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We are presently studying a series of lessons that relate to the salvation of our souls.

We are presenting these lessons because a person's soul is his most valuable possession.

Introductory Thoughts

Jesus showed how valuable our souls are when He asked 2 questions that are found in Matthew 16:26.

Today, we are covering a number of Scriptures that emphasize the importance of belief.

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Belief Is an Essential Part of the Plan of Salvation

John 3 teaches very clearly that belief is essential.

Jesus included belief in the Great Commission – Mark 16:15-16.

Paul told the jailer in Philippi to believe on Jesus to be saved - Acts 16:30-32.

Paul also connected belief and salvation in Romans 10:9-11.

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What the Lord Requires Us to Believe

Acts 8:35-37.

This is implied in the meaning of the word translated believe.

Belief is - A conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah - the divinely appointed author of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God, conjoined with obedience to Christ.

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Evidence That Leads Us to Believe That Jesus Is God's Son

The testimony of God – Matthew 3:16-17 – Matthew 17:5.

The Scriptures – John 5:39.

The miracles of Jesus – John 20:30-31.

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The testimony of John – John 1:32-34.

The testimony of many other people

Nathanael - John 1:45-49 — Peter — John 6:68-69 — Martha — John 11:27.

The resurrection of Jesus – Romans 1:3-4.

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Believing in Jesus Also Relates to Christians

Believing in Christ is a great source of comfort – John 14:1.

Believers are to set the proper example – 1 Timothy 4:12.

Those who believe on Jesus enjoy special blessings – 1 John 3:22-24.

