

The Necessity to Believe

BELIEF IS COMMANDED:

Believing in God's message is not an option but a command.

Aorist Imperative

- **Acts 16:31** So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Present Imperative

- **Mark 1:15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
- **John 10:38** "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."
- **John 12:36** "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.
- **John 14:11** "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

BELIEF IS OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL:

- **John 16:9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- **Acts 6:7** Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- **Romans 1:5** Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,
- **Romans 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "*Lord, who has believed our report?*"
- **Romans 16:26** but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--
- **Hebrews 5:9** And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,
- **2 Thessalonians 1:8-10** ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be

glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

BELIEF IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL:

- **John 3:15** "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- **John 3:18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- **John 3:36** "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- **John 5:24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- **John 6:47** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.
- **John 8:24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."
- **John 11:25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- **John 12:46** "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.
- **John 20:31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.
- **Acts 13:39** and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.
- **Rom 4:5** But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,
- **Rom 10:4** For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- **1 Thes 4:13-18** ¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.
- **2 Thes 1:3-10** ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

- **1 John 5:1** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.