# What Is Biblical Belief?

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## INTRODUCTION

- For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but will have everlasting life.
- Verse 18 holds an important key, because in verse 18 it says, Whoever believes in him is not condemned. Whatever biblical belief is, it allows us to have a relationship to be reconciled to our holy God.
- If we are going to please God, if we are going to be acceptable to him, we must believe in his Son.

## 1 People Who Mentally Accept Jesus Yet Did Nothing

**John 12:42–43; Matthew 10:32–33**

- There are people who mentally accept Jesus as being who he claimed to be and yet did nothing about it.
- Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees, they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.
- Whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
- They believed in him, but did they confess him? Were they willing to cast their lot with Jesus the Messiah? No.

## 2 Even the Demons Understood Who Jesus Was

**Mark 5:1–15; James 2:18–20**

- There's a group of even of the demons who understood who Jesus was.
- What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?
- They knew who Jesus was. They confessed who Jesus was, you might say.
- You believe that God is one, you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.
- The faith that saves is a faith that obeys.
- With the Bible and with God, there is no middle ground.

## 3 Believers Who Do the Wrong Thing

**Matthew 7:21–23; Matthew 15:7–9; Acts 22:3–8**

- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- These are religious people. They were doing religious things.
- This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
- They were believers who did the wrong thing.
- Paul was a believer. Paul was a zealous believer. But he did the wrong thing.
- Paul's example should stand as a strong warning to us that zeal wrongly exercised fits the category of believers who do the wrong thing.

## 4 Believers Who Please God

**Genesis 6:5–22; Genesis 22:1–3; Hebrews 11:17–19**

- Noah, in his belief in God, accepted what God had said as both true and authoritative in his life, and he submitted to God's will.
- At that command, Abraham just went.
- He, Abraham, considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead.
- We don't have to sacrifice our only son, but we must sacrifice our life.
- Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The question I have to ask myself is my belief pleasing to God.**

MY NOTES