

# Believe - Week 1

- Christianity is life changing and meaningful and true

*Have you come to know Jesus personally? What you believe matters!*

## **What is Christianity?**

1. The foundation of Christianity is Jesus

(Matt. 7:24; John 1:1-18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephe. 2:11-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-12)

2. Jesus came and revealed God to the world

(Jn. 1:1-18)

3. Jesus came to give His life as a sacrifice for mankind sins

(Isaiah 53; Jn. 1:9-13; Jn. 1:29; Luke 24:44-48, 1 Jn. 2:1-2)

## **Two Essential Beliefs within Christianity**

1. The Gospel is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior for the world, and that He paid the debt in full through His sacrifice and resurrection. (**Jn. 3:14-18**; Jn. 8:21-28; Jn. 14:1-6; **Jn. 19:30** “**It is finished**” *Tetelestai* means debt paid in full; Jn. 20:25-31; **Luke 24:44-48** Suffering Messiah)

2. One God revealed in three personages known as the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit.

a.) **Deut. 6:4** - *echad* means one in unity (Ge. 1:5; **Ge. 2:24**; Ez. 37:17)

b.) The Hebrew Scriptures reveal that God is more than one personage. (**Ge. 1:26**; Ge. 19:24; \*Amos 4:10-11\* goes with Ge. 19:24 - read from a literal translation such as NASB or NKJV to have the proper Hebrew rendering of this text; **Isaiah 48:12-18**)

c.) The Father is God (Isaiah 64:8; **Jn. 1:1-2**; Jn. 1:18)

d.) Jesus is God (**Jn. 1:1-3 & 14; John 8:53-59** with Lev. 24:16 demonstrates Jesus is LORD; Jn. 20:28-29; Phil. 2:5-8; Rev. 1:17; Rev. 22:12-20)

e.) Holy Spirit is God (**Jn. 14:16-17 “another”** *allos* means of the same kind or nature; Jn. 16:7-15; Acts 5:3-4, **Hebrews 10:15-17** with Jer. 31:33-34; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30)

### **Why does this matter?**

1. Christianity is personal
2. Christianity is about knowing the God of creation
3. Christianity is about knowing the true Gospel
4. Believe in Jesus Christ

*Have you come to know Jesus personally?*

*I What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life-- 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:1-3 NASB)*