



God's Due Series, No 4: Trust, John 1

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Intro: Should Charlie Brown ever trust Lucy to hold the football for him to kick?

Trust = *firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something.*
Synonyms: *faith, belief, conviction, confidence, reliance*

What is required to truly trust in someone or something? What threshold must be crossed; what evidence given for us to trust? If we would determine what we really believe look at what we do, not necessarily what we say.

God is the ultimate, unfailing, unerring object for trust; we owe God our trust, and supremely so as those living after the Incarnation of the Son of God.

I. Abraham Trusted—

Genesis 12:1–4

God spoke; Abraham trusted and obeyed. Did Abe see God?

This was the first of several interactions in which God directed and Abraham trusted...

Abraham only did what Abraham should have done, trusted God.

II. God Invites & Commands Trust—

Abraham's descendants throughout the OT are commanded, encouraged and exhorted to do what Father Abraham did, trust YHWH. The OT is a litany of commands and examples about trusting in the Lord:

Exodus 14:13 & Psalm 20:7

Psalm 37:3

Psalm 40:4

Psalm 56:3

Proverbs 3:5–6

Proverbs 29:25

2 Kings 18–19 King Hezekiah trusted in the LORD.

Giving the God who has spoken and revealed himself in space and time his due by way of trusting him should be a given.

II. Jesus Compels Trust—

The greatest reason to trust God, the most compelling case that can be made to trust the God of the Bible, is the Incarnation of God the Son.

John 1:1–3, 14, 18

John 10:30

John 14:8

Why the Incarnation?

Atonement.

That we might see and own and trust God again.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

Revelation 21:8

Trust is in short supply these days, and for good reason. Who should we trust?

Psalm 118:8–9

God remains our hope; and Christ remains our trust.

John 1:11–12. Have I ever trusted Jesus Christ to save me from my sins and give me eternal life? _____

What am I anxious about? What am I fearful of? For what do I need to trust God?

God has come to us in Christ, to save us from our sins, and restore us to a loving and trusting relationship with Himself. It's trust in this God, this Savior and this Truth that should be guiding us today.

For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us. 2nd Corinthians 1:8–10