

How to Deal with Unbelief

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Scriptures:

- 1 Timothy 1:13
- 1 Timothy 1:13, *NLT*
- John 12:31, 32
- Matthew 5:17, 18
- Romans 10:4
- Romans 10:4, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 1:8-11
- Matthew 7:12, *NLT*
- Luke 16:16
- Matthew 11:13
- Mark 9:18
- Matthew 17:14-21
- Matthew 10:1
- Mark 6:13
- John 16:8, 9
- Hebrews 4:15
- Matthew 3:17
- Matthew 4:3

Summary:

We live in an environment that constantly challenges our faith. Theoretically, we believe, yet what we see, hear, and feel on the physical level introduces just enough doubt to counteract our belief. Ignorance about the truth of God's Word also causes unbelief, as does being taught wrong doctrine. Being born again moves us from living under the law to living under grace; however, letting the law become so entrenched in our minds that we cannot let go of it blocks us from believing God. As believers, we have received the same authority and power that Jesus Christ has; we must not let what we observe around us make us question or doubt this. It is entirely possible to have unbelief and faith coexisting side-by-side in our minds; prayer and fasting drives out that unbelief. Believing who we are in Christ keeps doubt from cancelling out our trust and reliance on Him.

Notes:

1. We must guard against unbelief creeping in. It can take on the form of ignorance (not knowing the truth), disbelief (as a result of wrong teaching), and natural unbelief (when our experience is contrary to the truth).
2. We must receive the truth of God's Word above man's traditional thinking in order to overcome disbelief.
3. *We* are not to fulfil the law; Jesus was the only one who could, and He did it perfectly. We must focus on who we are in Christ, not on what we see around us. The world lies.
4. The Holy Spirit, also known as the Spirit of Truth, was sent to us to help us with our unbelief. He does not convict people of their wrongdoing, but for their unbelief in Jesus; all of our wrongdoing is based in unbelief.
5. Jesus knows exactly what we go through on a daily basis, because He felt the same things.

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