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I. INTRODUCTION:

We look at the Scriptures and say there are only two types of people, the lost and the saved. This is very true and Biblical. I believe that the Scriptures divide these two classes of people into a group in which I call the four types of people. There are two types of unbelievers and two types of believers. I believe that there is enough Biblical evidence to divide the lost into two groups and to divide the saved into two groups. The four groups are...

1. The unbelieving unbeliever (a lost person)
2. The believing unbeliever (a lost person)
3. The unbelieving believer (a saved person)
4. The believing believer (a saved person)

II. THE UNBELIEVING UNBELIEVER:

This is the lost person, the unbeliever, who claims to be an atheist. The unbelieving unbeliever is the person who from his heart acknowledges that there is no God. They are heart-hardened towards the Gospel message and according to Scriptures are fools and liars.

Psa 14:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Psa 53:1 To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

Pro 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Pro 18:2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

Pro 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Pro 23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

1Jn 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

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Rev 21:7-8 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

God's Word tells us that these antichrists are among us now. Those who walk with the spirit of antichrist have always existed. Notice as you read the Scriptures from 1 Jn.2 that the antichrists came out from among the believers. They hardened their hearts and left the circle of believers.

1Jn 2:18-19 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1Jn 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1Jn 4:2-3 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

III. THE BELIEVING UNBELIEVERS:

The believing unbelievers are those who have mentally acknowledged that God is real and they may even confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord. The problem is that they do not believe with their hearts. This is a mental accent that God is real and that Jesus died on the cross. There are many believing unbelievers in the church. The Bible refers to them also as "Tares".

How does a person become a tare, or lost religious person? There are many who were "moved" by the sermon or by the music to pray a prayer without a heart of faith. There have been many lost church attendees who were manipulated by a plea to pray and prayer, get baptized and join the church without the evidence that they had been truly born again.

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Prayers do not save people, Jesus does. Without a heart of faith, the confession with the mouth is an empty activity. The believing unbeliever could also identify those who once believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, yet left or walked away from the faith. They are still religious but their faith has been shipwrecked and their hearts hardened. These people continue to operate on knowledge of the religious system which they are a part of. This would also include those who have been religiously active and done many things in that religious institution. They many have even seen and performed signs and wonders in the name of Jesus, but have never knew Him.

The believing unbelievers can understand religion, denominationalism, and church life, but they cannot discern the truths of the Christian life nor can they understand the Word of God.

Mat 7:20-23 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

1Co 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Act 24:24-25 *And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.*

2Co 13:5-6 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.*

2Ti 3:1-8 *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so*

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do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Jas 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Jud 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Rev 21:7-8 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

IV. THE UNBELIEVING BELIEVERS:

This group would be those who are truly and genuinely saved, having placed their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ with a heart of faith. They fully believe that God loved them enough to give His Son on a rugged old cross to die so that their sins may be forgiven and that they can have eternal life. Although this group of believers can embrace the basic faith of salvation they never seem to go beyond that.

For the most part this group walks in fear and have a difficult time believing that the miracles of the Scriptures are real for today. This is most likely the largest group among the believers. These make up the Christians who got saved, followed the Lord in water baptism, joined a church, learn the church doctrine, yet never matured in the faith and in the Word of God. This group would be classified by the Word of God as spiritual babes.

Rom 10:8-11 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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Joh 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Joh 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

1Jn 5:1 *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*

1Jn 5:5 *Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

1Jn 5:10 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

1Jn 5:13 *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.*

1Co 3:1-3 *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

Heb 5:11-14 *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

1Pe 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

Mat 17:17-20 *Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of*

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mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

V. THE BELIEVING BELIEVERS

The believing believers are the most exciting people to be around. They have faith to trust God for anything. They believe that the things that our Lord Jesus Christ did they can do and should do. They push the spiritual and natural envelope seeking the heart of the Father. Their walk is an offense to the religious people and to the baby Christians. They don't mean to be, an offense but their faith challenges the average person to look beyond the natural, beyond the circumstances and see what God can do by faith to those who believe.

Mar 16:17-20 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Luk 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Mat 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

