



Reasons to Believe

John 10:31-42 (NKJV)

³¹Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³²Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" ³³The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" ' ? ³⁵If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." ³⁹Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. ⁴⁰And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. ⁴¹Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." ⁴²And many believed in Him there.

Introduction

John 10 shows us the "reasons to believe" – that Jesus is really the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Messiah, the Christ.

- Jesus' words showed Him to be God (vv. 30, 34-36). "I and My Father are one."
- Jesus' works showed Him to be God (vv. 32, 37-38). "Many good works I have shown you from My Father."
- John's testimony showed Jesus

to be God (v. 10:41). "But all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

Jesus even reasoned with the unbelievers, saying,

John 10:37-38

³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.

In Jerusalem, where you would have thought that Jesus would be welcomed as Messiah, He was rejected. But "there," outside of Judea, many believed in Him through the witness of the martyred John the Baptist.

There is emphasis on the word "again." Their purpose of discussion is not to understand the truth but to seize Jesus.

John 10:39

Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

Those who really seek the Lord would believe.

John 10:41-42

⁴¹Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." ⁴²And many believed in Him there.

John shows us that some who saw Jesus' miracles and heard Him teach still wanted to kill Him (and finally succeeded), while others believed. Both groups saw and heard the same evidence, but they went in totally opposite directions.

What would make a

person believe?

A. Jesus' words showed Him

to be God (vv. 30, 34-36). "I and My Father are one."

The word of Jesus strongly teaches the sovereignty of God, especially as it relates to the salvation and the security of His sheep. Those who resist/oppose such teachings refuse to believe in God's sovereignty and will not believe in the words of Jesus.

The doctrine of God's sovereignty glorifies God, and not men. It shows God's work, and not our works.

The message is to warn those who seek to reject this teaching today. This does not mean that the Bible ignores human responsibility, but it does mean that our salvation and our security are in His hands, and not in ours.

B. Jesus' works

showed Him to be

God (vv. 32, 37-38).

"Many good works I have shown you from My Father."

The word of Jesus reminds us of the necessary link between what we say and what we do, between our profession and our practice.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor

JDVP TESTIMONIALS

UCA, A SCHOOL that truly cares for you

It has only been one week since the Joint Delivery Voucher Program (JDVP) began in United Christian Academy (UCA), yet the students' hearts are already filled with joy and thanksgiving. With this, they expressed their gratitude from what they learned from their trainers, what they experienced in the UCA campus, and relationships built with the UCA family.

I like that the teachers are very friendly, hands-on, and approachable. They take care of each student who has a hard time learning. I also like their rooms because it's air-conditioned, which helps us to focus more on studying. The other benefits in this school that I like are free RFIDs, and they go all out on teaching. I feel very blessed because UCA is very high-tech and the teachers actually care for us. **I feel blessed because we are not only learning, but we are also learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

MICHAEL JAMES ASERADO
Grade 12 JDVP Student

Nagustuhan ko rito sa UCA dahil lahat ng mga mag-aaral at nagtuturo rito ay hindi kami tinuturing na iba. Hindi nila pinaparamdam na iba kami sa kanila kahit na sa ibang school kami galing. Blessed ako dahil isa ako sa mga nakasama sa JDVP kasi marami akong natutunan. Nagpapasalamat ako sa mga teacher dahil sa kanila ay nagawa kong mag-focus, hindi katulad ng dati. Ngayon ay nagagawa kong mag-focus at matuto.

REYNA JEAN CAUSO
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I like the JDVP program because it really helps us learn new skills. **I also appreciate how UCA supports and guides us in a comfortable and positive environment.** I feel very blessed because not everyone gets this chance. This program is a big help for my studies.

WILSON BERRY L. NGO
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I like that there is a practice of praying dahil madalas sa school na napasukan ko noon ay nalilimutan na nilang magdasal. I am super blessed that I entered this kind of school kasi hindi pa ako nakakapasok sa ganitong kagandang uri ng eskuwelahan.

JANWIN A. ARAGDON
Grade 12 JDVP Student

Their facilities have complete equipment and the teachers are approachable or easy to ask. Also, I like how they teach the lesson and explain some of our lessons that I find hard to understand. **I am really blessed in a way that I have a chance to be one of the students to be in this program, to experience this kind of training, and to be in a different kind of community.**

STEPHANIE MARIE A. ABALGOS
Grade 12 JDVP Student

What I like about the JDVP program is that they teach us very well. Our trainers never let us be left behind and I can also ask freely for further clarifications. **What I like about UCA is their very friendly environment—from every teacher, staff, and even students.** I am so blessed to be part of UCA's JDVP program because I know that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, considering that the TESDA training costs money. But now, I can train here for free. I will make sure to take this training opportunity very seriously and to have fun.

ALEEIA B. TANAWAN
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I like how we focus on our specialization. Since I am studying at a public school, UCA itself is nice because every room and facility is air-conditioned. I discovered that only a few TVL students are given this opportunity to attend the JDVP program. **I am blessed because the school that I'm assigned to is a very good school.**

FRANCOIS DION RODRIGUEZ
Grade 12 JDVP Student

What I like about the JDVP program are the teachers because they teach us so well kaya napakadaling maintindihan. Hindi lang tungkol sa strand ang tinuturo nila kung hindi pati na rin kung paano maging mabuti at maayos na tao. I am beyond blessed because not every student gets this opportunity. **This program is a big hand of help for me kapag magta-trabaho na ako.**

ROGIE O. DUMALE
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I like the JDVP program because it helps me enhance my technical skills. I also like how kind the teachers are and how good they are in teaching. I'm so blessed because UCA is near our house, so transportation is not a problem for me. Also, the teachers really care for us and it is so comfortable to communicate with them.

CHRISTIAN JAY S. SABIATE
Grade 12 JDVP Student

Ang nagustuhan ko sa programang ito sa UCA ay nahahasa ang skills namin pagdating sa CSS para makapasa kami at makakuha ng NC II. Mayroon din silang soft skills training na nakatutulong sa akin. Napakabait pa ng mga teacher at ang mga estudyante ay napaka-friendly. Sobrang saya rito kaya hindi na sumasagi sa utak ko na um-absent. **Sobrang grateful ako dahil isa ako sa napili sa UCA JDVP kaya hindi ko na sasayangin ang pagkakataon na ito. Pagbutihin ko pa lalo. Sobrang grateful ako at sobrang blessed!**

CHRISTIAN P. YAGO
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I like how we can learn new things and improve our skills that are necessary for our future career. What I like in the school are the teachers because everyone has the right to express their opinions without judgment.

JHURENZ M. ARAPOC
Grade 12 JDVP Student

Maganda ang JDVP program dahil nakatutulong ito sa aming mga estudyante na mapalawak ang aming kaalaman. Nakatutulong din ito sa amin dahil sa kakulangan ng gamit. **Sobrang nagustuhan ko ang UCA dahil bukod sa kumpleto sila sa mga equipment ay maganda rin ang environment nila.** I'm so thankful na isa ako sa mga napili dahil hindi lahat ay mayroong voucher. Thankful din ako dahil may mga bagong teacher akong nakilala na mababait at magaling magturo. Ang mga student din ng UCA ay super friendly.

JESSA BELLE PACETE
Grade 12 JDVP Student

Ang nagustuhan ko sa UCA ay ang pagiging marespeto at mapagmahal sa isa't isa, at magiging mabait at madasalin. I am so much blessed to experience this school and learn from the teachers in UCA.

BRENT ARJAY GARABEL
Grade 12 JDVP Student

What I like here is that they have more equipment compared to our school which is limited. **My knowledge is improving more and being a student here makes me happy.** The ambience here is so quiet. I'm so thankful to be a student here in UCA!

ANGEL ORIARTE
Grade 12 JDVP Student

I'm so thankful for the JDVP program because it helps me to enhance my skills and knowledge particularly in computers. Additionally, I appreciate UCA for providing materials and equipment that we can use as part of the assessment.

PRINCE KENJIE C. BAQUIO
Grade 12 JDVP Student

JDVP CHAPEL SERVICE

REACHING OUT to the lost sheep

For over 29 years, United Christian Academy (UCA) serves as a gateway of evangelism where the lost sheep are brought to the feet of Christ. Through the preaching of the gospel, the seed of faith is planted in their hearts.

It has always been a part of UCA's culture to provide ways for the students to hear God's Word. Last December 5, Friday, the JDVP students had their second chapel service.



The JDVP students, teachers, and staff gather together in singing praises and giving glory to God. Praise the Lord for the opportunity for the JDVP students to hear the truth of God's Word!

“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NKJV)

MT. TABOR UPDATE

PAGSISIMULA NG *Campus Ministry*



Sabi sa Marcos, 16:15 "At sinabi ni Jesus sa kanila, Humayo kayo sa buong mundo at ipangaral ang Magandang Balita sa lahat ng tao."

Ang UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay sinimulan ang campus ministry sa Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao, Laguna noong Disyembre 3, Miyerkules. Ito ay ginanap sa Brgy. Casile court na dinaluhan ng mga estudyante mula sa Casile *Integrated National High School*. Matapang at buong pagtitiwala ang lingkod ng Diyos na si Rev. Dr. William Sy na sumunod sa Panginoon noong simulan ang gawaing ito, kasama ang mga manggagawa. Ang *campus ministry* ay magsisilbing daan upang mataniman ang mga kabataang ng binhi ng Salita ng Diyos. Salamat sa Panginoon sapagkat ang Kaniyang biyaya at habag ay patuloy na nararanasan. Tunay na Siya ang gumagawa ng pagkakataon upang ang Kaniyang mga tupa ay makalapit sa Kaniya. Ang katapatan Niya ay higit at hindi nagbabago, noon hanggang ngayon!

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Nagsimula ang gawain sa isang panalangin na pinangunahan ni Rev. Ricardo Jacob.

Napuno ng awitan at pagpupuri sa Panginoon ang *campus ministry* sa Brgy. Casile. Naging makabuluhan ang salu-salo ng bawat isa sa presensiya ng Diyos.



Kagalakan ang nararanasan ng mga mag-aaral sa sama-samang pag-awit sa Diyos.



Ephesians 2:8-10
(NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

PAGBABAHAGI NG PAG-IBIG

Ang mga butihing pastor ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay nagkaroon ng pagkakataon na magbahagi ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga estudyante. Sa pamamagitan nito ay nakilala nila ang tunay na Diyos at ang Kaniyang Mabuting Balita ng kaligtasan.



Hindi dahilan ang distansiya upang sila ay makapakinig ng Salita ng Diyos.



Naghanda rin ng munting makain ang UCF para sa lahat upang magkaroon ng sama-samang pagsasalu-salo.

KALAGUAN SA MINISTERYO NG DIYOS

Ang UCF Mt. Tabor Church and Re-Creation Center ay patuloy na ginagamit ng Diyos bilang daluyan ng Kaniyang pagpapala katulad na lamang ng malawak na lupaing pinagtataniman ng mga manggagawa kung saan sila ay nakapagpapalago ng iba't ibang halaman, prutas, at gulay. Maliban pa rito, ito ay lugar kung saan ang Salita ng Diyos ay naitatanim din sa puso ng bawat isa. Higit pa rito, mas malaki pa ang magiging paggamit ng Diyos sa Mt. Tabor sa mga susunod na panahon.

AGRI-TOURISM

Ang Mt. Tabor ay patuloy na pinalalago sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanim ng mga manggagawa ng iba't ibang uri ng prutas at gulay. Ito ay sinimulan upang matugunan ang pangangailangan ng mga miyembro at maging mapagkakakitaan.



PAGBIGAY NG SERTIPIKO

Nitong Linggo, Nobyembre 3, ang ating mga kapatid na nagpabawtismo sa tubig noong Sabado ay tumanggap ng kanilang sertipiko ng bawtismo. Ito ay deklarasyon ng kanilang pagsunod sa kautusan. Tunay nga na ang kaligtasan ay hindi sa gawa, bagkus ay sa pananampalataya sa Diyos.



My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. John 10:29 (NKJV)

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Jesus constantly challenged His adversaries to consider the relationship between His words and His works. He also rebuked the Pharisees for their lack of consistency in these matters.

Let us be sure that what we say we believe is also what we behave and do.

C. John's testimony showed Jesus to be God (v. 10:41). "But all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

Jesus retreated to where John the Baptist first baptized, since it was not yet His appointed time to die for His sheep. His adversaries did not pursue Him, and many who witnessed John the Baptist came to Him and believed.

vv. 41-42 - ⁴¹Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."
⁴²And many believed in Him there.

Many of the Jews believed that John the Baptist was a true prophet (Matthew 21:26 – for all count John as a prophet). They believed John's words, even though he did not perform any miraculous works. And yet the Jews in Jerusalem (especially the religious leaders) would not believe Jesus' words even though He did many miraculous works.

If you will recall, early in this chapter, Jesus spoke of Himself as the true Shepherd, and figuratively

spoke of John the Baptist as the doorkeeper. The doorkeeper recognizes the Shepherd. Those who believed John's message (apart from any miraculous signs) also believed in Jesus (with His miraculous works).

Doing miracles was not necessary because His sheep would have heard His voice without them. But the presence of these miracles, in contrast to John's lack of any signs, further testifies to the truth John the Baptist himself stressed—that Jesus is the One far superior to him, the One who came down from the Father in Heaven.

Those who are His sheep have more than enough reason to believe, and those who are not will never have enough evidence to believe.

Conclusion

What would make a person believe?

It requires a heart that the Spirit of God has opened to the truth. Our prayer should always be, "Lord,

open my heart to Your truth!"

Acts 16:14-15

¹⁴Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

John 20:30-31

³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

At the end of John's writings, he wrote them so that those who heard and read may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life in His name.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
UCF Family Christmas Celebration
See you at UCF Parañaque on December 21, 8:00 AM.
RSVP to your fellowship leaders.
For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
ISAIAH 9:6 (NKJV)

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00 AM (Parañaque)
- SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
3:00 PM (Cabuyao, Laguna)
- HOUSE OF PRAYER
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- HOME BIBLE CHURCH & STUDY
Tuesday - Friday
Laguna and Cavite Areas

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