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New Testament study of the word “infidel”.

“Infidel” can be found only twice in the Revised KJV Bible. Other translations use the word “unbeliever” – the correct meaning.

This study is useful as a companion with the article “Worse Than an Infidel.”

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**Greek #571**

apistos (ap'-is-tos) From G1 (as a negative particle) and G4103

Definition: “**(actively) disbelieving, that is, without Christian faith (specifically a heathen); (passively) untrustworthy (person), or incredible (thing)**”

Translated: “that believeth not, faithless, incredible thing, infidel, unbeliever (-ing)”

- The words “*believe(th) not*” were used in the Revised KJV. See bold words for their use in the older 1611 version.

1 Corinthians 10:27: “*If one of them that **believe not** biddeth you to a feast, and ye are disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.*”

1 Corinthians 14:22: “*Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the **unbelieving**; but prophesying is for a sign not to the **unbelieving**, but to them that believe.*”

2 Corinthians 4:4: “*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the **unbelieving**, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.*”

1 Corinthians 7:12-13: “*But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother hath an **unbelieving** wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not leave her. And the woman which hath an **unbelieving** husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband.*”

1 Corinthians 14:24: “*But if all prophesy, and there come in one **unbelieving**, or unlearned, he is reproved by all, he is judged by all:*”

- The word “*faithless*” was used in both the Revised KJV and the older 1611 version.

Matthew 17:17: “And Jesus answered and said, O **faithless** and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him hither to me.”

Mark 9:19: “And he answereth them, and saith, O **faithless** generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him unto me.”

Luke 9:41: “And Jesus answered and said, O **faithless** and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring hither thy son.”

John 20:27: “Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not **faithless**, but believing.”

- The word “incredible” was used once in both the Revised KJV and the 1611 versions.

Acts 26:8: “Why is it judged **incredible** with you, if God doth raise the dead?”

- The word “infidel” was used in the Revised KJV, changed from “unbeliever” in the older 1611 version.

2 Corinthians 6:15: “And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what portion hath a believer with an **unbeliever**?”

1 Timothy 5:8: “But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an **unbeliever**.”

- The word “unbelievers” is used in the Revised KJV. See bold words for its use in the older 1611 version.

Luke 12:46: “The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the **unfaithful**.”

1 Corinthians 6:6: “But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before **unbelievers**.”

1 Corinthians 14:23: “If therefore the whole church be assembled together, and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned, or **unbelieving**, will they not say that ye are mad?”

2 Corinthians 6:14: “Be not unequally yoked with **unbelievers**: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion hath light with darkness?”

- The word “unbelieving” was used in both the Revised KJV and the older 1611 version.

1 Corinthians 7:14-15: “For the **unbelieving** husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. Yet if the **unbelieving** departeth let him depart. The brother of the sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us in peace.”

Titus 1:15: “To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and **unbelieving**, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.”

Revelation 21:8: “*But for the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*”

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