

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

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<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”  
<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

—John 2:23–3:4 ESV

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...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. —John 20:31 ESV

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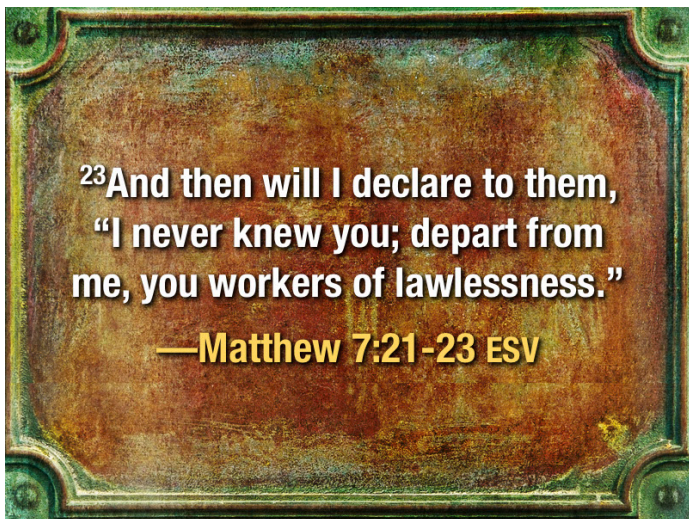
“Believing is the vital link between your soul and God's rescuing love.”

—John Piper

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<sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.  
<sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?”

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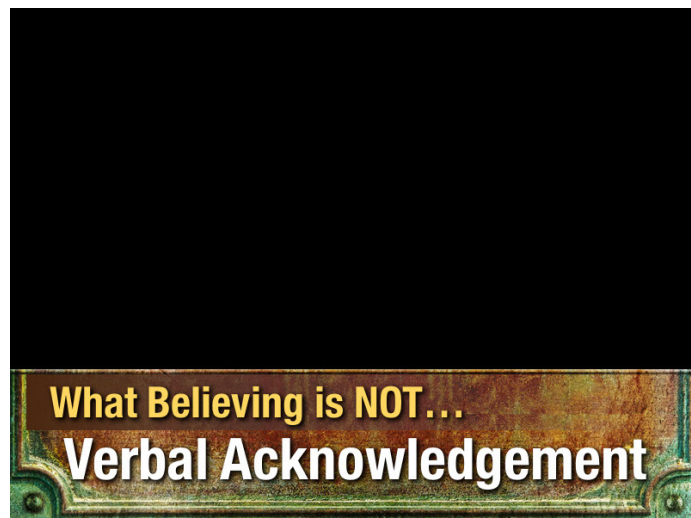
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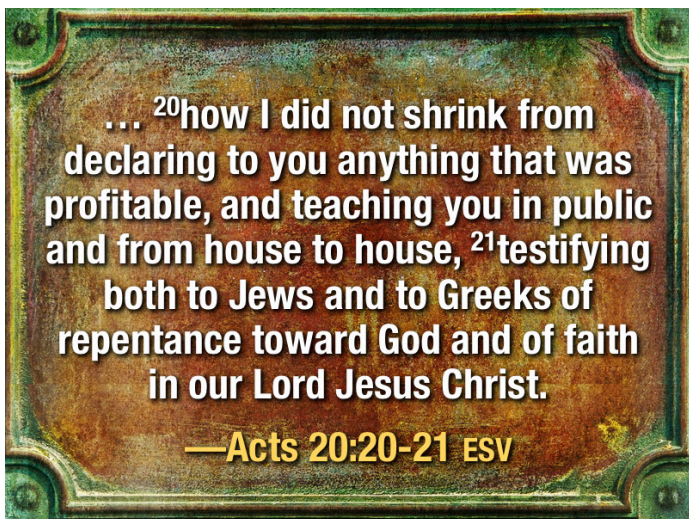
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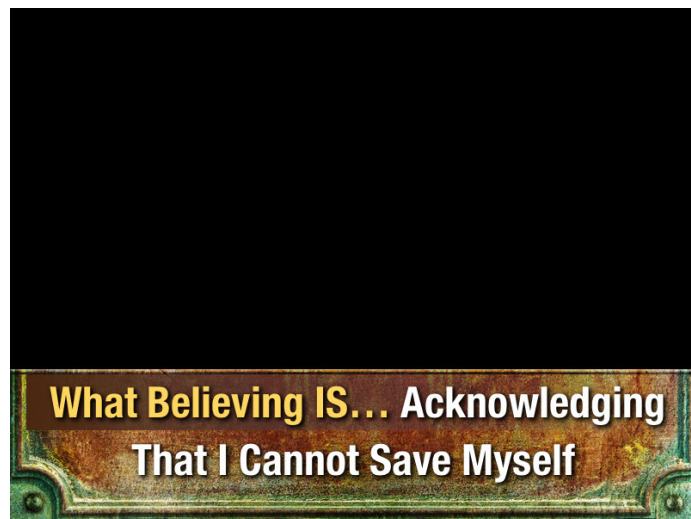
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...<sup>10</sup>as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup>All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." —**Romans 3:10-12 ESV**

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...all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. —**Isaiah 64:6 ESV**

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No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.  
—**John 6:44 ESV**

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<sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.  
—**John 16:8-11 ESV**

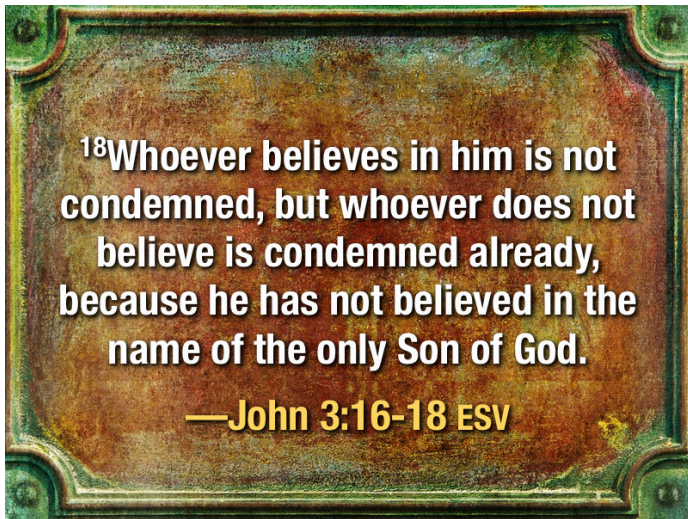
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**What Believing IS...** Depending Upon  
Christ **ALONE** For My Salvation

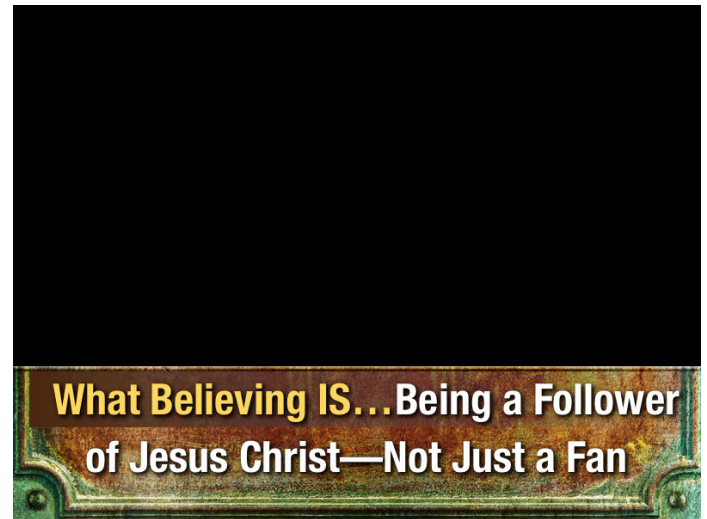
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<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

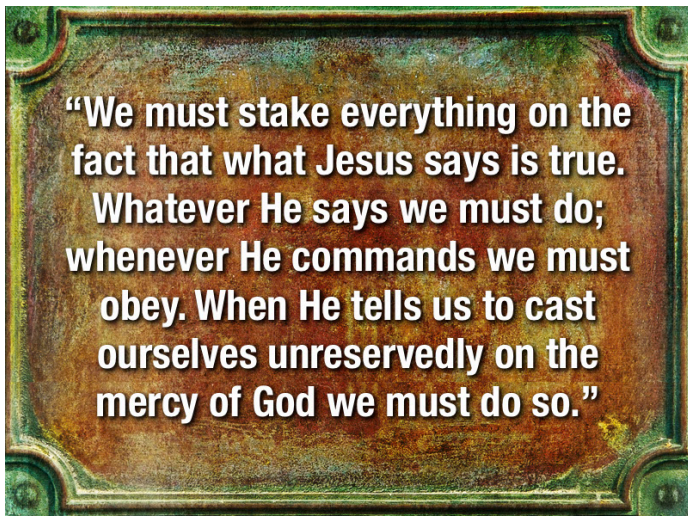
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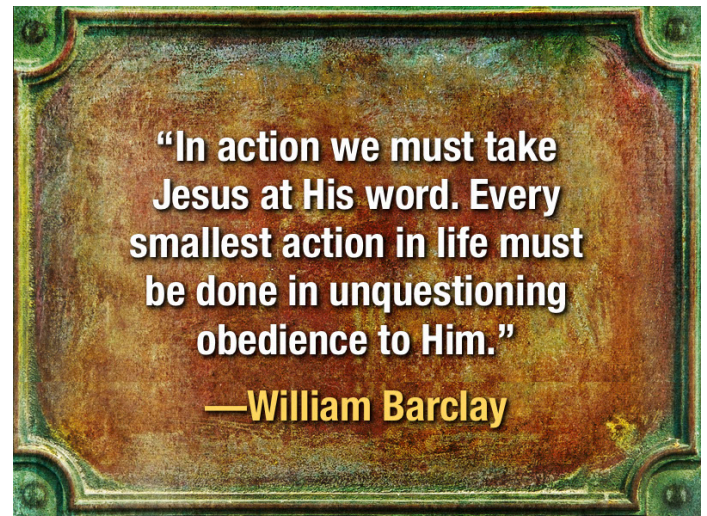
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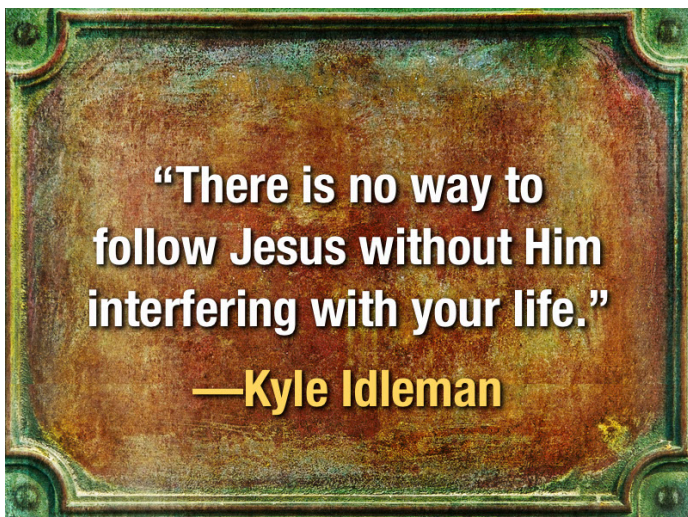
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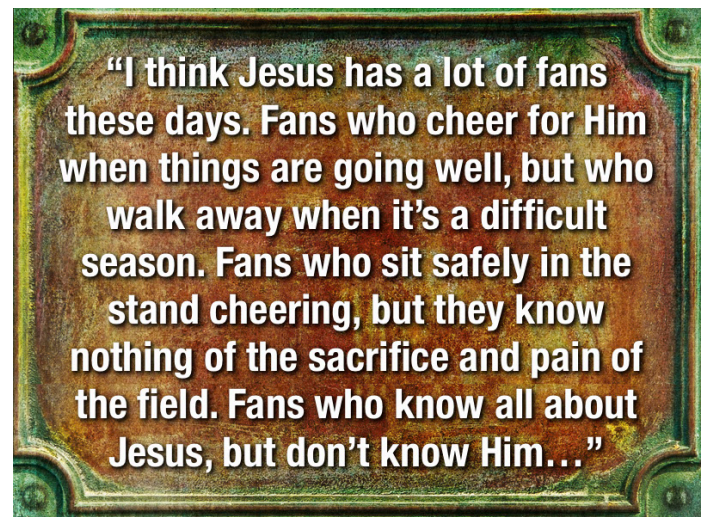
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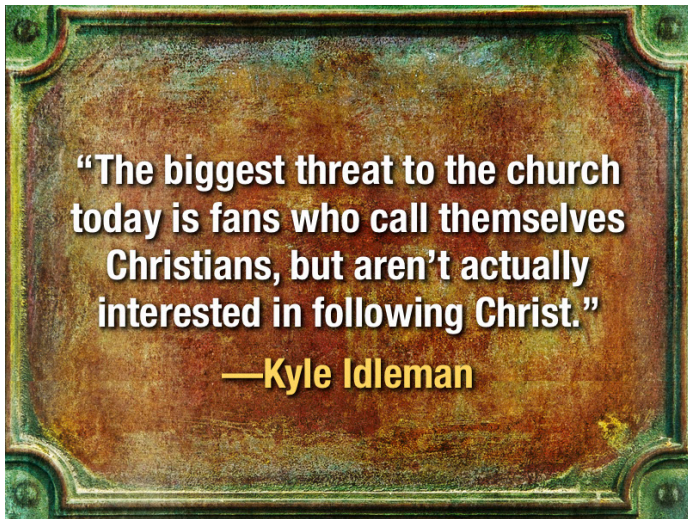
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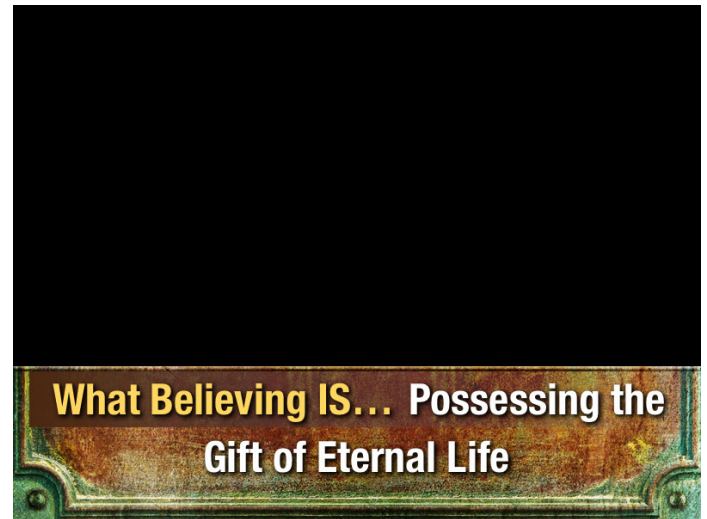
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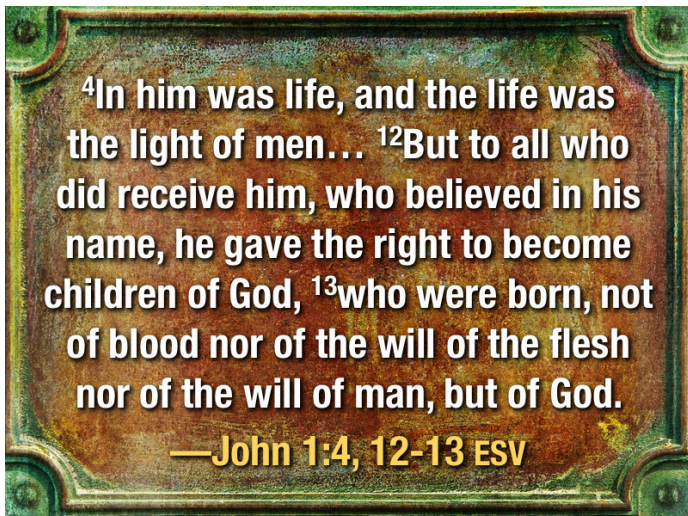
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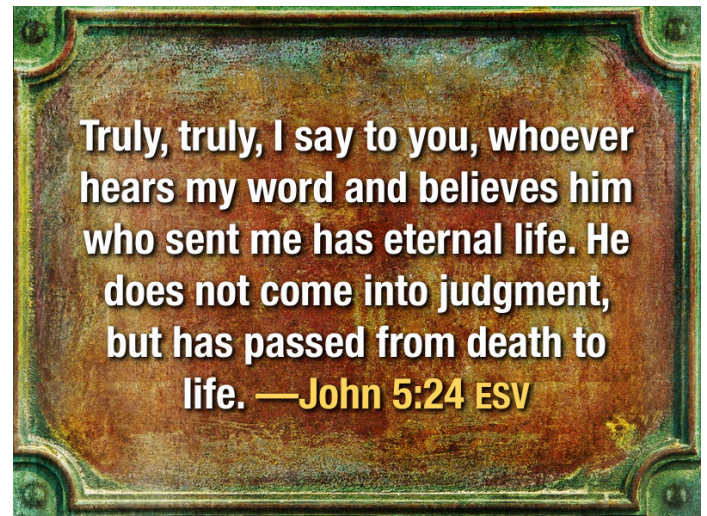
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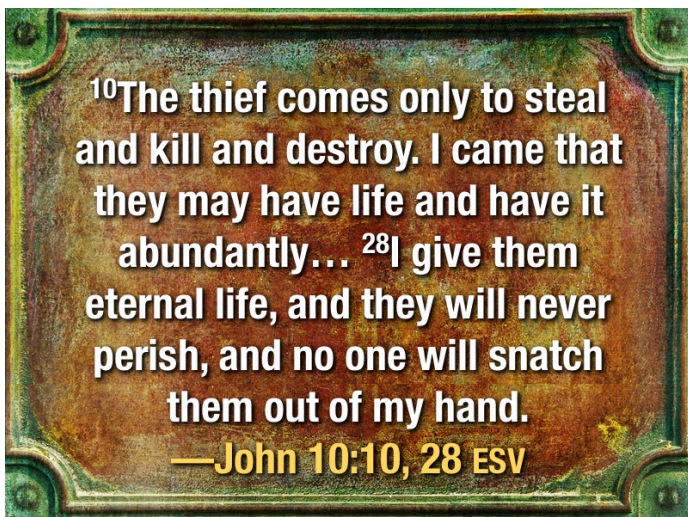
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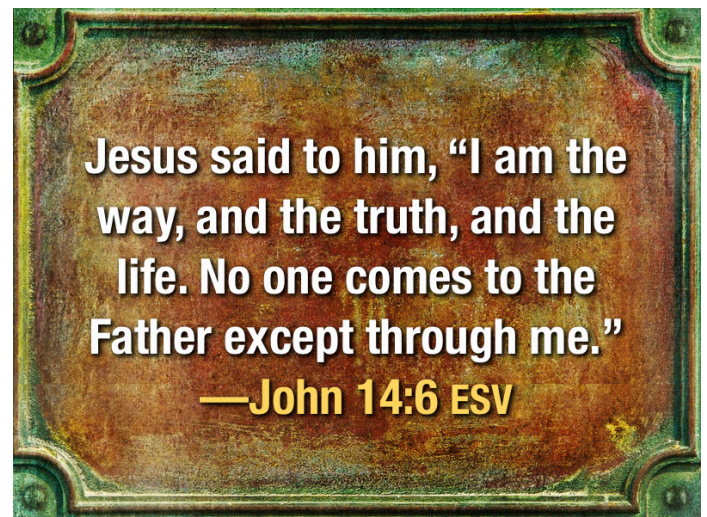
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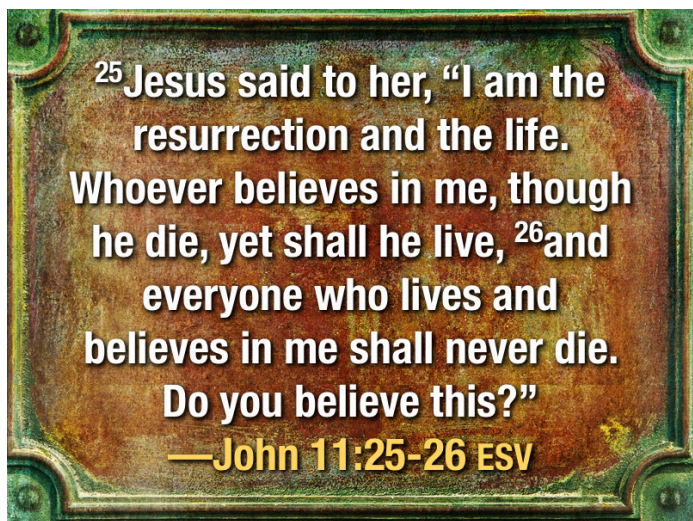
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