

What does it mean to believe on Jesus?

There are many people who either believe that Jesus is one of many ways for salvation or is only a part of God's salvation plan.

1. What is it that needs to be believed about Jesus?

1 Corinthians **15:1-4**
John **8:23-24**

Acts **16:30-31**
Luke **1:30-35**

It is essential that every person understands that they are truly a sinful human being and that it was Jesus that died in order to pay to God the penalty that is due for being sinful. We must also understand that the way to escape the justified condemnation for sin, we need to believe, or trust in Jesus Christ in order to be saved from the outpouring of God's wrath upon the guilty. In order to understand why Jesus is capable of paying the penalty for sin, we need to understand that Jesus is not JUST a man, but that He is also the one true divine creator God who is also the just judge. We need to also understand that Jesus is not JUST the divine God but He is also a human being.

2. What kinds of believe are there?

John **3:36**
Romans **10:9-11**

James **2:18-24**

One type of belief is the mental ascent to some propositional statement. This level of believe would be ONLY limited to agreeing that what God has said is actually true but that agreement with God has no impact on life. One type of belief is a belief that impacts the way that an individual lives his life. It ultimately impacts everything else that he does and believes. It is this committed faith that the scriptures describe with respect to believing on Jesus in order to receive salvation. This believe impacts not JUST the head but most importantly the heart.

3. What level of commitment is expected to be made toward Jesus?

Acts **4:10-12**
Hebrews **11:24-26**
Mark **13:9-13**

John **14:6**
Matthew **10:32-33**

The scriptures call for a complete and dedicated commitment to Jesus. It is a commitment toward knowing that any and all hardships that may come into a life is completely worth it in comparison to the reward that is promised to the believer. It is a commitment that recognizes that the only hope that a man has to escape eternal condemnation is through faith in the person and work. It is a recognition that Jesus and ONLY Jesus can and has paid the penalty for sin and legally allow for escaping the outpouring of the wrath of God.

4. What are the ramifications of believing in Jesus and something else?

Judges **17:1-5**
Jeremiah **44:16-23**
2 Kings **17:29-34**

Jeremiah **19:12-13**
Isaiah **42:8; 48:11**
Hebrews **10:26-29**

Ultimately to believe in Jesus and in something else is essentially the same thing as rejecting Jesus completely. Without sole and committed faith in the person and work in Jesus Christ ultimately seeks to rely on something other than Jesus for salvation.

5. What are the ramifications of claiming to believe in Jesus but it has no impact on living life?

Romans **6:1-2**

2 Timothy **3:1-5**

James **1:21-26**

To profess faith in Jesus Christ but that faith has no impact on your life is actually no faith at all. Unless your faith impacts how you live your life than that faith is only limited to words and the mind. It ultimately has no impact on the heart and commitment.