

Persuasion, No Penance, Plus the Prize

Part 2: Persuasion

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INTRODUCTION

100 Uses of *Pisteuō* (believe) in the Majority Text of John's Gospel

1:7, 12, 50; 2:11, 22, 23, 24; 3:12ab, 15, 16, 18abc, 36a; 4:21, 39, 41, 42, 48, 50, 53; 5:24, 38, 44, 46ab, 47ab; 6:29, 30, 35, 36, 40, 47, 64ab, 69; 7:5, 31, 38, 39, 48; 8:24, 30, 31, 45, 46; 9:18, 35, 36, 38; 10:25, 26, 37, 38abc, 42; 11:15, 25, 26ab, 27, 40, 42, 45, 48; 12:11, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 44ab, 46, 47; 13:19; 14:1ab, 10, 11ab, 12, 29; 16:9, 27, 30, 31; 17:8, 20, 21; 19:35; 20:8, 25, 29ab, 31ab. (All of these except 2:24 (*trust*) are translated *believ_*

Three uses of other words translated as *disbelieves* (3:36b), *unbelieving* (20:27a), or *believing* (20:27b).

INTRODUCTION TO THE MOVIE

Twelve Angry Men, Reginald Rose (Orion-Nova Productions: April 13, 1957)

Juror #1	Juror #2	Juror #3	Juror #4
			
Juror #5	Juror #6	Juror #7	Juror #8
			
Juror #9	Juror #10	Juror #11	Juror #12
			

Can We Decide to Believe?

Another name for deciding to believe is _____

Acts 28:24

A	Some <u>were persuaded by</u> the things that were spoken	B	Others <u>disbelieved</u> the things that were spoken
C	Some <u>believed</u> the things that were spoken	D	Others <u>were not persuaded by</u> by the things that were spoken

A equals C

B equals D

being persuaded = believing

disbelieving = not being persuaded

A is the opposite of B

A is the opposite of D

being persuaded is the opposite of disbelieving

being persuaded is the opposite of not being persuaded

C is the opposite of B

C is the opposite of D

believing is the opposite of disbelieving

believing is the opposite of not being persuaded

2 Corinthians 4:3ff

Satan would not put a veil on a man who has no eyes

Paul compares believing to seeing (after light penetrates the veil)

John 6:28–29

What does *This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent* mean?

Does it mean that believing is the work that a believer does for God?

If so, this would contradict Romans 4:4-5 and Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 4:4-5

Ephesians 2:8-9

Does it mean that persuading is the work that God does?

The following paraphrase of 6:29 may help

This is the working of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent

Both the Father and the Son worked in doing the signs.

John tells us that the purpose of working the signs was that people would believe

John 6:44-45

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draw him.

And I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets, "And all will be taught by God."

Everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to Me.

Isaiah 54:13

CONCLUSION