

Who Were We? A Survey on belief transitions

Who were we as unbelievers? Who are we as Christian believers? And how did we move from unbelief to belief? These questions are answered by the Bible in the 30 plainly understood passages (*New King James Version*) listed below. Most are unaware of who they were according to the Bible, or of many of the marks of the true believer, or of how one becomes a believer. The aim in this survey is to identify the key verses on these subjects, then to ask if you believe they are true, if they influence your life (thoughts, words and deeds) now, and if you hope they will influence your life (more) in the future.

Please answer Y for “yes”, N for “no” or U for “unsure”.

1. [Created in God's image] So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27
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2. [Created for God's glory] Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43:7
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3. [Commanded to obey] And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17
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4. [Man tempted] Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; "but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-5
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5. [Man disobeys] So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6-8
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6. [Universal sin, death, is the result of the fall] Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12
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7. [Just one sin condemns us] For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. James 2:10
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8. [All have sinned] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

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9. [Disobedience means death] For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? Romans 6:23-7:1

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10. [The final punishment: God's anger] "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." John 3:36

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11. [Hell a place of torment] And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

Luke 16:23-24

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12. [Hell a place of destruction] But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You. Psalm 55:23

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13. [Hell is eternal fire] "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Matthew 25: 41-43

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14. [We were blind] But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

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15. [We loved the dark] And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. John 3:19-20

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16. "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." John 3:21

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17. [God calls; Jesus raises students] No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day [of judgement]. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. John 6: 44-45

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18. [We must be born again] This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:2-3

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19. [Saved by grace for service] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

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20. [Slave made free] Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:34-36

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21. [A new creation] Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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22. [Marks of the believer: obedience and love] He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. 1 John 2:4-6

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23. [Believers focus on the church] So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

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24. [Prayer and thanksgiving growing together: marks of Christians] Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:5-6

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25. [Believers abide in Christ; bear fruit] Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5
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26. [Love and obey completely] By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. John 15:8-10
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27. [Glorify God in full joy] These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:8-13
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28. [Chosen to bear lasting fruit] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. John 15:16
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29. [Persecution to be expected] If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me [Jesus] before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. John 15:18-20
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30. [An appointment none will miss] it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. Hebrews 9:27
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