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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

How Can Someone “Believe In Vain”?

1 Corinthians 15:1-2, James 2:19-24, Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Three Kinds Of Belief:

1. I Believe That Something Is _____
And It Has _____ On My Life
2. I Believe That Something Is _____
And It Has _____ On My Life
3. I Believe Something _____ To _____

The Resurrection of Jesus

What Do I Need To “Stand on” And “Hold Firmly To?”

1. That Jesus _____ For My _____
2. That Jesus Is _____

Two Things Everyone Needs - But Not Everyone Wants

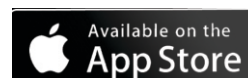
1. A _____ - *The Substitutionary Atonement*
Galatians 3:13, John 3:14-18, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 3:18,
2. A _____ - *The Supremacy of Jesus*
Luke 6:46 Colossians 3:17, 1 John 2:2-6, Matthew 19:16-23

Memory Verse

“And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, ‘I know God,’ but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.”
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MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- ☐ Respond to the Gospel message and for the first time and place my trust in Jesus Christ and begin to follow Him as my Savior and Lord
- ☐ Memorize 1 John 2:3-5
- ☐ Ask God to help me to live in such a way that others will see that my faith is impacting my life
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Three Kinds Of Belief:

1. I Believe That Something Is **Probably True** And It Has **No Impact** On My Life
2. I Believe That Something Is **Factually True** And It Has **No Impact** On My Life
3. I Believe Something **Enough** To **Act On It**

What Do I Need To “Stand on” And “Hold Firmly To?”

1. That Jesus **Died** For My **Sins**
2. That Jesus Is **Alive Today**

Two Things Everyone Needs - But Not Everyone Wants

1. A **Savior** - *The Substitutionary Atonement*

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