

Question 57

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Q57 What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?

A57 To trust in Christ alone for salvation

Scripture Base: John 14:6; Acts 10; Rom. 4:4-5,
10:13-15; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:10; James 2:19

Doctrine: WCF 8, 14, 15; SC 21, 86

Supplementary Questions.

1. What must you know about Jesus before you can believe in Him?
2. What must you believe about the things you know about Jesus?
3. What must you do before this Jesus you believe in will save you?

Songs: "When I Survey" #252, "I am the Way"

Teaching Notes

Review Q56 What is it to repent? – *To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.*

Story: Acts 10:22-37, **38-44**, Peter & Cornelius.

Questions

1. **You must know who He is** - the eternal Son of God (Mark 1:1; 15:39). He became a man, being born of the Virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18-25; Gal. 4:4-5). **You must know what He has done.** He obeyed His Father perfectly out of a pure and holy love for Him (John 4:34). He died on the cross to pay for the sins of His people out of a pure and holy love for them (& the Father as well) (2 Cor. 5:21). [That's why we do evangelism and missions – to tell others about Jesus: "For 'Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'" (Rom. 10:13-15).]

2. Simply **knowing** the facts of His life is not enough. You must also **believe** these things are true & you must believe that **Jesus is the only way to God** (John 14:6). But knowing these & believing them to be true is still not enough.

3. **You must trust Him to save you.** Are there any who believe the truth about Jesus who aren't saved? The demons believe, but aren't saved: "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder." (James 2:19) There are people already suffering in hell who believe the truth about Jesus, but it doesn't do them any good. You must also trust in Jesus, something the demons and damned souls will never do. **What does it this mean?** You must believe that what *you have done*, or ever could do, *will never be enough* for God to accept you (Gal. 3:10). You must *look to Jesus* and *what He has done* alone for God to accept you (Rom. 4:4-5).

Example: If you were to die and stand before God and He were to ask you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?

Wrong answer: I tried to live a good life; I did more good than evil.

Right answer: You should *not* let me in because of anything I have done, but because of what *Your Son has done for Me*.

Gospel: The above deals with faith. You must know the truth about Jesus, believe the truth about Him, and trust in Jesus alone to save you. You must repent as well, turning to Jesus in faith which means turning from your sins – all your evil acts, as well as all your supposedly good ones. You must trust in Jesus and then live the life He calls you to live. If you do this, then you are saved.

Extras: Mem Verse. John 14:6 **Songs:** "When I Survey" #252, "I am the Way"