

# WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE, RECEIVE, ACCEPT, OR TRUST

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## **BELIEVE:**

To credit upon the authority or testimony of another; to be persuaded of the truth of something upon the declaration of another, or upon evidence furnished by reasons, arguments, and deductions of the mind, or by other circumstances, than personal knowledge.

When we believe upon the authority of another, we always put confidence in his veracity. When we believe upon the authority of reasoning, arguments, or a concurrence of facts and circumstances, we rest our conclusions upon their strength or probability

- To expect or hope with confidence; to trust. -- Webster's Dictionary 1828
- Strong's G4103 - pistos (believe):
- One who trusts in God's promises
- One who is convinced that Jesus has been raised from the dead
- One who has become convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and author of salvation

## **Matthew 12:21 (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> *And in his name shall the Gentiles **trust**.* –

## **Romans 15:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles **trust**.*

## **2 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we **trust** that he will yet deliver us;*

## **1 Timothy 4:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we **trust** in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of **those that believe**.*

## **Ephesians 1:13 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> *In whom ye also **trusted**, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

## **IS IT POSSIBLE TO BELIEVE WITHOUT TRUSTING OR TRUST WITHOUT BELIEVING?**

## **John 1:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name: (TO RECEIVE IS TO ACCEPT)*

## **John 3:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

## **John 6:47 (KJV)**

<sup>47</sup> *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **believeth** on me hath everlasting life.*

**Many religious denominations state that they **believe** in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for their sins, but they do not **trust** that payment for their salvation by adding works to it.**

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CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH OF TAMPA**

**NOTICE WHAT WE DECLARE EVERY WEEK HERE AT CALVARY  
(Posted on the inside of our hymnals)**

- WE BELIEVE**            “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.”  
**II Timothy 3:16**
- WE BELIEVE**            “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”  
**John 1:14**
- WE BELIEVE**            “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”  
**I Corinthians 15:3**
- WE BELIEVE**            “Without shedding of blood is no remission” for sin.  
**Hebrews 9:22**
- WE BELIEVE**            We are, “the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”  
**Galatians 3:26**
- WE BELIEVE**            “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is  
the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”  
**Ephesians 2:8, 9**
- WE BELIEVE**            That God has written these things unto you, “that believe on the name of  
the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life.”  
**I John 5:13**
- WE BELIEVE**            “We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” **I**  
**John 2:1**
- WE BELIEVE**            The fields, “are white already to harvest.”  
**John 4:35**
- WE BELIEVE**            The Gospel of Christ, “is the power of God unto salvation to everyone  
that believeth.”  
**Romans 1:16**
- WE ARE**                “Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great  
God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”  
**Titus 2:13**