

Message Title: Who Can You Trust?

Theme: This life altering question is arguably the most important question that anyone can ask. Choosing a career, a residence, a doctor or even a spouse is usually more a matter of availability, convenience, or the influence of others. We follow the leadership of those we trust more than we trust ourselves.

Unfortunately too many times the results come out less than hoped for. I trusted a doctor who treated a progressively debilitating illness for over fifteen years and was on death's door before finding a doctor who knew the cure. The problem was not the fault of the doctor; it was with how to make the right choice. In other words, who can we trust for the really important decisions?

This message considers many of the things that cause us to make our decisions, and defines who we can trust with full confidence.

Salient Points: Lacking spiritual discernment, Questioning everything, Finding truth, Misleading scriptures, Do you know what you know, Seeking to find, Approaching the scriptures, Who do you trust, Seek God's benefit, Impressed by God's talent, Unintentional liars, Can't trust yourself, Walking worthy, Look out for deceivers, Watch your motives, Does God like it, Connecting to God's affections, The subject of the Bible is God not us, Not about doctrine, How much of Church is about us or God, Appreciating God's gifts, People we trust, Our propensity to trust men rather than God.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons.

This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought me to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of my dying wife. It reads, *"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me"*. Following this I prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can".

The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".