

A Simple Bible Study on "Believing"

John 1:7; 1:12; 1:50; 2:11; 2:22-23; 3:12; 3:15-16; 3:18; 3:36; 4:21; 4:39; 4:41-42; 4:48; 4:50; 4:53; 5:24; 5:38; 5:44; 5:46-47; 6:29-30; 6:35-36; 6:40; 6:47; 6:64; 6:69; 7:5; 7:31; 7:38-39; 7:48; 8:24; 8:30-31; 8:45-46; 9:18; 9:35-36; 9:38; 10:25-26; 10:37-38; 10:42; 11:15; 11:25-27; 11:40; 11:42; 11:45; 11:48; 12:11; 12:36-39; 12:42; 12:44; 12:46-47; 13:19; 14:1; 14:10-12; 14:29; 16:9; 16:27; 16:30-31; 17:8; 17:20-21; 19:35; 20:8; 20:25; 20:27; 20:29; 20:31.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

the definition of *know* is: to regard as true beyond any shadow of doubt

Chapter 1

The Purpose for "Believing" = Witness the Light (that is, salvation of God through Jesus)

Joh 1:6-7 KJV There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

the identity of the man here is John the Baptist

(7) The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light,

"witness" is a court-recognized term, which is pictured in the mind's eye
that all *men* through him might **believe**.

"him" here can refer BOTH to Jesus OR John the Baptist because both faithfully were proclaiming the same true message of salvation through the Son

The Path for "Believing" = "Receiving" HIM

Joh 1:11-12 KJV He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

(12) But as many as received him,

"His own" clearly refers directly to His immediate family, and less directly to the Jewish nation

"receiving" implies an "act", and like an event has meaning and reality only if performed

to them gave he power to become the sons of God,
even to them that **believe** on his name:

"power" means privilege or right, as such it is a legal term.

"sons of God" is only recognizable as children begot by birthright=**believing**

MAKES you part of God's Family immediately

The Prospect of "Believing" = Doing "Greater Things" after Salvation

Joh 1:49-50 KJV Nathanael answered and saith unto him,
Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

(50) Jesus answered and said unto him,

Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

Jesus was always minimizing the supernatural, favoring the simplicity of obedient acts of faith

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