

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 5 (5:24; 5:38; 5:44; 5:46-47)

TITLE: ***Believing Can Only Mean Everlasting Life & No Judgment***

John 5:1-23 Summary: Miracle at *Bethesda Pool* = Jesus' authority to heal on Sabbath.

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and **believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.**

- "Who" is referred to in the quote "*he who hears*"?
Everyone with ears to hear what was said there.
- What is added to the "hears" requirement to get *everlasting life*? *You must believe in the Father.*
- What second benefit is given here of believing (more than) *everlasting life*? *Those who believe do not come into judgment (hell)*
- Who heard *these* words when they were first spoken? *Some of the people who lived in Jerusalem, v.1, as well as Jews who especially were scribes and Pharisees, v.15,16,18*
- Is *passed from death unto life* referring to physical only here or is it spiritual also?
Most likely spiritual only here, otherwise it would refer to bodily resurrection. This would apply to Lazarus(John 11:35), literally though!
- What does *judgment* here refer to? *It must now refer to Sheol, a holding place for the dead; but eventually it will refer to Gehenna, or the Lake of Fire(Revelation 19)*
- Why did Jesus say *most assuredly*? *The emphasis is made on an eternally important truth.*
- What does *everlasting* really mean, and could it change meaning in translation?
Most words are not going to dramatically change meaning if commonly used like this word was in the NT, and it's meaning, lasting forever, or without end, although hard to experience, and a glowing hopefulness of meaning.

John 5:38 **But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.**

- Did Jesus come from the Father, according to His words? *Yes, there is nothing to doubt that He meant exactly what He said, as in many other cases in the NT*
- What does it mean to *have His word abiding in oneself*? *When we know the Father, and understand His words, they remain in our memory.*
- Is the word parallelism in these sentences significant in relation to believing

Jesus and the Father are the same One in essence? *_Yes there is intuition involved when Jesus uses parallelism in His teaching and it helps us draw more out of the words by comparing thoughts formed by parallel constructions._*

- What made Jesus say, *Him you do not believe?* *_v. 10 – Is just one of several examples in the context proving their unbelief._*

- **John 5:44** How can you **believe**, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes from the only God?*

- What is *honor from one another* referring to here? *_The religious had multiple ceremonial honoring practices that gave special credence to religious leaders just as is true in religious ceremonies today._*
- What does *honor that comes from the only God* mean here?
_In Heaven the bestowal of honor will be genuine and acknowledged by all attendees. We get glimpses of this when the presence of God is manifested, for example, Moses' at the burning bush(Ex 3), or the Father's witness at the Transfiguration(Mt.17:2;Mk 9:2) _

John 5:46-47 For if you **believed** Moses, you would **believe** Me; for he wrote about Me. (47) But if you do not **believe** his writings, how will you **believe** My words?"

- Why is believing Moses about Messiah so important? *_It demonstrated the unchanging nature of God through the unfolding drama of His redeeming plan for all who dwell on earth to dwell with His in heaven. The Jews from his giving of Deuteronomy 18, have always believed he spoke about "Messiah." _*
- What does Jesus mean when He said "he wrote about Me?" *_Moses' words do indeed apply directly to Jesus._*
- Where in the OT did Moses write about Jesus? *_Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. _*
- Could we begin a serious study of OT comparing to NT and begin to understand what is insinuated here? *_Yes and we have an example in Luke 24:27 (see v13-36). _*

What is your Application?

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