

## Lesson 8

### Jesus Said We Must Believe

Lets look at what we must do in order to be Saved and make sure we understand what the terms really mean to us and how they apply in our lives.

Jesus said:

**John 8:24** "For if you do not believe that I am He, **you will die in your sins**"

What does it mean to believe that I am He? Lets look at what some the other scriptures lead us to so we have a clear understanding of what it is we must believe.

**Hebrews 11:6** "But without **Faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who **Comes to God** must **Believe that He is**, and that **He is a Rewarder of those who diligently Seek Him.**"

We must **seek** to know God so the ability to **Believe** Him is based of knowing who He is and that He does **Reward** those that **Seek Him**. How can you **believe** in someone you don't know much less place your **Faith** in Him to take care of you and tell you the Truth? We must first know before we can **Come** to have **Faith**.

How do we get to know God? By the Truth that is revealed in the Bible, which is the inspired Word of God written through the hands of men as they are led by the HOLY SPIRIT.

**2 Timothy 3:16** "All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

Jesus said the Scriptures were inspired and full of Truth and Witnessed about Him

**Matthew 22:29**

**Mark 12:24**

**Luke 4:21**   **Luke 24:27**            **Luke 24:45**

**John 5:39**   **John 7:38**   **John 10:35-38**   **John 17:12**   **John 19:25-37**   **John 20**

Believing is counted as being "right before God"

**Romans 4:3**

Scripture says everyone who believes on Him will not be ashamed

**Romans 10:11**

Whatever is written in Scripture is there so we might have Hope

**Romans 15:4**

Jesus died for our sins, was crucified, dead and buried, and came back to life giving us the promise of eternal life through Him if we believe and follow Him

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

In the Bible we learn that we as one of God's creation are in a Sinful and Lost condition, without Hope or a future by our ancestors choosing to rebel against God they placed all the human race under the curse of Sin. Jesus came to pay the penalty we are unable to pay and made a way that we could be redeemed [that means He pay the fine and set us free].

**One man Adam caused us to be in Sin – Jesus made a way to be free** **Romans 5:14-21**

Many people believe that faith is merely a willingness to say "I trust in Jesus" and think because they say this; **obedience** is not necessary, when in Jesus tells us **obedience** is a sign you **Know Him**.

**Matthew 7:21-23**

If we say we believe and don't show that we understand what it means to believe, then we are no better than the demons: *James 2:19*

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe and tremble!**"

1. We must **COME** find our Faith in knowing God and Jesus
2. The Bible is our source for **SEEKING** Truth
3. WE learn "we are Lost" – Jesus came to Save – Truth is revealed – we **BELIEVE**
4. God **REWARDS** us with Eternal Life in Jesus because we **BELIEVE and OBEY**
5. **FAITH** is **BELIEVING** God, who we now **KNOW, REWARDS** those who **SEEK**

## Do you believe in God and Christ with all your heart?

The Pure in Heart will see God	<i>Matthew 5:8</i>
What you treasure in this life will be stored in the heart –good or bad	<i>Matthew 6:21</i>
Jesus knows what we think in our hearts	<i>Matthew 9:4</i>
Out of your heart comes what is within	<i>Matthew 12:34-35</i>
Our hearts can become dull and evil not knowing good	<i>Matthew 13:15</i>
Satan can steal away Truth if you do not understand	<i>Matthew 13:19</i>
Saying you know & love God & Jesus - your heart reveals the Truth	<i>Matthew 15:8</i>
Your mouth speaks what is in your heart – be careful	<i>Matthew 15:18-19</i>
You must forgive from your heart or God will not forgive you	<i>Matthew 18:35</i>
You must LOVE God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength	<i>Matthew 22:37</i>
<i>And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second is like this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.</i>	<i>Mark 12:29-31</i>

Do you **BELIEVE** with all you **HEART**? I hope you do for the Truth is the only Hope we have as a people. We are all in the same condition – Lost in Sin – Without Hope – until JESUS made a Way for us to be released from:

{ the prison of Sin = Death = Eternal Punishment }

[Giving us the **REWARD** for our **SEEKING BELIEVING FAITH = Forgiven = Eternal Life** ]

Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. And from now on you know Him and have seen Him. *John 14:6-7*

If we will not Believe, then we are no different from those we read about in scripture: "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him (that is on Jesus), but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: **for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**" *John 12:42-43*

Our believing is a work of God that requires us to seek, to obey, to trust, and to do as Jesus taught us.

"Jesus answered and said unto them,  
this **is the work of God, that you Believe** in Him whom He sent."

*John 6:29*

Our belief must be an obedient doing of all the things that God tells us, selective obedience and choosing what to obey cannot be pleasing to God. Our obedience is how we show our love.

"He that has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved of My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." *John 14:21*

Just before Jesus went back into heaven, He commanded His disciples

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to **observe all things** that I have commanded you." *Matthew 28:19-20*

Our Faith, in God as the Father and Jesus as His Son, must lead us to **obey and learn all things** the Lord has commanded us to do in order to be pleasing to Him. We cannot select just certain commands of God to obey. We cannot ignore or rationalize away any of His commands that we don't like and expect to be saved. **To believe in Him is to obey Him.**

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." *Hebrews 5:9*

Jesus is our Eternal Salvation, we must obey out of a Love for Him with an obedient Faith. Jesus is our Lord means, He is the leader - we are the follower, He is the teacher - we are the learner, He is the living "Son of God" our redeemer - we are the redeemed.

"But why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say?" *Luke 6:46*

Jesus is not our Lord if we do not do what He says. Are you willing for Jesus to be your Lord? I hope this will help you to UNDERSTAND the meaning of BELIEVING and the importance of learning Truth. If you do not UNDERSTAND the devil will steal away what you have been given and then you may never find it for he will try to make you believe a lie.

The devil is a liar and the father of all liars *John 8:44*

*Make it your first priority to know God and Jesus, Believe and Seek you will find.*

*Matthew 7:7-8      Acts 17:24-28      Revelation 22:12-17*

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## Questions Lesson 8

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- 1) If we do not believe in Jesus as Christ [Son of God]
- We will still be saved.
  - We will die in our sins and be lost.
  - Our sins will still be forgiven.

*John 8:24*

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- 2) If we die in our sins who is a fault?
- The rascals who made me sin
  - I don't feel like what I do is a sin
  - I am because I did not believe in God and Jesus

*John 8:31-34*

*John 15:12-23*

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- 3) Without Believing – Understanding - Faith in God & Jesus
- It is impossible to please God
  - I can still not understand but just believe in a God
  - God is understanding of my ignorance

*Hebrews 11:6*

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- 4) Where can we come to Understand – Believe – and have Faith?
- Read some good books of how to get closer to God
  - Let someone who is smarter teach me what they know
  - The Bible tells us that it is inspired by God start there

*2 Timothy 3:16*

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- 5) Many people who believe in Jesus Christ are ashamed to admit if why?
- They say they love Him that is private believing
  - They do not want to be embarrassed in front of friends
  - They love the praise of others more than of God.

*John 12:42-43*

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- 6) How can we have private believing when Jesus told us to tell the world?
- That is for someone else not me
  - Jesus said to go into the world make disciples, that would be me
  - Jesus told his disciples then to go not me

*Mark 16:15*

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- 7) If we believe there is a God, but don't know or obey Him who are we like?
- The demons, who also believe and tremble.
  - The rest of the world who are doing okay
  - The blind man who touched the nose of an elephant and thought it was a snake

*James 2:19*

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- 8) Who is the “father of liars”?
- Everyone tells a good one now and then we make it up
  - devil is the father of liars – there is no truth in him
  - If you kid lies then you are

*John 8:44*

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- 9) Jesus came to save us from our Sin penalty. Where is He now?
- Who can know for sure
  - The Bible tells us He is sitting at God’s right hand and intercedes for us
  - He is invisible and still walks among us

*Romans 8:34*

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- 10) What does the Bible tell us about our hearts?
- They are where we keep secrets
  - They are tricky things we have to keep them under control
  - Our hearts reveal what we really are, think, want and who we love
- Mathew 12:34-35      1 Corinthians 4:5*
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- 11) We show our love for God and Jesus Christ
- Say we love but don't do what He says.
  - Have His commandments from the Bible and keep them.
  - When we only observe those we agree with

*John 14:21*

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- 12) How did Jesus tell us we must Love God?
- Same way we love those who love us
  - With all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength
  - We all love differently so do your best

*Mark 12:29-31*

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- 13) Jesus is our Eternal Life so how important do you think our obeying Him is?
- He knows our weakness and will forgive us if we don't know we did wrong
  - He was here so the world is no surprise to Him
  - He says that is how He knows if we Love Him or not

*Hebrews 5:9*

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- 14) Do you Understand what it means to Believe in God and Jesus Christ?
- I have to KNOW – BELIEVE – TRUST – OBEY in FAITH
  - I find the Truth in the Bible it is inspired by God for me to learn of His Love
  - I am a sinner without Jesus sacrifice to pay my debt Lost
  - I am saved by the Blood of Jesus, in the Name of Jesus, by the Grace of God
  - I struggle with sin, I repent of my sin, I am forgiven of my sin, I begin again anew
- 2 Corinthians 5:17      1 John 1:1-10      Hebrews 10:31*