

Lesson III

How Does a Person Truly Believe

1. What is the Gospel?

- a. Read Mark 1:14-15
Jesus began his ministry by preaching the Gospel of God. His message was _____ and _____ in the gospel.

- b. Read I Corinthians 15:3-4
What is the gospel?

- c. Read Romans 3:2
Who has sinned?

6. Read Romans 5:8
How has God paid the penalty for our sins?

2. What is the proper response to the Gospel?

- a. Believe = Trusting in Christ as your Savior
 1. Read James 2:19
Is intellectually acknowledging that Christ died for the sins of the world enough? Explain.

 2. Read I Timothy 4:10 & II Timothy 1:12
How did Paul acknowledge Christ?

3. Read Luke 24:45-47 & Matthew 26:22-28
Biblical belief involves a trust or reliance upon the fact that the payment and debt for your sin has been bought by the blood and death of Christ on the cross and His bodily resurrection.

b. Repentance = Turning from self and to Christ as your Lord

1. Turning From
What do the following verses say we should turn from?

Ezekial 18:31-32

II Chronicles 7:14

I Peter 3:10-12

2. Turning To
What do the following verses say we should turn to?

Isaiah 45:22

Isaiah 55:7

Acts 3:19

- a. James 2:17 says, “In the same way, _____ by itself, if not accompanied by _____, is _____.

- b. What does Matthew 3:7 & 8 tell us is the result of repentance?

3. The Result of True Belief

- a. Read Luke 15:11-24
How does this illustrate true belief?

- b. What observation can you make about true belief from II Corinthians 5:14-17?
 1. What was the controlling factor in Paul’s life? (v. 14)

 2. Describe in your own words what verse 15 says.

 3. What is the internal change that takes place when a person truly believes? (v. 17)

c. Read Romans 10:9-11

A person who truly believes will never be _____!

Conclusion: (Choose One)

_____ The result of true belief is a person who never sins?

_____ The result of true belief is assurance of salvation and the freedom to live your life anyway you want.

_____ The result of true belief is a person who is trying to live godly in order to make sure God will truly accept him as His child.

_____ The result of true belief is a person who has repented (turned from self to Christ) and believed (trusted in Christ as His Savior). The result of which is a changed life and a person who is not perfect but desires to become more like Christ each day.