

In the Beginning

I believe in God the Father Almighty. I believe the Bible to be His inerrant Words.

Without error, what an incredible thought. Perfect in every way, now that's who I have put my life into, His hands. Starting with Genesis every time I look around I can't help but see what He has created. Just trying to explain the human anatomy in itself boggles my mind.

I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that we live in a fallen sinful world and that our loving Father sent His only begotten Son to die for the sins of all mankind so that through His death our sins would be forgiven and we would have eternal life with the Father.

Seek first His Kingdom. With technology, church, and bible studies staying in the Word has never been a problem. Without the Word we would be wandering aimlessly without purpose. Sometimes I wondered why I would resist what I knew to be true. Only by constantly seeking and constantly questioning can one ever begin to build a relationship with Him.

Gospel of the Second Chances is sometimes how the Gospel of Mark is described. It is only through His Grace and Forgiveness that gives us faith to move forward. Let's face it who doesn't need a second, third, or whatever the number. I do believe you grow in the state of brokenness. And who is there to constantly remind us of our failures? Satan. Going back to the beginning everything was perfect and that thing in the garden happened and the world went from perfect to fallen. Man was broken. Even at my best I am still broken. Surrender and submission to His Will are two of the biggest lessons in a Christian Life. But in our brokenness we are stubborn and think me and not He.

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in **our weakness**. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us **through** wordless groans. Romans 8:26*

There have been many people who shaped and polished my beliefs. Starting with my parents Laverne and John who had an unshakeable belief in our Lord, living through the great depression and my dad's time as a prisoner of war were but two of the many struggles they faced in their lives. Their witness was evident in the way they lived their lives and brought their burdens to the foot of the Cross.

As Christians we have a responsibility to share what we have learned, experienced and know about our beliefs.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

I pray for my wife Dona, daughter Sofie that they may continue to hold close to a Loving God. I pray for my family, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, dear friends that you too would find comfort in a Loving Savior and Lord and would yourselves at every opportunity and share it with those you meet. It's what we are called to do.

Love Richard