

**TRUST**

Trust is a forgotten trait in our present society. Very few people trust one another. When we go to the store or other places of trading and try to pay for our merchandise with a check, the store managers, as a rule, don't trust us.

The cashier may go through a routine something like this: first ask for at least two pieces of identification, copy from our driver's license the color of our hair and eyes, our weight, and height; secondly she will check to see if the credit card we are using as identification is in good standing with the credit card company (it is unbelievable to see all the numbers in her book that are not good); thirdly the check will have to be approved (if the account number is not found in another little book of "hot" accounts) by the floor manager; and fourthly there will be a large service charge if the check is returned for any reason.

We don't seem to have much trust in the "free country" in which we live. We spend millions each year on locks, lights, and alarms for our homes and businesses. Instead of locking the criminals up, we lock ourselves in. We purchase theft, vandalism, and contents coverage insurance because we don't trust all of the locks, lights, and alarms we just brought.

We also don't trust in things that mean more than physical possessions. Trust is a forgotten word in marriage. When the husband and wife don't trust each other, doom is around the corner. Trust is gone when it comes to children (sometimes for good reason) but mostly when they become adults and we don't want to say goodbye. Yes, trust is for the most part a forgotten concept.

Fortunately, there is still something which merits our trust. So much so that it can build a framework for existence, a meaning for life, and a will to go on. That trust is our trust in Jesus Christ.

The reason that people don't trust us, and we don't trust other people is because of sin. Sin is the transgression of the law of God and the brotherhood of man. When we sin, we violate the rights of other people, "slap God in the face" and hurt ourselves more than we hurt others. Sin has never proven productive, and it never will. Sin breaks trust.

We can trust in Jesus Christ because He has never sinned. The Bible makes this clear in the following passages, "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15; NASB), and "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2Cor. 5:21; NASB). Jesus never broke man's trust in Him because He has never sinned. Therefore, Jesus is the only one to whom we can turn who can help us find an "anchor in the storms of life."

Trusting in Christ helps us realize that in a world of pain and suffering where trust, love, and faith are all but forgotten, Jesus spans the gap to assure us of blessings, an abundant life, and an eternal home with God.

The cashier may not trust me with my check, and I may not trust others when I lock door at night, but I know that Jesus trusts me, and more importantly that I can trust Him when I can trust nothing else.

Until next time memorize John 6:68 and develop your PSA.