



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 12:37–50

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John 12:37–50

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” ⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

John 12:37–50

⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

John 12:37–50

⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said,
“Whoever believes in me, believes not in
me but in him who sent me.” ⁴⁵ And
whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so
that whoever believes in me may not
remain in darkness.

John 12:37–50

⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

John 12:37–50

⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

Why People Don't Believe

In light of Jesus, there is an urgency for every person to believe [and keep believing] in Him for salvation and the forgiveness of sins.

2 Peter 3:9-10

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9-10

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

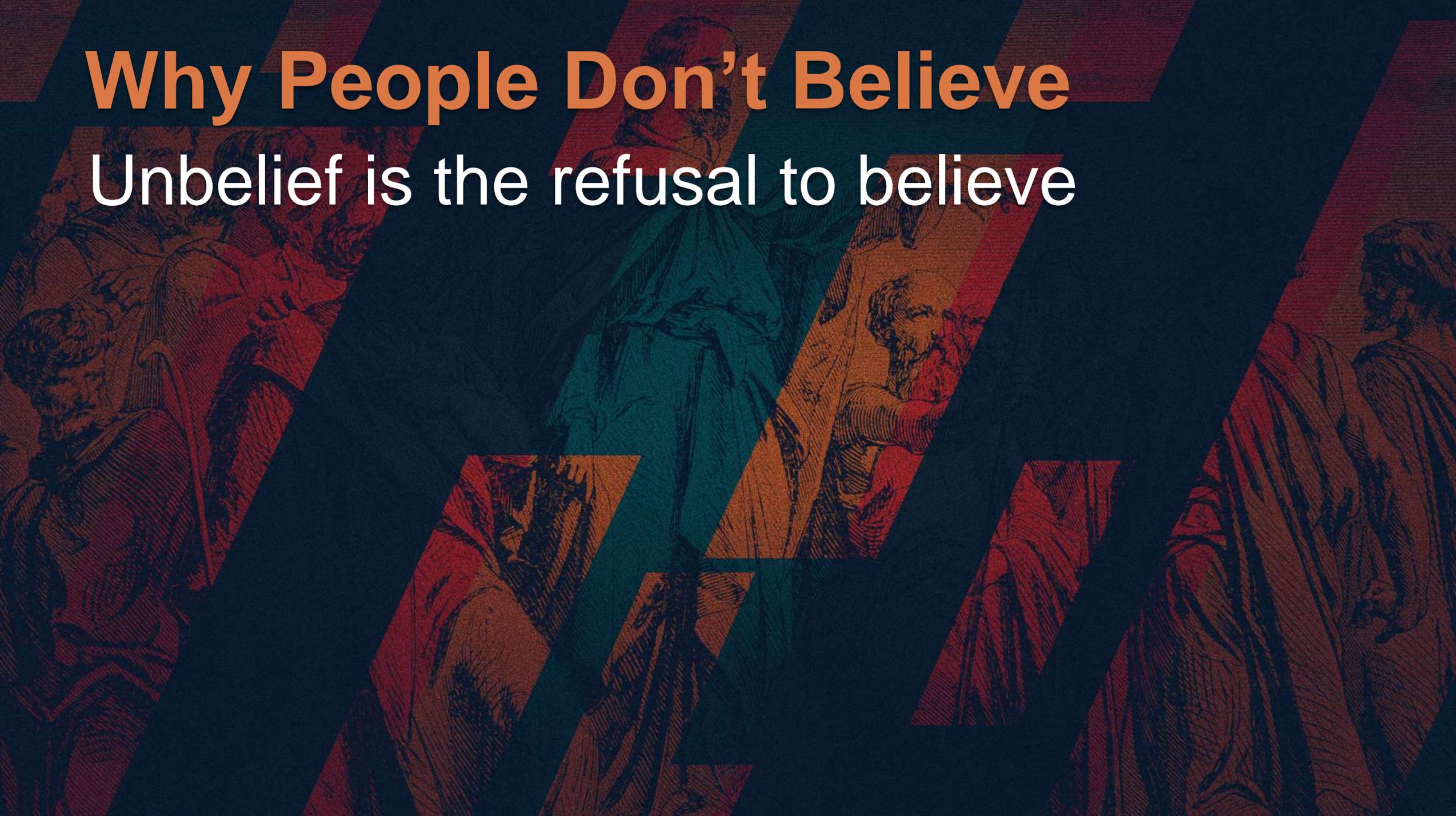
John 12:36a–37

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.³⁷

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Unbelief stems from rebellion not
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John 12:38-40

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It is a sobering reality that those who persistently harden their hearts against God may find themselves hardened by Him.

Why People Don't Believe

A hard heart is our natural [Adamic] state

A harder heart occurs because of our refusal to believe

Even the hardest heart will still be used by God for His glory

John 12:41-43

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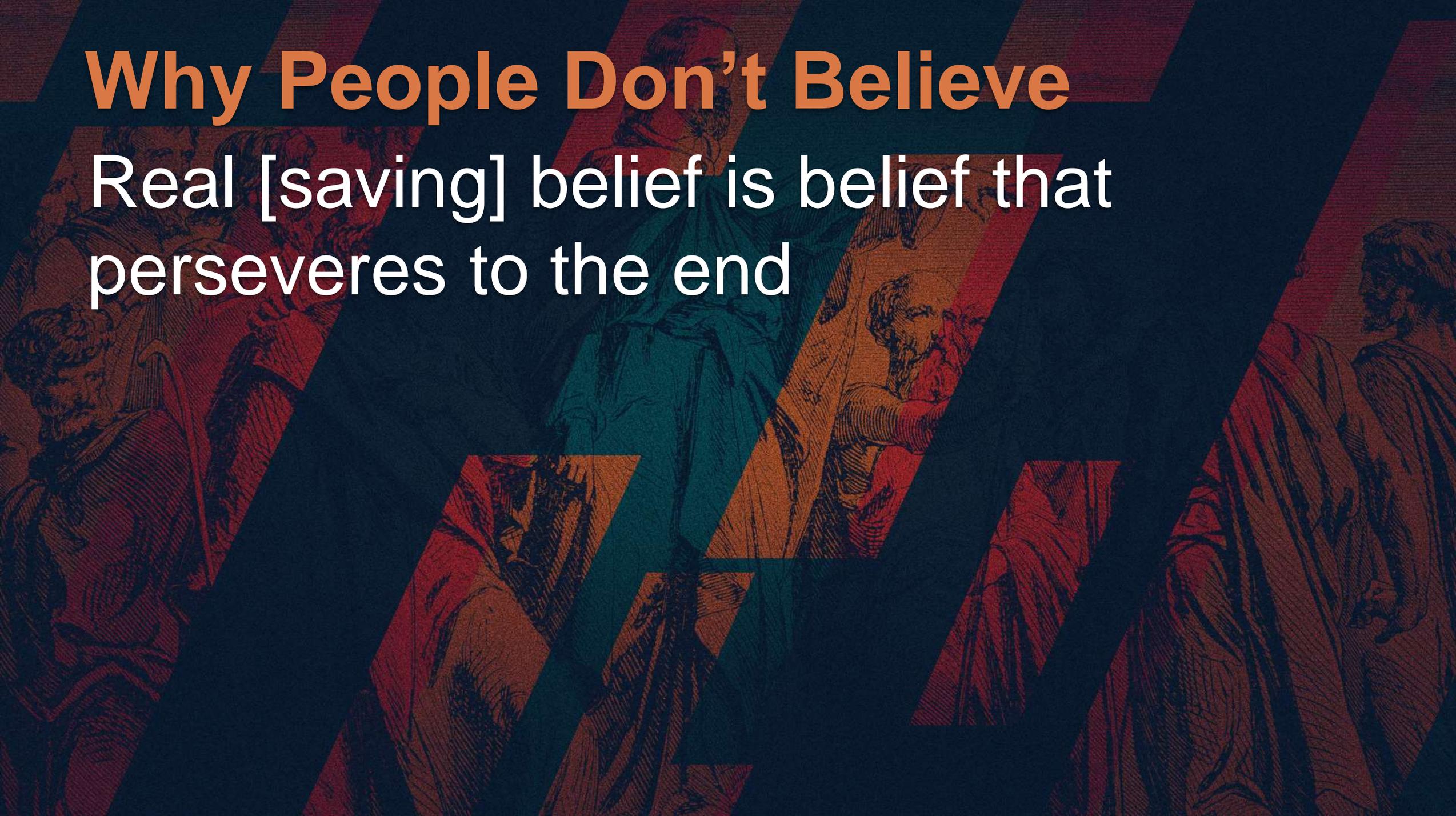
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Real [saving] belief is belief that perseveres to the end



Why People Don't Believe

Persevering faith comes as Jesus' death in your place is more glorious to you than anything else

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Why People Don't Believe

“If you don't have Jesus as your Savior,
you don't have God as your Father.”

-John Piper