

Fake News or Good News?
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Cleveland First Baptist
John 20:30-31

I. What Does It Mean to Believe?

The word “*believe*” in Greek is the word _____. It has two meanings.

A. _____

First of all, “to believe” something means to believe that it is true.

Truth is not open to _____, my _____,
or _____.

Truth must be based on _____.

John insists that you can believe in Jesus because he has just written the entire Gospel with the facts about Jesus. He tells us what _____
_____ have seen. It is not a matter of opinion, it is a record of what he had seen, heard, and experienced.

B. _____

In the language of the New Testament, the word “believe” and “faith” are the same word.

When John said that he wrote the Gospel so that we could believe, it means not just believing the _____ about the person of Jesus, but also placing your _____ in him.

II. What does John want You to Believe and have Faith In?

He writes:

... that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

A. Believe that Jesus is the _____

The Old Testament word, Messiah, means _____.

The Greek word for Messiah is *Christos*—“_____”.

But John uses the term Messiah (Christ) with a definite article—*ho Christos*—
_____ Messiah! Jesus is the one who was anointed by God and given the
_____ and the _____ to save us.

B. Believe that Jesus is the _____
The word John uses for “Son” is a word that means more than biological lineage. Instead,
it emphasizes the _____ of father and
son.

C. Through Belief, you have Life in His Name
When you come into a relationship with Christ—when you are _____
by him into a _____ and _____ relationship—
it changes everything about you. You carry his _____.

III. ABCs of Belief

Step A: _____ and _____

Step B: _____

Step C: _____

When Peter preached to the crowd of thousands after Pentecost he said that if you believe
the message I’ve preached is true, then you must _____.

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