

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 13-14 (13:19;14:1; 14:10-12; 14:29 — 8 instances of *believe*)

TITLE: Believing is understanding God's Omniscience, Unity and Distinctions.

1.

Joh 13:16-20 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. (17) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (18) "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.' (19) Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may **believe** that I am *He*. (20) Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

- What exactly did Jesus foretell that people would believe that He was/is God?
- What connection does Jesus make between the two words, *believe* & *receive* in these verses?
- Could we say that the words *I tell you* in this context illustrate that one of Jesus' prime operating purposes while on earth was to share the Gospel by encouraging people to **believe**?
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John 14

2-3.

Joh 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you **believe** in God, **believe** also in Me.

- What message does this verse say about *worry* and **believing**?
- Was Jesus admitting those who claimed they **believe** in God *actually did believe*?
- Will those who have not believed *in Jesus* be accepted by the Father in heaven? [If so why would He have added **believe also in me**?]
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4-7.

Joh 14:8-12 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

(9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (10) Do you not **believe** that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. (11) **Believe** Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else **believe** Me for the sake of the works themselves. (12) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes** in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

- What is the setting for this chapter?
- What about Phillip's request is common about those today who ask similar questions?
- What can we infer about the physical life of Jesus around those who saw Him in relation to His Father?
- What did Jesus **NOT** mean by the statement, "I do not speak on My own *authority*?"
- What amazing and incredible blessing comes to those who **believe** as given in this passage?
- Why do we know this promise is and has come to pass?

8.

Joh 14:28-29 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. (29) "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may **believe**.

- What difficult fact is given here about the *love* believers ought to have for Him when things happen they misunderstand [like Jesus' Ascension]?

- What is meant by Jesus' statement "My Father is greater than I"?

- What truth does *the Father's Greatness, Jesus' coequal status with His Father, the Trinity verses of the Bible, and other such difficult concepts* make clear about the faith we must have in Christianity and it's rationality?
