

## What Does It Mean To Believe In Jesus?

*"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name"* (John 20:30-31) John 20:30-31. These words take us to the heart of John's gospel and the heart of our belief. The answer to the above question is found on the pages of the New Testament in three different ways.

The first is evidence supplied. John presented evidence that Jesus was who He claimed to be (cf. John 1:1-18). John 3:1-2 all this fits together consistently and shows the power of Jesus. Genuine faith is a result of your direct contact with the gospel.

The second is present obedience. James 2:14-16 shows us that faith is active. Genuine faith leads one to follow God. Faith by itself is dead. What does it mean to obey? It means that you consider the evidence and then you respond.

The third is necessary assurance. Not only does faith compel, but it opens the possibility of hope and necessary assurance (1 Thessalonians 4:14). This hope is built upon the resurrection of Jesus.

Psalm 7:1 says, *"O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust."* Your complete trust must be in the Lord, and you must give your life in an act of trust. That act of trust is baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). If you need assistance, please contact us.

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