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INT:

Two statements heard in N. Y. city typify the condition of the American heart regarding religion today:

1. America is seeking a new statement of Belief!
2. Wish God would stay out of our business. Don't need

These statements suggest 3 things about state of Amer. rel

1. No standardized concept of Faith. **Not even M. 16:16**
2. No sole authority in matters of Faith & Morals. **Bibl**
3. Main reason nation is floundering in riots, hippies marches, burnings and destruction. **UNSTABLE!!!!**

Question: Does it make any difference what I believe?

1. Man says it doesn't just so sincere, have good-will or live a good legal and moral life.
2. God, Christ, H. S., Bible, Church & Christians say it does make a difference. **Isaiah 55:8-9.**

I. TAKE THE SECULAR TEST. Does it make any difference:?

A. In the FOODS I eat? If not, why Pure Food & Drug Act?

Ill. Cabot, Ark. hamburgers, 1943. Real red meat. Few days read the owner indicted: horse meat!!

B. In the liquids we drink. If not, why clear labels on all

Ill. Boy tasted prune juice for first time, thought only thick Dr. Pepper. Drank bottle. Uneasy night!

C. In the DRUGS we use. If not, why prescriptions necessary

Ill. Preacher friend visited wedding I was doing. Not usually demonstrative. Boo Hooded till left. Had taken anti-histamine which back fired.

CONCLUSION: Do observe **standards** in foods, drugs, art treasures, academic ability, morals (Armed Forces send me inquiries; also C.I. A. FBI & employers.

II. TAKE THE SPIRITUAL TEST. Does it make any difference?:

A. What I BELIEVE?

1. Jesus says yes. **John 8:24. John 14:1. Mk. 16:15-16.**
2. Paul says yes.. **Hebrews 11:6. Romans 5:1.**

B. What I REPENT OF?

1. Jesus says yes. **Luke 13:1-5.***
2. Peter says yes. **Acts 2:38. II Pet. 3:9.**
3. Paul says yes.. **II Cor. 7:10.**

C. What I CONFESS?

1. Jesus says yes. **Matt. 10:32-33. Matt. 16:16-17.**

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2. John says yes. I John 4:1-3* II Cor. 5:17-19*

D. How and Why I am BAPTIZED?

- 1. How: Rom. 6:3-4. Col. 2:12. Acts 16:38-39. J. 3:23.
- 2. Why: Mark 16:15-16. Acts 2:38. 22:16. I P. 3:21

INV: Noah was saved by the Ark. Make any diff. what believed?
 Abraham was saved in faithful obedience. Any diff. believe?
 Moses led Israel out of bondage. Diff. what believed?
ALL BELIEVED GOD and His WORD? OBEYED!!!! SAVED!

IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

Can be **saved too** by believing as God directs and obeying as Christ commands.

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