STICKING POINTS: Overcoming Obstacles to Faith

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Is the issue of unbelief a sticking point for you?

1. For a non-Christian, the issue of unbelief is the critical issue.

- A. The truth of Christianity is a fact of history. The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:18-19
- B. The problem of unbelief is in the heart not the head. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. Psalm 14:1

"And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3:19-20

C. The end result of unbelief is eternal hell. "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." John 8:24

"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:8

2. For a Christian, the issue of unbelief is the costly issue.

A. God's promises are experienced through faith. And without faith it is impossible to please Him. Hebrews 11:6

For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. Hebrews 4:2

B. God's anger burns when we <u>refuse to walk by faith</u>. And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?" Numbers 14:11

* Is there a command you are <u>refusing to obey</u>?

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME." Hebrews 3:15

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

God's mercy is available to any who will respond to Him.