

# WHAT IS BELIEF?

## *John 18:37-38 and other Scriptures*

A belief is a conviction that is worth living and dying for

### LET'S GET STARTED

"Nothing is more easily taken for granted than a faith that is unchallenged" (Larry Crabb). How true! Unchallenged faith is the easiest kind of faith to lose, and the hardest kind to defend. That is why, for the next few weeks, we will explore our most cherished beliefs and examine how earnestly we really believe them. Today we begin by considering the nature of belief itself. Buckle up, because this series is going to challenge every belief you hold—or *think* you hold!

### LET'S HEAR THE WORD

John 18:37-38—<sup>37</sup>"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." <sup>38</sup>"What is truth?" Pilate asked. . . .

- Truth is \_\_\_\_\_, Himself (John 14:6; 1 John 5:6).
- Truth is \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:89, Isaiah 40:8)
- Truth is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17; Romans 2:20).
- Truth is ultimately revealed to us in the Person of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:17).
- Truth is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:25; 1 John 2:21).
- Truth is always morally \_\_\_\_\_ and wholesome (Psalm 119:75; Eph 5:9; Titus 1:1).

A belief, therefore, is \_\_\_\_\_ that something God has revealed in Scripture is true.

### Quotable

*The human mind is incapable of seeing and embracing spiritual truth without the working of the Holy Spirit; he removes innate blindness and illuminates the mind to grasp the truth of the gospel. It is the Holy Spirit who gives birth to faith and it is then faith that grasps hold of the spiritual truths held out in the gospel.*

—David Gibson

*What you live is what you really believe. Everything else is just religious talk.*

—Vance Havner

### If you would like to know more

*Know Why You Believe*, by Paul E. Little (Redeeming Press) 2019.

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## How do you know if you really believe what you think you believe?

- Will you still believe it if it's \_\_\_\_\_?

Genesis 3:2-5—<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” <sup>4</sup>“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Would you stand by it if it \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?

Daniel 3:17-18—<sup>17</sup>“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

- Has it \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_?

John 13:17—“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

## LET'S LIVE IT

We can apply the insights of today's message by applying each of the questions above to every belief we hold, and by asking God to enable us to know and embrace what is true.

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