

What I Believe

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Everything in life is theological. There is nothing that happens to me, with me, or to the people I love or people I know or to the people I don't know at all...that is not under both the plan of God and/or the purposes of God. Therefore, I don't believe in chance, luck, coincidence, or random occurrences. Somehow, God is in all, above all, and through all of the things I can see or not see. He owes me no explanation...for anything. I, on the other hand, owe Him an incalculable debt that I could never repay.

Everything in life for the believer is by the loving hand of God. Nothing that can happen to me is outside of His love. Everything God does is true to His loving nature, even the management of suffering and the sin circumstances that either I bring upon myself or that are hoisted upon me by the sin of others. God has promised to discipline me as needed in order to bring me to a greater Christlikeness. All such discipline may be hard for me, but it is nonetheless part of the Lord's loving plan for my life. God is love and He is never not love.

Not everything in life is good, or loving, or lovely, or right and God is not to blame for any part of it. Satan is the enemy of souls and commands a powerful scrum of henchmen and weapons, provoking fear and weakness and deception even in the hearts of the people of God. But God, the Ancient of Days, causes everything, including that which is not good, to work together in my life for good, because nothing is beyond His power and purpose or His love for His children.

My life and sustenance are utterly dependent upon God. Whether my sustenance is provided through intellect or wisdom or skill or relationships with others, all are gifts of the Lord's loving hand toward me. He is the source and the supply of every good thing in my life: past, present, and future. He commands me to seek Him and His kingdom. My sustenance is His burden, not mine.

I am an eternal being. My flesh is not and is bound for the dust. But the true me will not be constrained by the powers of sin and death. Eternal life is found in Jesus Christ, in whom I have my being. No earthly power, sinful circumstance, or demon from Hell shall snatch me from His hand.