

The Believer of John 3:16

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Introduction:

- A. “John 3:16 tells it like it is” reads a bumper sticker.
 - 1. Implies one verse contains entire plan of salvation.
 - 2. Could use other verses: Luke 13:3; Acts 22:16.
- B. John 3:16 is one of many verses on faith and salvation.

Discussion:

I. The Bible Tells about Two Kinds of Believers.

- A. Saved Believers.
 - 1. Saved by the sacrifice of Christ (John 3:16).
 - 2. Saved by believing the gospel (Rom. 1:16; Acts 10:43; 15:9; John 3:16).
- B. Lost Believers.
 - 1. The demons (Jas. 2:19; cf. Mk. 8:29)
 - 2. The Chief Rulers (John 12:42).

II. The Bible Tells The Difference Between the Two Kinds of Believers.

- A. Saved believer is working believer (Jas. 2:26; Gal. 5:6; Rom. 1:5; 16:26).
- B. Saved believer meets the conditions for God’s blessings.
 - 1. **Eternal life** (John 3:16), when he obeys (1 John 2:17; Heb. 5:8,9).
 - 2. **Shall not perish** (John 3:16), after he obeys (2 Thess. 1:7-9).
 - 3. **Saved** (Rom. 1:16), when he obeys (Mark 16:15, 16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
 - 4. **Justified** (Rom 5:1-2), when he works (Jas 2:20-24).
 - 5. **Access to grace** (Rom. 5:2), when he obeys (Rom. 3:24; 6:4).
 - 6. **Purified heart** (Acts 15:9), when he obeys (1 Pet. 1:22).
 - 7. **Remission of sins** (Acts 10:43), when he obeys (Acts 2:38).

Conclusion:

- A. Believer of John 3:16 is one who works and obeys.
- B. Believer of John 3:16 is a baptized believer (cf. Gal. 3:26,27; 1 Pet 3:21).