

2019 Seminar
Day #3: Believe in vs Believe on

You will find as we discuss this subject today that the believers responsibility to putting off the old man and putting on the new is central to believing on vs. believing in.

John 1:12 and its relation to Romans 8:14, II Peter 1:4 (those that have “escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”) and Phi. 3:1-14

Importance of “believing” based upon what God’s man says

John 17:20-23

Moses – the children of Israel only believed Moses when they could “see” that what he said was right. For example, when they saw the miracles of the rod and hand (Exodus 4) they believed, but as soon as Pharaoh responded by increasing their burdens they did not (Exodus 5). Similarly, when Moses prophesied that God would deliver them, they did not hearken unto (i.e. believe) the words of Moses. It was only after all of the plagues were complete and Pharaoh’s army drowned in the Red Sea that they believed. See Exodus 15. But once again, as soon as they were tried (e.g. no water, no food, etc...) they complained because they did not believe and that did not change even when God moved miraculously to provide them with water (at Marah and from the rock) and food (with manna). This truth is summarized multiple times in the old testament as well as in Hebrews 3-4 in the new.

Joshua – the children of Israel could not “see” how God would deliver their enemies into their hands in the promised land, but they chose to believe anyway. Doing what Joshua said (e.g. Jericho). When things went badly (e.g. in Ai as recorded in Joshua 7 or with their ill-advised peace with the inhabitants of Gibeon as recorded in Joshua 9), they did not murmur against Joshua, but rather sought the Lord for what was wrong and what He would have them do.

David (those that stuck with David through thick and thin)

Paul

Vision to go to Macedonia, Paul and Silas imprisoned (Acts 16)

Thessalonians, in spite of what they saw with Paul (Acts 17)

Luke and others with Paul during his trip to Jerusalem, subsequent imprisonment, etc... (Acts 20-28)

Philippians 3:17-21