

The Rejected Jesus

Matthew 13:53-58

The Problem of Unbelief

The head is not the problem, the _____ of man is responsible for the rejection of the gospel and rebellion against the _____ of Jesus.

Familiarity breeds _____ in sinful hearts.

The problem of unbelief is moral and _____. It is the heart that _____ the truth. It is not a lack of evidence which makes us _____ about trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Being overexposed to the Gospel and God's Word often leads to it being taken for _____ and losing its _____ to idolatrous hearts.

The heart _____ to justify its unbelief.

Genuine questions to settle _____ can lead to salvation or deeper _____, but questions asked to deflect away from a person's necessary _____ to believe and obey leads to or reveals a _____ heart.

Hardness of heart is a _____, a _____ to trust God or believe what is true about Christ.

You can't change _____ because you don't believe it. Truth just ____.

Unbelief is a _____. (13:58)

The poison of unbelief robs us of experiencing _____ as God designed and longs to give us.

The reason for unbelief: Men love _____ rather than the light, and our _____ are evil. (John 3:19) A hard, sinful heart is my _____ and condition.

I am so _____ by sin and love darkness so much; I cannot come to faith in Christ unless my heart is acted on by an outside force. I am hopeless to change my own heart.

The Hope for a Hard Heart

God _____ can and does break through hard _____!

To the unbeliever, God grants _____, repentance, and _____ for salvation. God acts on the hard, unbelieving heart with grace and truth and power and _____ people to himself. (John 6:44; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 2:25; Ezekiel 36:26)

To the believer, God also grants by the Holy Spirit _____, _____, and power to lay down sin and walk in the _____ and _____ life.

Revelation of God is not something we _____ but something we _____.

Matthew 11:25-28. Revelation is controlled by divine _____ and comes clothed in _____ weakness.

Revelation insists that whosoever will respond to Jesus' call may _____.

God brings revelation, repentance, and faith by the _____ and _____ of the Word of God.

It is not enough to just hear, we must also _____ and _____. (John 3:16; Acts 17:30)

Unbeliever, Pray for God to _____ Himself to you. Pray for a soft heart to receive the _____, pray for the humility to repent, pray for the _____ to believe. (Revelation 3:20)

Believer, pray for a greater faith, confess your sin and struggles to one _____, and call each other to _____ and faithfulness. (Hebrews 13:12-13)

Confess quickly! Walk in _____!