 14:1; 16:1; 17:15, 20; 18:5; 19:3; 20:8, 11; 22:2, 29; 24:4; 25:3; 27:18; 28:12; 29:20; 30; 31:10; 32:6, 8, 26; 33:1, 19, 23; 34:4, 12; 35:12; 36:27; 37:6; 39:15; 42:7, 15; 43:8; 44:24, 26; 46:1; 47:1

49:34; The Book of Jeremiah Which Is in What We Call the Old Testament Contains the Written Words of God cf (Jer. 36:27-28 cf Dan.9:2); Other Passages Which Show the Phrase, 'The Word of the Lord' Denotes The Old Testament Scriptures cf Acts 16:32; cf Acts 4:29, 31; 8:25; 26-37;11:19-21; 13:14-49; 14:25-27; 16:6-10; 17:2-3;19:8-10; Rm. 1:1-4, 7, 9, 11, 15-16, 26-32; 2:5, 8, 12, 16; 3:6, 9-12, 23; Philipp 1:14; Col. 1:6-7; Heb. 13:7

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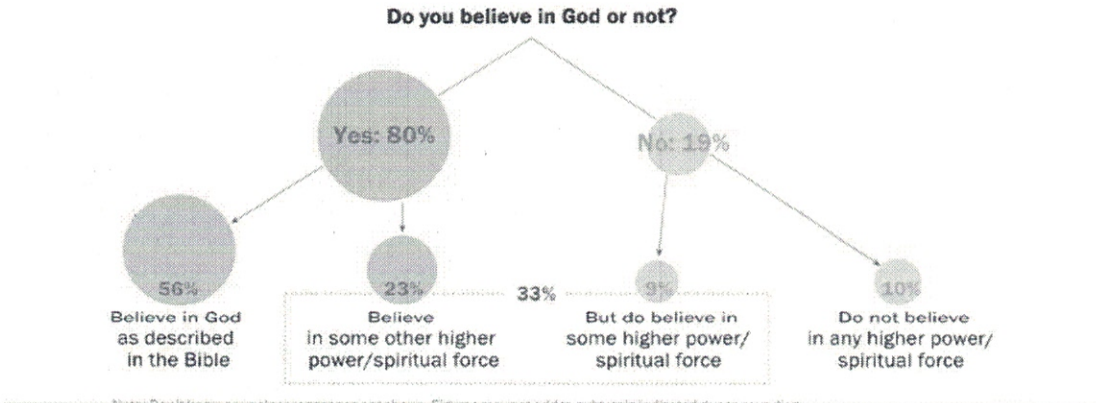
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“To explore the U.S. public’s beliefs about God, the survey first asked, simply: ‘Do you believe in God, or not?’

“Those who said “yes” – 80% of all respondents – received a follow-up question asking them to clarify whether they believe in ‘God as described in the Bible’ or they ‘do not believe in God as described in the Bible but do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe.’

A slim majority of Americans (56%) say they believe in God ‘as described in the Bible.’ And one-in-ten do not believe in any higher power or spiritual force.” Pew Research Center

Based on the Pew Research Center Survey, date April 23, 2018; 44.8 of all the Americans in the survey say they believe in the God of the People. **That means 5.2 people out of every ten with whom that we might share the gospel do not believe in the God of the Bible**

1. Therefore, believers must be prepared to introduce the God of the Bible as they present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. The Emphasis of the Introduction Must Be on What It Is about God that Required Jesus to Die for Their Sins