

BELIEVE
THE FOUR SEASONS OF FAITH – Part 1 of 4

[Jesus] "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15-16

WHAT WE GAIN BY BELIEVING

1. WE CAN LIVE _____

Understand what we are telling you: You can have forgiveness of your sins through Jesus... Through Jesus everyone who believes is free from all sins. Acts 13:38 (NCV)

The Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:22 (NLT)

2. WE CAN LIVE _____

How earnestly I tell you this—anyone who believes in me already has eternal life! John 6:47 (LB)

This is eternal life: that people know you, the only true God, and that they know Jesus Christ, the One you sent. John 17:3 (NCV)

3. WE CAN LIVE _____

[Jesus] "I am the light that has come into the world so that everyone who believes in me will not live in the dark." John 12:46 (GW)

Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. John 3:21

4. WE CAN LIVE _____

[Jesus] "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

HOW TO HELP SOMEONE BELIEVE

1. _____

When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them.

1 Cor. 9:22a (LB)

Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. 1 Cor. 9:22b (LB)

2. _____

How can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? Rom. 10:14 (NLT)

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21

3. _____

When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. 1 Thes. 1:5 (Mes)

WHAT TAKES PLACE WHEN GOD CONVINCES SOMEONE?

My preaching was very plain, not with a lot of oratory and human wisdom, but the Holy Spirit's power was in my words, proving to those who heard them that the message was from God.

1 Cor. 2:4 (LB)