

## Sermon Series: Do I have to believe . . . to be a Christian?

January 8 – That God causes car wrecks, cancer, earthquakes, and other catastrophes

Focus Scripture: Luke 13:2-5

Focus Idea: Although God can and does bring about good from tragedy, God does not cause tragic events to happen.

January 15 - That I can't have doubts

Focus Scripture Mark 9:24 (we will read the whole story)

Focus Idea: Doubt is not the enemy of faith but an essential element of authentic Christianity.

January 22 - Only in Faith not Science

Focus Scripture: Genesis 1

Focus Idea: Science and Faith are compatible. Theistic evolution can marry science and faith.

January 29 - Bad people - Jews, Muslims, et al - will be left behind and then fry in Hell.

Focus Scripture: Acts 10:34-36 (we will read the whole story of Cornelius)

Focus Idea: We can trust God to know the heart of every human being and to do what is right.

February 5 - Everything in the Bible literally

Focus Scripture: 2 Kings 2:23-25

Focus idea: Take the Bible seriously, but not literally.

February 12 – That women are inferior and God only loves straight people

Focus Scripture: Galatians 3:28 and 1 Corinthians 13:12

Focus idea: Everyone is created in the image of God.

