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MAKING THE MOST OF THIS STUDY NOTE:

- 1. Be open to learn.**
- 2. Get your study materials: Book, Bible, Pen and Note.**
- 3. Take your time to study and understand.**
- 4. If you have any questions, contact the author with the details in the previous page.**

STUDY TEXT:

John 3:16

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.

WHY THIS STUDY?

1. To understand the grace of God.
2. To understand the requirement for salvation.
3. To understand the requirement for eternal life.

STUDY

For our study this week, we will be addressing the phrase “whosoever believeth” in our text. It implies “as many as believe” or “everyone who is persuaded”. What is to be believed? What is the individual to be persuaded of? That Jesus died for our sins and rose again for our justification. And for everyone who believes this they would not perish, but will have everlasting life. Only believe? Nothing more than to believe? Well, these are Jesus’ words, not mine! If there was something more than to believe, He would have said so. But He didn’t!

And we find it consistent in the Bible the emphasis on believing? Let’s see a few:

Mark 1:15

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and **believe the gospel**.

The word ‘repent’ is translated from the Greek word ‘metanoeo’ and it means to change one’s mind. So when we see ‘repent’ in the above text, what does it mean? It means to change one’s mind from unbelief to belief in the Gospel (We will address repentance in a future study).

Mark 16:16-17

16 He **that believeth** and is baptized **shall be saved**; but he **that believeth not shall be damned**.

17 And these signs shall follow them **that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Those that believe are saved. Those that believe not are damned. There is no middle point!

Luke 8:12

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest **they should believe and be saved**.

The primary aim of the devil is to hinder people from believing the Gospel and getting saved.

John 1:7

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that **all men through him might believe**.

We are to believe in the Light of the world—Jesus.

John 1:12

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**:

All who believe in Jesus are sons of God. The believer doesn’t move from a child to a son in terms of maturity. The terms ‘child of God’ and ‘son of God’ are simply used to describe the

believer. The believer is born of God, hence he is a child of God. He has received the spirit of God, hence he is a son of God. (We will address children and sons of God in a future study).

John 3:15

That **whosoever believeth** in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Whosoever believes has eternal life.

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned** already, **because he hath not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

He that believes is not condemned. But he that believes not is condemned. Why is he condemned? Because of sin? No! Because he didn't believe in Jesus. Like I stated in the last study note, the reason someone doesn't 'make heaven' is because the person rejected the sacrifice of Christ, not because he did something wrong. It is because of unbelief in Jesus Christ—because they reject Jesus—they reject that Jesus has taken care of sin. It is unbelief that sends anyone to hell—condemns an individual.

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;** but the wrath of God abideth on him.

He that believes has everlasting life. He that believes not shall not see life.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and **believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,** and shall not come into condemnation; but **is passed from death unto life.**

He that believes has everlasting life. He is passed from death to life.

John 6:29

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, **that ye believe on him** whom he hath sent.

We are to believe in Jesus.

John 6:47

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**

Believe and you have everlasting life. You are assured of it! You have everlasting life. Praise God!

John 8:24

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.**

Anyone who doesn't believe in Jesus will die in their sins. Because ONLY in Jesus is something done about sin. No one can be righteous outside of Christ. And how is one righteous? By being in Christ ALONE! (We will address righteousness in a future study).

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: **he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

26 And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.** Believest thou this?

Anyone that believes in Jesus shall never die—He will live forever! Though he will leave this world someday, he will live forever!

John 20:31

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.**

In believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, we have assurance of eternal life.

Acts 2:44

And **all that believed** were together, and had all things common;

All that believed were together.

Acts 4:32

And the multitude of **them that believed** were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Them that believed were of one heart.

Acts 5:14

And **believers were the more added to the Lord**, multitudes both of men and women.)

Believers were added.

Acts 8:37

And Philip said, **If thou believest** with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

Philip's response to the Ethiopian Eunuch was if he believes. And he responded that he believed.

Acts 10:43

To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**

Whosoever believes receives remission of sins.

Acts 13:39

And by him **all that believe are justified** from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

All that believe are justified. You are not 'going to' be justified, you are justified once you believe.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The only ability God has to save a man is in the Gospel of Christ. There is no other way for a man to be saved. And a man responds by either believing or not believing. To everyone that believes, salvation is theirs and vice versa.

Romans 10:16

But they have not all **obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias saith, Lord, **who hath believed our report?**

To obey the gospel is to believe.

1 Corinthians 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God **by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

When the gospel is preached and believed is when salvation occurs. So without the preaching of the gospel, there can be no believing, hence no salvation. We are to preach for people to believe because they can't believe without hearing and they can't hear without the gospel being preached to them!

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The devil has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. So we preach the gospel for them

to have a change of mind and believe.

Ephesians 1:13

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,

The individual hears the gospel, believes, is saved and is sealed with the spirit of God immediately.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired **in all them that believe** (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

When Jesus comes again, He will be glorified in all saints; all who believe in him! If you believe, you are a saint already! You are not going to be a saint, you already are! Glory!

1 Timothy 1:16

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter **believe on him to life everlasting.**

We believe on him to life everlasting.

1 John 3:23

And this is **his commandment, That we should believe** on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

God's commandment is that we believe in Jesus and walk in love because we have believed.

1 John 5:1

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

From the texts we have seen in our study, the only requirement; the only condition for salvation; eternal life is to believe! God has already done the work. All the individual needs to do is receive in faith the salvation; eternal life God offers. All we do is to believe.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

When it comes to salvation, no man can boast! Salvation is a gift—the gift of God. God has offered salvation as a gift. All that is required from the individual is to believe in the work of Christ. **ONLY BELIEVE!**

You mean there is no prayer for salvation?

Friend, salvation is not received by reciting any prayer or confessing certain words. The bible nowhere records a person receiving salvation by prayer. Saying a prayer is not the bible way of salvation—faith in Jesus Christ is! Salvation is received by faith in Jesus as Savior, not by reciting a prayer. Believing that Jesus died for sins and God raised him from the dead for our justification—believing that Jesus took the guilt and judgment of sin by his death, rose again for our justification, and never died again proving that his payment for sin was sufficient and that He has overcome sin and death. That is what to believe; the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Salvation is the gift of God received by believing! So when we preach the Gospel, the question we ask is if the individuals believed what we told them. Saying a prayer doesn't get anyone saved, it is believing that Jesus died and rose again that does!

So friend, salvation is not something earned. We can never qualify to earn salvation—we can only receive salvation by the grace God has shown us in Christ! Only God could accomplish our salvation, and He did so already! Glory to God! All we need to do is receive what He has done in Christ by believing. That's all we do! God has completed whatever may be required in Christ and requires only for the individual to believe in what has been done. **ONLY BELIEVE!** So have you believed? Then you are saved! You are assured of eternal life! Glory to God! Give Him thanks for the plan of salvation which you are a beneficiary of. You are blessed. God loves you. Yes, you!

Affirmations

I understand the grace of God in providing salvation.

I have believed Jesus died for sins and rose again for our justification.

Because I have believed, I am saved.

Because I have believed, I am assured of eternal life.

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