

Pt 2 - **BELIEVE**

The Christian life is a life of following Jesus.

As we follow Jesus and His ways, we come to a place of believing IN Jesus.

John, the beloved disciple who spent three years with Jesus, looks back on that time and summarises why he thought Jesus came.

John 1:17-18

Jesus didn't just only come into the world to die but to also make God known! Jesus came and lived His life in a way so people would understand who God is.

John believed that Jesus came to clarify who God was, so that God may be known.

Jesus came and began to lay a foundation for a new kind of relationship between God and His people, that simply started by following Jesus.

...Jesus came to change the spiritual paradigm of:

How to *relate* to God - How to *think* about God and how to *approach* God!

The initial invitation was to *follow* and those who followed found themselves: *believing in Jesus*.

Following Jesus was a prerequisite to believing in WHO Jesus claimed to be - the Chosen One (*Emanuel*) sent by God - to reveal Himself to His people.

John 6:60-69 ...*Lord, to whom shall we go?*

...Believing IN Jesus is the key to a right standing with God.

Romans 3:21-26

- God doesn't want us to spend a minute of our lives trying to earn salvation because God has already given salvation to us for free.
- The invitation to follow and believe IN Jesus is not just for good people or for informed people - it is for everybody!
- When this message captivates the human heart, it impacts our behaviour.

The goal is to be so convinced of WHO Jesus is and so grateful for WHAT Jesus has done and so we will willingly choose to DO what Jesus says!

This is the OUTCOME, not a means to . . . ***A right standing with God.***

Big Idea: A right standing with God is available from God through Jesus to ALL who BELIEVE in Him!

Have you ever said yes to God and accepted His gift of Jesus?

Can you say today that you are in right standing with God?