

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.

Chapter 12 (12:11; 12:36-39; 12:42; 12:44; 12:46-47— 8 instances of *believe*)

TITLE: Believing NOT can bring blindness and hardness of heart.

1. **Joh 12:10-11** But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,
(11) because on account of him many of the Jews went away and **believed** in Jesus.
 - What did the Jews plot to do “because many *believed* on Jesus?” _____
 - Could their desire be called willful rejection? If so, what is evidence that has happened?
 - Is this perhaps a main reason Jesus delayed to heal Lazarus?

- 2-5. **Joh 12:35-39** Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. (36) While you have the light, **believe** in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. (37) But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not **believe** in Him, (38) that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS **BELIEVED** OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?" (39) Therefore they could not **believe**, because Isaiah said again: (40) "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM."
 - v35 What is to happen “a little while” later?
 - v35 What did Jesus say happens to those who will not believe in Him?
 - v36 Do people who have not believed, know where they are going, according to Jesus?
 - Why does the verse say Jesus was hidden from them?
 - v36 What did Jesus teach happens to that one who believes *when belief occurs*?
 - v40 What did Isaiah say people did to believe and be healed spiritually?

6-8. **Joh 12:42-46** Nevertheless even among the rulers many **believed** in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; (43) for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. (44) Then Jesus cried out and said, "**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. (45) And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. (46) I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.**"

- What unique class of people believed on Him but refused to “confess” Him?
- What did John say they were guilty of loving because they would not confess Him?
- v44 What could Jesus have meant by the phrase “believes not in Me?”
- v45 In this ‘believing’ study context– does this verse proclaim equal Divinity of the Father and the Son?
- v46 Can one who believes “abide in darkness?”

Your questions not asked before in our class:

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