

**Wheelersburg Baptist Church 7/29/18**

**Belief Affects Behavior**

**Theme: Our Core Beliefs will Impact How We Behave  
Colossians 1:3-14**

**Introduction:** Which is it?

**What's the Biblical Pattern in the New Testament?**

**A Little Background: 1<sup>st</sup> Century issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**I. Understanding and Accepting Essential Biblical Beliefs**

**A. We must believe Christ is Superior! 1:15-20 (some statements in this passage)**

**B. We must believe “*the grace of God in truth*” regarding Salvation! 1:13-14**

1. The truth about us regarding salvation
2. The truth about God regarding salvation

*“In justification, the sinner stands before God guilty and condemned, but is declared righteous. In redemption, the sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted his freedom. In forgiveness, the sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is paid and forgotten. In reconciliation, the sinner stands before God as an enemy, but becomes His friend. In adoption, the sinner stands before God as a stranger, but is made a son.”*

John MacArthur

**C. We must believe Our Standing in Christ!**

1. Oh my word, “I qualify for an inheritance!” 1:12-13
2. Oh my word, “He presents me blameless!” 1:22
3. Oh my word, “Jesus is in me!” 1:27
4. Oh my word, “I’m hidden in Christ forever!” 3:3-4
5. Oh my word, “I’m being renewed into Christ’s image!” 3:10

**II. Grasping Essential Biblical Beliefs provide the Proper Motivation to make God’s Imperatives our Indicatives (repeat)**

**A. The spiritual benefit of an English Lesson.**

**B. Making God’s Imperatives our Indicatives 3-4**

**Conclusion:**

1. What changes are needed in your Belief System?
2. What changes are needed in your Behavior?