

John 3:16 - The Numbers of Hope

“Whoever Believes”

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Introduction:

- A. To _____ is this great gift of God offered?
1. How does a person _____ the gift of God’s Son?
 2. The answers to those two questions are found in two important _____ from John 3:16 - _____.

I. WHOEVER

- A. The word “whoever” makes it clear that God’s invitation is for _____.
1. This is not the first time Jesus has employed the word whoever. (Mt. 10:32,39; Mk. 3:35; 16:16; Jn. 3:36; 4:14; Rv. 22:17)
- B. God’s “whoever” policy also means _____.
1. Jesus told the story of the _____ and _____.
- C. God’s “whoever” policy also means _____.
1. Consider the example of the _____ on the _____.
- D. God’s “whoever” policy also means _____.
1. Jesus told the story of the _____ son.

II. BELIEVES

- A. We must not just believe anything, we must believe in _____.
1. Jesus is the only _____ to _____. (Jn. 6:28-29; 1:12; 14:6)
 2. Whoever believes must mean more than just believing he _____. (Jm. 2:19, 26)
- B. Look at the two verses just before John 3:16.
1. Jesus reminded Nicodemus about the story of God sending _____ to punish the Israelites. (Num. 21)
 2. All the snake-bitten people had to do to be healed was to look at the bronze _____ on the _____.
- C. Another good example is the story of the man named _____.
1. He had _____, and had to dip in the Jordan _____ times.

Conclusion:

- A. Belief must demonstrate itself in _____ action.
- B. Two good illustrations of real faith:
1. Man hanging from a _____ on the side of a _____.
 2. Blondin walking a tightrope across _____.

Answer Key: A. whom. A.1. receive. A.2. words, whoever, believes. I.A. everyone. I.B. however. I.B.1. rich, man, Lazarus. I.C. whenever. I.C.1. thief, cross. I.D. wherever. I.D.1. prodigal. II.A. Jesus. II.A.1. way, God. II.A.2. exists. II.B.1. venomous, snakes. II.B.2. snake, pole. II.C. Naaman. II.C.1. leprosy, seven. Concl.A. obedient. B.1. branch, cliff. B.2. Niagara, Falls.