

## Section 1: How does a person become a believer or Christian?

1) Who do you think is a Christian? (What makes a person a Christian?)

- ✚ John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ✚ Acts 16:31 ... "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."
- ✚ 1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

2) According to the verses above, how does a person become a Christian and begin to follow Jesus?

3) If a person's parents are both Christians, does that mean that the son or daughter is therefore also a Christian?

4) Which of the following acts below are necessary for a person to become a Christian?

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| a. Being Good      | d. All of the above  |
| b. Baptism         | e. None of the above |
| c. Going to Church |                      |

5) Is it true that a person should get his or her life in order (stable & good) before he or she becomes a Christian and follows Jesus?

- ✚ 1 Corinthians 15: 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you **hold firmly** to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

6) According to the verse above, what does true belief look like that is not "in vain"?

7) What truth were the believers encouraged to hold firmly?

- ✚ John 1:12 Yet to all who **received him**, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

8) In the previous verse, those who believed held firmly to the truth of Jesus. According to this verse above, what else is a sign of true belief?

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**Note:** When the Bible talks about **believing** it really means to put your faith “in” something or someone.

9) What does it mean to *put your faith in* something or someone?

✚ Romans 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through **faith** in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

✚ Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through **faith**....

10) According to the above verses, how is a person saved?

11) How does a person put their faith in Jesus?

12) If a person puts their faith in Jesus, what do they have to transfer their faith from?

✚ Galatians 2:20 ...The life I live in the body, I live by **faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

✚ Colossians 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the **faith** ....

✚ Hebrews 11:6 And without **faith** it is impossible to please God....

13) According to the verses above, is faith *only* important for becoming a Christian?

14) According to each of these verses above, why is faith so important for all of the Christian’s life?

15) Circle the phrases below that describe the bible’s meaning of *believe*.

❖ Depend on

❖ Casual acceptance

❖ Intellectual *assent*

❖ Trust in