

April 12, 2009 Sermon Notes: ----- Pastor Jack Bracy

What It Means To Believe In Jesus

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"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 KJV

"Not everyone who calls Me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey My Father in heaven will get in." Matt. 7:21 CEV

"If people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing. Can faith like that save them?" James 2:14 NCV

Follow His Example

"You will be blessed whenever you follow My example." John 13:17 GW

"I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12 NLT

"All who listen to My instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock." Matt. 7:24 TLB

Accept His Grace

"Those who accept God's full grace and the great gift of being made right with Him will surely have true life and rule through Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:17 NCV

"Now God says He will accept and acquit us - declare us 'not guilty' - if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like." Rom. 3:22 TLB

"Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Mark 10:15 MSG

Invest My Life In Him

"Give yourselves completely to God - every part of you - for you've been saved from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes." Rom. 6:13 TLB

"To those who use well and invest what they've been given by God even more will be given to them. But for those who are unfaithful with what

they've been given, even what little they have will be taken from them."  
Matt. 25:14-29 NLT

#### Trust His Wisdom & Strength

"Just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him for each day's problems too; live in vital union with Him." Col. 2:6 TLB

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28 NIV

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Phil. 4:13 TEV

#### Hold On To His Promises

"God can't break His word. So we who have trusted our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go!" Heb. 6:18 MSG

"Nothing will ever be able to separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we're high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39 NLT

"Jesus said, 'I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in Me, even though he dies shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in Me and shall never perish.'" John 11:25-26 TLB

"... Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven, and the future starts now!" 1 Peter 1:3-4 MSG

#### A Believer's Prayer

Dear Jesus, I want to have a real faith in You, not a fake faith. Thank You for dying for my sins and showing me the way to live. Today I want to become a true believer in You. I want to follow Your example. I want to accept Your gift of grace. I need Your forgiveness and mercy. You made me for a purpose and I want to invest my life in serving You. I want to trust Your wisdom and strength. I want to hold on to Your promises when times are tough. Amen

"Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; teach us to spend them as we should." Psalm 90:12 TLB