

Put on the  
Full Armor  
of God  
Ephesians 6:14-18

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## Scripture of the Quarter

*“And these signs will follow those who believe:  
In My name they will cast out demons;  
they will speak with new tongues.”*

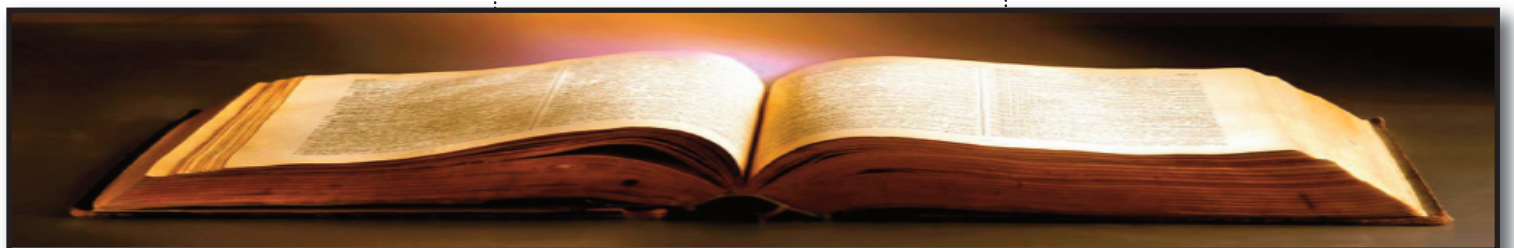
NKJV Mark 16:17

### I Am a “Believer”

I consider myself to a **believer** in Jesus Christ. My definition of a believer is a person who believes the **whole Bible**, has faith, witnesses to people about Jesus, as we are commanded in **Matthew 28:19** the great commission. But the **most important factor** of being a believer is having a personal relationship with Jesus, Yeshua, the true Messiah. The greatest example of a believer in the Bible to me is the Apostle Paul. I believe he would have made a great Marine. Why? The United States Marines taught me how to be a leader, which coincides with being a believer. Now I may have lost some of you but let me explain. If you are a leader you lead by example. Now did I say you will be perfect, NO! A leader does not instruct his troops to

do anything that he hasn't already done or cannot do! The Apostle Paul who originally went by the name of Saul, helped incarcerate Christians and held the coats of people so they could stone Stephen to death as he watched. And the whole time he watched Stephen die, he thought he was doing it for God. This scenario reminds me of me **before** I was saved and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Now I'm not saying I watched a person get stoned to death. I did things my way, the way **I thought** things should be done. There is a verse in the Bible that describes my life before I was saved, it is found in **Judges 17:6** In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was **right in his own eyes**. Now the

reason I did things my way, was because I was the King in my Life, now I have **King Jesus!** When the Lord came into my life and I **surrendered all**, I am no longer a heathen from hell, but a child of the King, who has royal blood flowing through my veins. Glory to God for His mercy and grace. It was a radical change for me. I believe the promises of God knowing He **CAN** and **WILL** do what He says. All I have to do is **TRUST and BELIEVE HIS WORD**. Now back to the Apostle Paul, to me he became a leader for Christ after his “Damascus Road Experience” (Ref. **Acts 9:3-16**). This was a radical change that took place for Saul, who became known to us as Paul a **believer** in Jesus Christ “the Messiah”. Paul did a complete 180 degree turn (about face) and instead of persecuting Christians, he started preaching the love of Jesus and redemption. Is being a believer going to be easy? The answer is no! I would like to say everything will be great and you will never face any



trials or tribulation in your life, but that would be a lie. Paul said in **2 Timothy 3:12** *12In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

Jesus warned us if you are a **true believer** you will have trials in your walk of salvation. **John 16:33** *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* Notice His last statement, *be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!* As a believer we are supposed to be overcomers! I want to let you in on a secret—Jesus did not save you to make you miserable! You should be full of Joy. Notice what it says in **Nehemiah 8:10** *Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

What I have noticed about some believers is that they have no joy. They walk around sad, busted, and disgusted and look like they are sucking on a lemon, they don't smile, they have lost their joy. Why? Notice there is a difference between **Joy** and **Happiness**—they do not have the same meaning. Happiness is circumstantial and Joy is knowing that **PEACE** that comes from your walk with the **LORD Jesus**, which passes all understanding! We will all go through things in our life and I'm not making light of anyone's circumstances, but we need to get our joy back. We are supposed to be leading

by example, I know hell is hissing and the attack of the devil has increased, but in the Word it says in **1st John 4:4** *“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”* Think about it, we have the same Spirit in us that raised Christ from the dead! We as believers need to start taking the authority over the devil that Jesus gave us in **Luke 10:19** *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* Now as a believer you are supposed to believe the Bible which is referred to as **“FAITH”**. The question you must answer is: **DO YOU?** Let's go back and look at some of the things the Apostle Paul went through for Jesus Christ and His Gospel. **2 Corinthians 11:25** *“Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea.”* And think about when Paul was sent to prison for his stand for Jesus, where he wrote some of his epistles. You and I both know the prison was filthy and I'm sure the smell was horrendous. Now when was the last time you as a believer went through something like Paul's testimony? Or we can talk about what Jesus went through on the cross for all of us. (Ref. **Isaiah 53:3-5**) I'm going to make a statement here that may offend some of you, but it will be the truth and you as a believer know, the truth can only do one thing—*make you free.* (Ref. **John 8:32**)



When is the church and we as believers going to stand up for our Bible beliefs and Jesus Christ? History is repeating itself and we **are watching** and **not taking a stand**. Remember what happened in 1962 and 1963 prayer and Bible reading was removed from our schools by **one** hateful woman an Atheist named Madeline Murry O'hair. I have an idea for all who call themselves believers, our current administration has removed the Ten Commandments from all government buildings and schools, correct? Well how about we as believers have the Ten Commandments made and put them in our front yards. What a witness that would be for Jesus. Sheree and I had some made that are eight feet tall and four feet wide, which go along side the cross we have that lights up at night in red for the blood of Jesus. Now you don't have to be as extreme as we are but **DO SOMETHING FOR JESUS!**

**In closing remember this, united we stand divided WE FALL!**