

# What it Means to Believe in Jesus

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## Introduction

1. 1 Peter 1:3-12
2. Faith is more than mere mental assent
3. Faith is the noun form of belief and expresses an action of one's heart Romans 10:10
4. Faith is the result of testimony John 20:30-31; Romans 10:17
5. Faith is necessary for
  - a. Salvation Acts 16:30-31
  - b. Life John 20:30-31
  - c. The escape from spiritual death John 8:24
  - d. Protection from apostasy 1 Peter 1:5
  - e. Obtaining eternal inheritance Hebrews 10:35-39
6. But what does it mean to believe in Jesus?

## II Discussion

1. Faith in the Pre-existence to being born in Bethlehem 1 Peter 1:11
  - a. The Spirit of Christ was in the Old Testament prophets 1 Peter 1:11; 2 Peter 1:20-21
  - b. The Word was deity and became flesh but was from eternity John 1:1-3, 14
  - c. Faith in Christ is belief in His eternal nature; He was no mere man, - He was/is God with us Matthew 1:23
2. Faith in His Atoning death, suffering of Christ 1 Peter 1:11
  - a. Christ died to pay the price for sin 1 Peter 1:18-19
    - i. To redeem is to buy people from the bondage of sin
    - ii. Christ blood is precious 1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 6:6
  - b. He was made a sin-offering for us 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - c. He died to redeem men from sin and for the Lord's service Titus 2:14 zealous of good works
3. Faith in His Resurrection from the dead 1 Peter 1:3
  - a. In His resurrection He was declared to be the Son of God Romans 1:4
  - b. There are consequences of no resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
  - c. Christ has been raised; He is no mere man; He is the Son of God
    - i. Therefore His promises are sure 2 Peter 3:9
      1. Forgiveness of sins Mark 16:15-16
      2. Eternal salvation Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:8
    - ii. He shall judge the world 2 Corinthians 5:10
4. Faith in the Lord's Second coming 1 Peter 1:7 appearing
  - a. He promised that He would come again John 14:1-3
  - b. The angels announced He would come again Acts 1:11
  - c. He is coming as Judge Matthew 25:31; Acts 17:30-31; John 12:48
5. Faith in the Gospel of Christ 1 Peter 1:12
  - a. This Gospel is God's power to save Romans 1:16
  - b. This Gospel reveals what was done to save man Romans 1:17
  - c. This Gospel reveals what men must do in order to be saved Mark 16:15-16

## III Conclusion

1. Faith in Christ is essential for salvation John 8:24
2. The goal of faith is eternal salvation 1 Peter 1:9

3. Faith comes by hearing Romans 10:17, do you believe?
4. Faith is the victory 1 John 5:4

Source: God's definition of a Christians sermon outlines from 1 Peter by Tom Holland