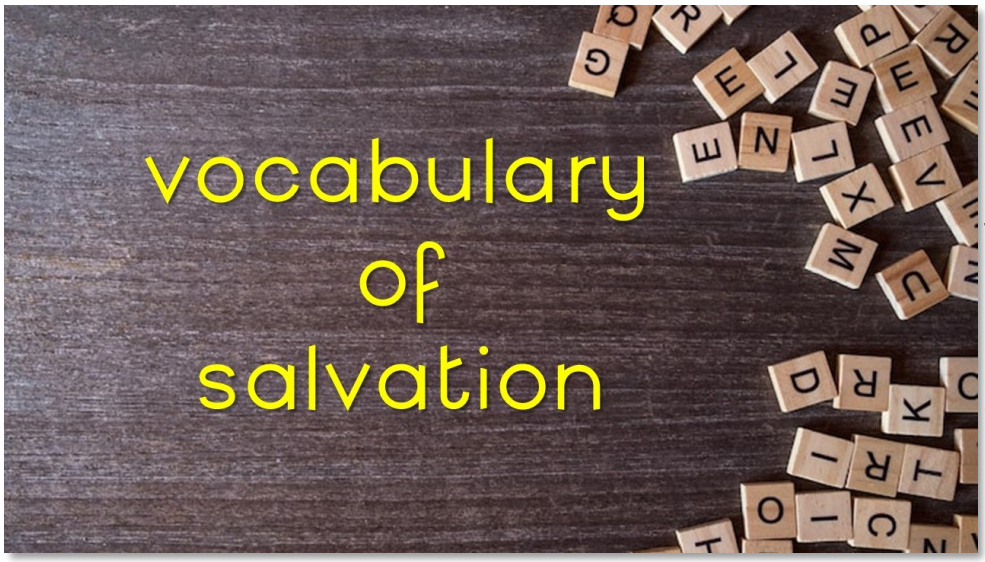

Believer

Among the salvation words, one that seems so simple and is often overlooked, is the word "Believer."

- The word 'Believer' has been hijacked by the modern religious culture to mean nothing more than "I believe in Jesus."

- Faith only (or belief only) has become the core foundation of most modern religious practices.

- The starting point of the journey and relationship with the Lord is faith (Mk 16:16)

A. From the book of Acts through the rest of the N.T. the word "Believer" is used of a _____

Believers were obedient disciples of Jesus who had been baptized for the remission of sins

Understanding Faith

The concept of faith involves trust, assurance and action. It is more than just accepting facts.

- Heb 11:6 _____ to please without faith
- Jn 3:16 Faith keeps one from _____
- Jn 5:24 Faith is indication of _____ _____
- Jn 11:25-26 One who believes will never _____

What do these teach us about faith?
Jas 2:19
Luke 6:46
Mt 7:21-23

Acts 4:32 And the _____ of those who believed were of one heart and soul…
Acts 5:14 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their _____.
Acts 10:45 And all the circumcised _____ who had come with Peter were amazed
Acts 16:1 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a _____…
1 Cor 7:12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an _____, and she consents to live with him, let him not send her away.

We would commonly phrase this as:

2 Cor 6:15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an _____?
1 Thes 1:7 so that you became an example to all the _____ in Macedonia and Achaia
1 Thes 2:10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you _____.
1 Tim 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who _____
1 Tim 5:16 If any woman who is a _____ has dependent widows, let her assist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.
1 Tim 6:2 And let those who have believers as their _____ not be disrespectful to them
Titus 1:6 namely, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who _____

We would commonly phrase this as:

1 Pet 1:21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God

The church is made up of believers, not spectators nor curious observers.

Characteristics of a believer

1.
2.
3.

Questions

1. It seems that we get in the habit of using the same word, 'Christian' to define a follower of Jesus. Why don't we use other terms like 'disciple,' or 'believer' very much?

   - Some words that we tend to use almost to the exclusion of other similar words?

     Church = _____

     Elder = _____

     Christ = _____

     Baptism = _____

     Testament = _____

2. Read Acts 18:8. What is the connection between faith and baptism?

3. How would you answer someone who asks, "You say you are a believer. What do you believe in?"

4. How does the word "believer" pull us together and unite us with others?

5. The word "Christian" can be overused and misused. Saying, "Believer," brings what other concepts to the front?