



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: JOHN 8:31-36

TITLE: DO I BELIEVE IN JESUS?

INTRODUCTION

- A. The Book of John is about believing in Jesus _____
1. **John 20:30, 31**, ³⁰ *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: ³¹ 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.*
 2. Do you believe in Jesus?
- B. In the Book of John, believing was associated with signs/miracles _____
- C. What was the sign/miracle that assisted in your believing in Jesus? _____

BELIEVING JESUS VERSUS BELIEVING IN JESUS

- A. Believing Jesus is acknowledging and admitting the claims regarding Jesus
1. **James 2:19**, ¹⁹ *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!*
 2. **Matthew 4:3, 4**, Devil, *“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”* Jesus, *“But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”* (NRSV)
- B. Believing in Jesus is trusting Jesus for your salvation and giving your whole self to Jesus for your eternal life and for your life here on earth.
1. **1 John 5:13**, ¹³ *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life...*
 2. **John 11:25, 26**, ²⁵ *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* (NRSV)
 3. **Acts 16:31**, ³¹ *They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”* (NRSV)

TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE HIM

- A. If you abide in Jesus’ Word (abide = to remain, to continue) _____
- B. First, you are really Jesus’ disciple _____
- C. Second, you shall know the truth (Know = *ginosko* = to come to know) _____
- D. What truth? **John 8:28-29**, ²⁸ *Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”* _____
- E. The truth shall make you free _____
- F. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. _____