



Two Kinds of Unbelief

Fear is the Christian believer's only true enemy. Fear is a law. It is reverse believing, and did you know—reverse believing produces wrong results? On the positive side, we have “positive believing” capable of producing beneficial results. On the negative side, negative believing produces negative or harmful results. Both are believing; both produce results with tremendous accuracy.

(Mat 26:56) But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Why did they flee? They fled because they were afraid. Fear is



believing—the results of which were that they fled.

(Acts 4:29-33) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, {30} By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. {31} And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all

filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. {32} And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. {33} And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

After the events cited in Matthew 26, the disciples had lost their fear. How could these men suddenly manifest such great boldness so soon after fear had driven them from their lord? What changed these men? We will see

Two Kinds of Unbelief

that the gift of holy spirit is what changed them. This was the only significant event between the crucifixion and these events.

There are many such accounts in God's word—they all teach us of fear's power. My friends, we have nothing to fear but fear itself. The prayer in Acts chapter four teaches us the significance of praying for boldness, the very thing that brought on their troubles. Pray for boldness to move God's word. Verse 31 says that they were all filled with holy spirit. This is what changed those men and it is the only thing that can resolve man's fear dilemmas. If you want freedom from your fears, your frustrations, your anxieties, you've got to become filled with the power of the holy spirit, and if you are filled, you must busy yourself with manifesting the nine manifestations, especially praying in tongues. Becoming

born again of God's spirit will provide you with that same boldness the disciples had. This is the only way I know of removing fear's snare. *Fear always defeats the promises of God.*

The Progression of Believing

Identify the negative progression into the grasp of fear—doubt leads to worry; and worry leads to fear. Control your doubts and you will control your worry. Control worrying and you will stop fear in its tracks!

Identify the positive progression into the pleasant realm of believing—confidence leads to trust; and trust exploits the joy of believing. Build confidence and trust will surge. Control trust and you will unleash the power of positive believing in untold ways!

Two Kinds of Unbelief

There are two kinds of unbelief cited biblically. The word 'unbelief' will be one of these two Greek words—apistia or apeitheia.

Apistia means, "those who have never heard, or not heard enough to believe."

Apeitheia means, "they heard, but refused to believe." If I refuse to believe, then I belong in this second category of unbelief.

Examples of Apistia:

(1 Tim 1:13) Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in **unbelief**.

Ignorance in unbelief. apistia. The reason Paul had unbelief was because he had not heard enough

Two Kinds of Unbelief

of God's word.

(Mark 9:24) And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine **unbelief**.

Help thou my unbelief. Apeitheia.

The reason the man had unbelief was because he hadn't been taught the 'how' of believing; he hadn't heard enough.

Examples of apeitheis:

(Acts 14:2) But the **unbelieving** Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

Unbelieving Jews. apeitheia. These unbelieving Jews had indeed heard enough, but they refused to believe.

(Heb 4:11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that

rest, lest any man fall after the same example of **unbelief**.

Examples of unbelief. apeitheia. The referenced people had fallen into unbelief, a situation where they had heard but refused to believe, thus preventing entry into that rest.

(Eph 2:2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of **disobedience**:

Children of disobedience (unbelief). apeitheia. The children of disobedience know what to believe, but they refuse to believe. *Being filled with unbelief will always defeat the promises of God, and will cause a person to be less than he*

ought to be. Know that, once you hear God's word, you have a choice to make—whether or not to believe what you now know. What great power you have in your hands—the ability to control the drowning effects of fear—the ability to believe and receive God's wonderful, matchless promises. The choice is up to you.

Much love in Christ,

Jerry D. Brown