


**Soteriology**  
Session 5



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**Soteriology Overview**

**This Session**

**V. God's One Condition of Salvation**




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- I. Definition
- II. Election
- III. Atonement
- IV. Salvation words
- V. God's one condition of salvation
- VI. Results of salvation
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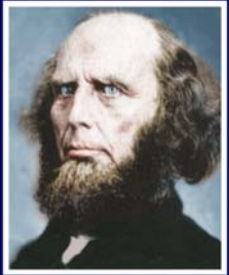
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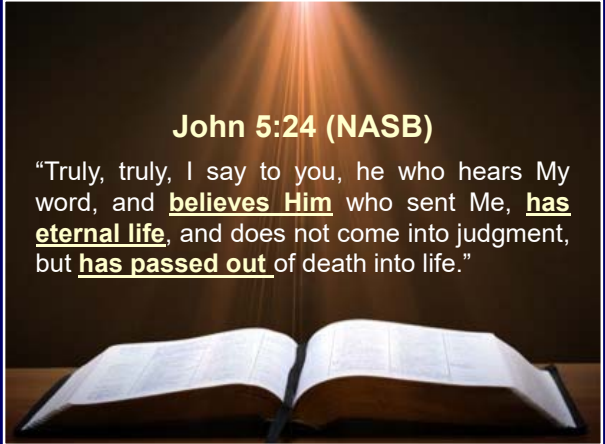
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**John 5:24 (NASB)**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him** who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed out** of death into life.”




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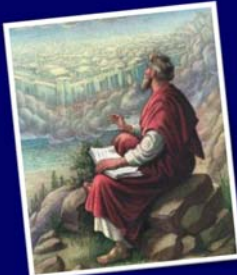
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### Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



**"...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).**

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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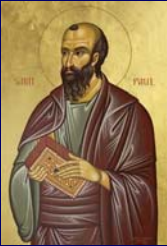
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**Romans 4:4-5**



“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. **But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

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“Believe” Defined

*pisteuō*...“to believe,” also “to be **persuaded** of,” and hence, “to place **confidence** in, to **trust**,” signifies, in this sense of the word, **reliance** upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John, especially the Gospel. He does not use the noun...Of the writers of the Gospels...uses of the verb...John **ninety-nine**.

W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 61.

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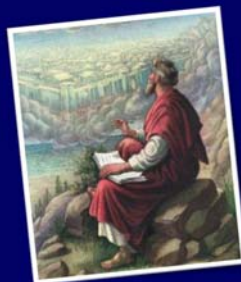
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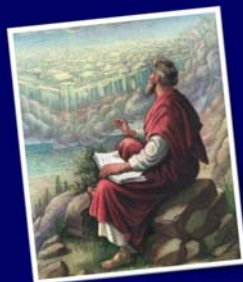
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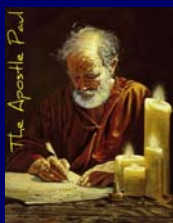
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### 1 Cor. 15:3-4



“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

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