



I. REVIEW/INTRO

- A. Christianity is simple, but it's not easy

John 3:16 (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

- B. There is a process we need to allow to work in our lives, but also in other people:
- Christianity begins with hearing
 - Christianity is an invitation to follow
 - Christianity is birthed when we believe
 - Christianity becomes fruitful when we obey

- C. Jesus came to show us the heart of the Father

II. BELIEVE

- A. The journey of the Apostle
- Paul was an unbeliever and a skeptic

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT) If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:12-13 (NLT) Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- The good news of the Gospel is that there is a way to have right standing with God; not by DOING something, but by BELIEVING something
- B. When Christianity gets hard
- **Salvation is free, it costs us nothing because Jesus paid the price in full**
 - **Eventually, following Christ will cost us something**

John 6:53-69 (NLT) So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

John 6:60 (NLT) Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

John 6:66-67 (NLT) At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"



John 6:68 (NLT) Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.

- C. Who else?
- You have the words that give life
 - If I quit following you, then who?

III. I BELIEVE

- A. Growing from faith to faith
- They had heard, followed, believed, obeyed

John 6:69 (NLT) We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

- B. If you choose to stop, there will be a day when you wish you could go back

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