

# WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME

## Part II

John 8:44-47

Introduction:

Last week we considered three of the explanations that Jesus gave for the Jews refusal to abide in His word

1. They have no room for Jesus (John 8:37)
2. They are following in their father's footsteps (John 8:38-41a)
3. They are not able to hear what Jesus is saying (John 8:43)

In verses 44 -47, Jesus reveals two more reasons why these Jews refuse to believe Him and abide in His Word

#### 4. They Have Chosen to Believe the LIE (John 8:44-46)

##### A) The Source of the Lie

> You are "of" your father the devil (John 8:44a)

Who is the devil?

What does it mean "you are of"?

> You want to "do" what your father desires (John 8:44b)

Your father is a "man-slayer"

The devil's impact upon Adam, Eve, and all of their descendents (Genesis 3:1-5)

The devil's desire to destroy a righteous man (Job 1:6-12; 2:3-7)

The devil's part in the betrayal / murder of Jesus ( John 13:2)

Your father's native language is "Lie" (John 8:44c)

The devil doesn't just tell lies – he IS a liar who lives in lies and speaks lies

His greatest lies are not the most obvious lies (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

His greatest lies are yet to be unveiled (2 Thes. 2:1-12; Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10)

All of his lies have a central theme – don't believe God

## B) The Impact of believing the Lie

> They don't believe the Truth

You can't embrace a lie and the truth at the same time

> The Truth is like a foreign language to them – they cannot understand it

\* As clearly and as simply as Jesus speaks the truth, these Jews don't understand or believe Him because they believe and speak LIE

When Jesus tells them the truth it doesn't make sense to them (John 8:45)

## C) Their culpability for not believing the Truth (John 8:46)

> Jesus' sinless actions should compel them to believe Him

His miracles, fulfillment of O.T. prophecies, and His knowledge of the Scriptures should convince them that Jesus is speaking the Truth

But instead they continue in their refusal to hear / believe the Truth

## 5. They Do Not Belong to God (John 8:47)

A) Those who belong to God hear His voice (John 10:14-21)

> This reminds us again of the necessity for God's sovereignty in salvation

This should significantly impact our view of evangelism (Acts 13:44-48)

B) Those that do not hear / believe what Jesus says do not belong to God

> This is going to infuriate these Jews who have confidently claimed that God is their Father (John 8:41)

Contrast their response with the one found in Acts 2:36-42

Contrast their response with the one found in Acts 7:54-60

How do you respond to Jesus' words? (Mark 2:16-17; John 14:6; John 3:16-19)

Is there any room in your world for the words of Jesus?

Jesus said, "If I am telling you the Truth, why don't you believe Me?"