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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: 1st Century issues in the 21st 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?