Three Prominent Types of Believers
2 Thess. 2:11-17

Introduction:
A. The need for religious faith is becoming generally recognized.
   1. Statesmen, physicians, philosophers, and theologians testify with one voice.
   2. Faith in general or “believing in something” is the main idea in most cases.
B. The text speaks plainly about believing — not just believing, but believing truth (vv. 11-12)
C. We want to discuss three types of believers among religious people.

Discussion:
I. Those Who Believe and Work Hard in Religion, but Believe the Wrong Things.
   A. The Jews (Rom. 10:1-3; Matt. 15:7-9).
   B. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 26:9-11).
   C. Many in last day. (Mt. 7:22,23).
II. Those Who Believe the Truth, but Do Nothing about It. (Cf. Jas. 2:19).
   A. Chief Rulers (John 12:42-43).
      1. They say, “We have not lost our faith” — may have frozen it.
      2. They believe one should be faithful in attendance and public worship - do not. (Heb 10:25)
      3. They believe one should spread the gospel — do not. (Mk. 16:15)
      4. They believe one should help others spiritually and physically — do not. (Gal. 6:10)
      5. They believe one should correct his life by being restored — do not (Acts 8:22)
III. Those Who Believe the Truth and Obey It.
   C. Jailor (Acts 16:30-34).
   D. The church at Philippi.
      1. Believed in supporting the gospel and did it (Phil 1:3-5; 4:15).
      2. Believed in a life of constant obedience and did it (Phil. 2:12-13).

Conclusion:
A. What kind of believer are you?
B. Are you and obedient believer or truth?