

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 17-19 (17:8; 17:20-21; 19:35— 4 instances of *believe*)

TITLE: **_Believing is ... understanding God the Father as He reveals Himself in the Bible_.**

1.

Joh 17:7-10 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. (8) For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have **believed** that You sent Me. (9) "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. (10) And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

- Who do *them, they, those* refer to?
- In what sense is it said **they have received *them***? (in other words-- How have people who believe *received* the Bible, or, what have they done as a result?)
- What does this verse *specifically* say **believed** refers to?
- Why does Jesus say, **I do not pray for the world** ?
- What other questions does this aspect of **believing** create?

2-3.

Joh 17:19-22 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. (20) "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will **believe** in Me through their word; (21) that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may **believe** that You sent Me. (22) And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as **We are one**:

- What other people are included by this **believing** reference?
- What is significant about secondary people believing in Jesus, according to verse 21?
- What 2 other benefits does one receive by **believing**?

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Chapter 19 (19:35— 1 instance of *believe*)

TITLE: **_Believing is ... accepting prophesy and testimony as truth in the Bible_.**

4. **Joh 19:32-34** Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. (33) But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. (34) But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Joh 19:35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may **believe**.

Joh 19:36-37 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "NOT ONE OF HIS BONES SHALL BE BROKEN." (37) And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

- What is the meaning of "testimony?"
- What is the context of the testimony given in this passage?
- Does being an "eye-witness" make testimony irrefutable? If so, how?

- In what ways does testimony cause **belief** to have meaning?

- What have you witnessed in your life that created believing? Name what you saw or experienced as real, or better, changed life for you, as an illustration or example for today:
