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Sermon Series: Believe

Sermon Title: In the Beginning was the Word

Passage: John 1:1-18

### **John 20:30-31(CSB)**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **John 1:1-18 (CSB)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, <sup>17</sup> for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side—he has revealed him.

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B. John testified about Him (vv. 6-8)

C. The Word came into the world (vv. 9-11)

D. Receiving and believing in the Word gives people the right to become children of God (vv. 12-13)

C. The Word came into the world (v. 14)

B. John testified about Him (v. 15)

A. The Word (Jesus Christ) is God (vv. 16-18)

D. Receiving and believing in the Word gives people the right to become children of God (vv. 12-13)

Receiving and believing in Jesus' name involves accepting the teaching and revelation of God he brought.

To receive and believe means more than intellectual knowledge, it means trusting in it too, submitting your life to God, and obeying Him by doing what He asks you to do.

The word "believe" in the Bible means more than simply agreeing in our minds that something might be true. It means "trust"—that we believe so strongly in God that we are willing to commit our lives to Him and live the way we know He wants us to live.

Suppose you were walking along a path and you came to a bridge which crossed a deep canyon. You might look at it and believe that it would hold you, and you might even see other people walking across it so you know it would hold your weight. But so far, your "belief" in the bridge is only in your head.

When do you really believe the bridge will hold you? You only really believe it when you are willing to commit your life to it and actually walk across it.<sup>1</sup>

- Source: BillyGraham.org

He invites us to join His family, not his household as slaves and servants, but as children who have access to the same rights as members and heirs of the family.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://billygraham.org/answer/what-does-it-mean-to-believe-in-christ>, Accessed 11/9/2017