

## BLIND LOVE, BLIND FAITH

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### 1 Peter 1:8-12 (NIV)

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

[10] Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, [11] trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. [12] It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

### 1. If we are going to follow Jesus Christ, we are going to have to do it \_\_\_\_\_.

v.8

“Though you have not seen Him...even though you do not see him now...”.

vv.10-11

**Isaiah 53:6-7**

To follow Jesus Christ means following Him \_\_\_\_\_ complete knowledge or understanding.

### 2. The keys to following Jesus are not seeing and understanding everything, they are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

**1 Peter 1:8a (NIV)**

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Two things which bring Christians to the point of loving and trusting Jesus:

1) We love and trust Jesus because He’s shown Himself to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Love

**1 John 4:10,19**

Trust

**Romans 8:32**

**2 Timothy 2:13**

2) We love and trust Jesus because He has \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to us.

**Matthew 16:13-17**

### 3. Since love and trust are the keys to following Jesus, the degree to which we \_\_\_\_\_ them will be the degree to which we experience the benefits of them.

**Obedience is faith being exercised.**

What happens when we choose to love and trust Jesus?

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**Two results:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:18 (NIV)**

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

2) We get to experience the benefits of salvation \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.