

In God We Trust

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When do we learn to completely trust in God?

For some it maybe when they obey the gospel. Having their sins washed away in confession, repentance and baptism, they are able to put aside trust in themselves, the world or human wisdom and turn to the Lord for guidance. Eph 1:12-14 states, ***“that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”***

Others may need time to grow their trust in God by looking into His word and letting it dwell within their hearts. According to Proverbs 16:20, ***“He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he.”***

For some, trust in God grows strong by enduring trials. We see a real good example of this with the apostle Paul. We know he endured many tribulations yet wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, ***“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.”***

We should not be surprised that God may let our trust in Him to grow by allowing us to endure trials. How else will someone who is holding on to trust in himself be able to let go and trust completely in the Lord?

True peace and happiness cannot be obtained until one is able to realize that God is in control.

“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” Psalm 34: 4-8

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