

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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