

# Things Surely Believed Among Us

*Luke 1:1-4*

- I. **Introduction**
  - A. Christians must have conviction and courage if they are to be saved by the Lord. The conviction must be based on what the Bible says. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17)
  
- II. **Purpose**
  - A. The purpose of such a lesson as this is to remind us of what the Bible teaches and what we believe (2 Pet. 3:1; 2 Pet. 1:12-15)
  
- III. **What we Believe**
  - A. We believe there is one God (1 Cor. 8:4,6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Js. 2:19)
  - B. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Jn. 14:1; Jn. 6:69; Jn. 8:24)
  - C. We believe the Holy Spirit is the third entity of the Godhead (Mt. 3:16,17)
  - D. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God (Jn. 16:12,13; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:3,4)
  - E. We believe Christ promised to build only one church (Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:27)
  - F. We believe the church is the spiritual body of Christ (Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:3; 1 Cor. 12:13)
  - G. We believe that God has a plan of salvation - Heb. 9:22;
    - 1. Baptism (Heb. 12:9) H, B, R, C, Baptism
    - 2. The second law of pardon - R, C, P
  - H. We believe a person converted is to be faithful - Rev. 2:7, 2:10
  
- IV. **Conclusion**
  - A. These are things that the word of God teaches. And because we can read them in the Bible, we believe them.
  - B. Many in the religious world might disagree, but the Bible says, "God cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2), and the apostle Paul says, "Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom 3:4).
  - C. We stand on the Word of God.