

THIS I BELIEVE:

There is One God

June 3, 2018

I Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This I believe

This I discover

This I dream

This I wonder

This I know

This I believe

Calvin #1



"THIS I BELIEVE!"

I believe,
You believe

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Classic Christian Teaching brings us to a question that each one of us must find along the way.
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

THIS I believe ... I hope that in these seven weeks we will awaken our own beliefs! We can learn from those who have come before us and we can find our own completion of the statement: THIS I BELIEVE:

These weeks include:

1. the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed
2. We are not alone
3. We Believe in the one God
4. Where the Spirit of the Lord is...
5. Who Shall Separate us
6. This is the Good News
7. There is One God

Let's awaken our faith ... discover the vocabulary and principles of our own faith that permit us to say:
THIS I BELIEVE

Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

Leader:

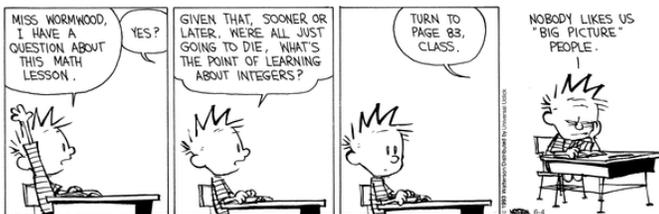
There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

People:

The saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

This Affirmation was placed in our hymnbook #889 as potentially one of the earliest creeds that had been part of the New Testament people. According to Hoyt Hickman one of the editors of the hymn book that it is included whenever we need to remember the Biblical language of the big picture of Christ...

Calvin #2



Is it any wonder that we can be ignored when we are using Biblical language for the BIG Picture of who this Jesus Christ is in our lives?

³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.

CALVIN #3



Paul to Timothy 3:16

¹⁶Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

**He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

(this is an acknowledgment of a creed that existed in the community of faith for Paul and Timothy ... REPEAT it now!)

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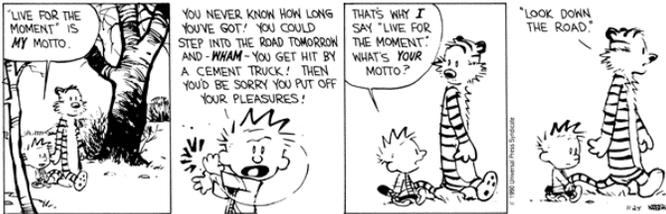
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What do you believe?

CALVIN #4



Paul to Timothy 1:15ff

¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Paul is repeating the significance of Christ in his life and calling all to share the prayer of God in our world through Christ:

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OUR Vocabulary of faith is grounded in the Apostle Paul... I cherish "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God!!! THE ONLY GOD!

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SOME TIMES Calvin gets it wrong ... sometimes Hobbes is trying to help him ... AND HOBBS is the messenger:

CALVIN #5



Too bad Calvin ...HOBBS is write ... There is much to look forward to ... no need to be moping, Instead... Live the moment with our faith on our sleeves ... NOW! boldly:

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Fairest Lord Jesus

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 189

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
 O thou of God and man the Son,
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
 thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
 who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 and all the twinkling starry host:
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
 now and forevermore be thine.

