

BELIEVE - Belin for Insight

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

- John 14:12

Belief is the key that opens the door to the resources of heaven. All that you need is yours when you believe. Belief is the central theme of the Gospel of John. John carefully chose the miracles of Jesus that he portrayed in his writing so that we would read them and have both intellectual and spiritual conviction that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. John said: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John points out to us that there are clear results and effects of believing in Jesus. It is through believing that:

- We become the "children of God" (1:12)
- We have "eternal life" (3:15-16, 36; 5:24; 6:40, 47)
- We are saved from "perishing" (3:16); "being condemned" (3:18); "coming under judgment" (5:24); being "hungry" or "thirsty" (6:35)
- We "know" Jesus and the Father (4:42; 6:64, 69; 10:38)
- We pass from death to life (5:24); We live and never die (11:25-26)
- We have "living water" flow out of our hearts (7:38); We receive the Spirit (7:39)
- We become "disciples" of Jesus (8:31; We become Jesus' "friends"; 15:14-15)
- We see the "glory of God" (11:40; We see "greater things," 1:50)
- We become "children of light" (12:36); We are delivered from "darkness" (12:46)
- We are empowered to do the works that Jesus does, or even greater works (14:12)
- We have "life in his name" (20:31)

To believe is powerful. In the Gospel of John some form of the verb "believe" occurs about 98 times. Furthermore, John uses: seeing, accepting, receiving, remaining, coming to and knowing as other words to indicate believing God. **In John believing is an action that one does and not something that we have.** The Greek work which is rendered "believe" in our translations is *pisteuw*. It is the same root as the word which is translated into "faith." To believe God is really to put your entire life into God's hands. To believe is to entrust yourself to God. To believe is to trust God.

When you Believe God, you will never be disappointed. As Jesus prepared for His departure back to heaven, He began to pour even more into His disciples that would sustain them in His physical absence. His Words were to bring comfort and encouragement to the disciples who would certainly have been confused upon hearing that Jesus was going to leave them. Surely they were aggrieved to think that the One for whom they had walked out on their lives was apparently about to walk out on them. But Jesus, in compassion, told them, as now He is telling us, that His leaving was necessary to ensure that we would receive the power we need. But His leaving is not enough to ensure that we received the power of God. We must also believe.

On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scriptures have said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this He spake of the Spirit which those who believed on

Him were to receive because the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified (John 7:37-39). There is a lot packed into these few verses. Jesus has more than enough to satisfy your needs. For a man's thirst, Jesus does not offer a drink of water but raging rivers of living waters, which we have learned already from the story of the Samaritan woman in John 4, that drinking the water Jesus' offers satisfies thirst for an eternity. The river is the ever living, ever moving, ever powerful, all-sufficient Holy Spirit of God. But to receive that river, you must believe. And another thing, John tells us that this promise Jesus makes here could not be fulfilled until He was glorified. So the verses from John 7 and John 14 support and interpret one another. Jesus had to die, be resurrected and ascend back into heaven so that He could ask the Father to send us the power we need for the living of these days. Now, understand and remember that the work of Jesus Christ is a finished work. So that the Holy Spirit is already given. But in order to receive the power, in order to receive the Holy Spirit, you must believe God.

Believe God. Jesus has promised us that if we believe in Him, we will do greater works that He did because He has gone back to the Father from His position in glory, Jesus and the Father have sent to us the power. Now, be clear, Jesus has promised us that the Holy Ghost will do what God desires through us when we believe. The works that Jesus promised us are the works of the Holy Ghost living in and through us.

- It is to cede control over our lives and to trust God.
- It is to stop trying to bless yourself and thereby bringing curses on your head and devils into your life and to start believing God to bless you.
- It is to trust God for the answer rather than trying to figure something out.
- It is to live with faith that sees the invisible.
- It is to walk by faith and not by sight
- It is to know that all things are possible when you believe
- It is to take the limits off God
- It is to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord AND ...
- It is to move when the spirit says move
- It is to break open the dam you have erected in your life that is stopping the flow of God's Holy Spirit.
- It is to know that what God promised He is also able to perform it
- It is the know that God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent
- It is to expect a miracle
- It is to expect an over answer to your prayers
- It is to anticipate the inevitable, supernatural intervention of God
- It is to embrace a perpetual springtime in your life
- It is to know the power of the resurrection in your life moment by moment
- It is to view the world from a resurrection perspective
- It is to get up out of whatever is holding you
- It is to humble yourself and to crucify the flesh.
- It is to hope against hope
- It is to look at a wall and see a door
- It is to look at no way and see the way
- It is to be surrounded by lies and liars and still hear the truth
- It is to be the light of God in dark places
- It is to believe...

Believe God today brothers and sisters. When Jesus went home to Nazareth the people rejected

Him. They did not believe in Him and the Bible says that He did not do many miracles there because of the people's unbelief. Their unbelief stopped the power of God from flowing in their lives. Don't block the power of God in your life and in the life of this church. You have to believe God. There is nothing God can't do. 5 dollars or 500,000 dollars, its all the same to God. Healing a sinus infection or AIDS, its all the same to God. All you have to do is believe.

- Abraham believed God and became the father of many nations BUT HE HAD TO ACT!!! The promises of God are invitations not guarantees.
- Though surrounded by doubters and haters, Caleb believed God and made it into the promised land after the doubters died in the wilderness.
- Noah believed and his family was saved from perishing in the flood.
- Daniel believed God and was protected from the lion.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego believed God and found deliverance in the midst of the fiery furnace.
- If I can? Can you believe? He tried his best to believe and Jesus healed his son.
- Listen, you can even believe God for someone else: friends carried a sick man on a stretcher and tore up someone's roof to let him down into the house where Jesus was. When Jesus saw how they believed He healed the man.
- Mary and Martha believed and got their brother Lazarus back from the stench of death

I BELIEVE GOD

I'M BELIEVING GOD

- Believe that He suffered under Pontius Pilate
- Believe that He was crucified, dead and buried
- Believe that Jesus came back to life on the third day
- Believe that Jesus appeared to His disciples and to John
- Believe that He ascended into heaven
- Believe that He sits at the right hand of the Father
- Believe that He will judge the living and the Jesus
- Believe in the Holy Spirit
- Believe in the Body of Christ called the Church Universal
- Believe that Jesus died for your sins
- Believe that Jesus Believe that you died with Christ
- Believe that you were raised with Christ
- Believe that you are set free from the power, penalty and pleasure of sin
- Believe that you are forgiven
- Believe you have power over every kind of spirit
- Believe you have the power of the resurrection in you
- Believe you have a perpetual springtime in your belly
- Believe you have the anointing of God to perform the tasks to which you've been called
- Believe God has already made the provision to bring His vision for this church, for your life into reality
- Believe the promises of God
- Believe that God will do just what He said
- Believe that you are precious to God
- Believe that God wants to bless you
- Believe you have authority
- Believe victory is yours
- Believe you are already healed
- Believe your children will be saved

- Believe you have more than enough
- Believe God for the overflow
- Believe that God answers prayer
- Believe
- Act like you believe
- Talk like you believe
- Carry yourself like you believe
- Pray like you believe. When you believe you don't pray like a beggar. You pray like an heir. Believe you are and heir of the Father and joint heirs with the Son.
- When you're sick believe
- When your money is low and your bills are high
- There were many who never would have thought I would be elected publisher. But I believed it. I heard the Lord tell me when I was sitting on the side of my bed...
- Believe God and take him at his word.

It was one of the hardest seasons of my life but I believed God through it all and God gave me grace.

Don't halt between two opinions. BELIEVE GOD

Now, He didn't hand it to me, I had to go get it.

Sometimes your mind will play tricks and doubt will come but that's when you have to start talking out loud to God and to yourself. Walk the floor and declare into the atmosphere what thus saith the Lord and soon and very soon the elemental forces of the universe will start to align...

And, I am telling you today: you can't make me doubt HIM!