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Jesus' Teaching: Believe

John 6:29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." NIV

Jesus the Bread of Life

John 6:25-40 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." NIV

Why is believing in Jesus our work?:

We all sense that someday we will have to face judgement.

We are in bigger trouble than we think.

God hates sin infinitely more than we can grasp.

Revelation 21:27a Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful. NIV

Romans 3:23 Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard. NCV

Our work is insufficient.

Romans 4:4-5 When people work, their pay is not given as a gift, but as something earned. ⁵ But people cannot do any work that will make them right with God. So they must trust in him, who makes even evil people right in his sight. Then God accepts their faith, and that makes them right with him. NCV

Ephesians 2:8-9 I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. ⁹ It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it. NCV

That's why Jesus did the work.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NIV

Galatians 2:16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God not by following the law, but by trusting in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus, that we might be made right with God because we trusted in Christ. It is not because we followed the law, because no one can be made right with God by following the law. NCV

What's left for us to do is believe in Jesus.

John 1:12 "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." NIV

John 3:15-16 "that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." NIV

John 3:18 "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." NIV

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." NIV

John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." NIV

John 6:47 "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life." NIV

John 7:38 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." NIV

John 8:24 "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am, you will indeed die in your sins." NIV

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" NIV

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. NIV

The Gospel

Black – Death	I deserve death.
Red – Jesus	Jesus died in my place!

And then...

White – Clean	I am made clean!
Blue – Follow	In obedience I follow him into a new life!
Green – Grow	I grow in faith, character, and joy!
Gold – Hope	My future hope brings new life!

What we can do:

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." NIV