Some ideas we tolerate regarding religion and morality like "all religions are equally true," require logic we would never $\qquad$ in any other area of life. Why would people accept an obvious
$\qquad$ ? Jesus answers that question in John 3:19-21.
In these 2 texts, Jesus addresses the problem of people seeing the evidence of Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection and
$\qquad$ that evidence in favor of some other $\qquad$ . His answer is that people $\qquad$ not to believe the truth about Jesus because it is $\qquad$ . People choose to believe a lie because the truth, though valuable and necessary for our $\qquad$ wellbeing, keeps us from doing the things we want to do $\qquad$ .

Here's the problem with that choice: The result is $\qquad$ .
Only by accepting and living by the truth including the truth about Him can we experience true $\qquad$ and all the joy and fulfillment that comes with it (see John 8:31-36).

In this text, Jesus stressed that a profession of faith needed to result in a life of trusting $\qquad$ . He knew Christians often tend to slip back into only accepting God's truths that matched their own
$\qquad$ and comfortable so-called truths of their $\qquad$ —.

It is so easy to accept Jesus and then $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ aspects of His character that make Him a $\qquad$
$\qquad$ friend and cull through His word to apply those truths that easily fit our own
$\qquad$ and ignore Biblical truths that challenge our $\overline{\text { sin-stained corners of our character }}$

In John 8, Jesus addresses the hardest part of being a true Christian. It's not simply saying yes to His $\qquad$ . It is believing in Him as the $\qquad$ and His word as $\qquad$ over and above every notion, narrative, or natural inclination we may think or hear.

Who calls the $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ in your life? I hope you can confidently say it is $\qquad$ and His $\qquad$ -.

