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## **Editorial Introduction**

By Major Stephen Court, editor

Greetings in Jesus' name. Welcome to JAC143! This is the 143rd issue of Journal of Aggressive Christianity. Our parameters for JAC submissions are pretty broad: orthodox, provocative, edifying.

Orthodox: JAC is not interested in stepping outside of the big tent of the theological understandings of our tradition (though long-time readers might fairly argue that we tend to lean toward one extreme in that big tent).

Edifying: JAC aims to build up and not to tear down. Admittedly, as peace is sometimes achieved only on the other side of conflict (e.g. kick the demon out and then experience shalom), occasionally construction follows deconstruction.

Provocative: JAC deliberately prompts strong reaction, whether to sacrificial love, to outrageous mercy, to hardcore holiness... Otherwise, we might all just continue to scroll through our social media feeds.

JAC143 clearly fits JAC parameters:

Founder Catherine Booth makes a pitch for compassion in Sanctified Humanity.

Steve Bussey unapologetically asserts the unpopularity and indispensability of Blood And Fire.

Founder William Booth hammers the The Great Object For Which God Made You.

Back to Steve Bussey, who elaborates on The Spirit of Blood And Fire.

And next, with our most provocative title of JAC143, The Baptism Of Soldiers - read it before you go losing your sanctification.

Finally, Gospel Piggybacking is something we've been thinking about for a long time. And here's a first stab at it.

And that's JAC143. It fittingly lines up behind the previous 142 issues of JAC - all available for free in the archives (accessible at the bottom of the front page) for your further and deeper inspiration. May these articles help you and your comrades accelerate the advance of the salvation war on your front.

## Sanctified Humanity

By Founder Catherine Booth

If I were asked to put into one word what I consider to be the greatest obstacle to the success of Divine truth, even when uttered by sincere and real people, I should say stiffness. Simplicity is indispensable to success; naturalness in putting the truth. It seems as if people the moment they come to religion assume a different tone, a different look and manner — in short, become unnatural. We want SANCTIFIED HUMANITY, not sanctimoniousness.

You want to talk to your friends in the same way about religion as you talk about earthly things. If a friend is in difficulties, and he comes to you, you do not begin talking in a circumlocutory manner about the general principles on which men can secure prosperity, and the sad mistakes of those who have not secured it; you come straight to the point and, if you feel for him, you take him by the buttonhole, or put your hand in his, and say, "My dear fellow, I am very sorry for you; is there any way in which I can help you?"

If you have a friend afflicted with a fatal malady, and you see it and he does not, you don't begin to descant on the power of disease and the way people may secure health, but you say, "My dear fellow, I am afraid this hacking cough is more serious than you think, and that nasty flush on your cheek is a bad sign. I am afraid you are ill — let me counsel you to see advice." That is the way people talk about earthly things. Now just do exactly so about spiritual things.

If your friend has a spiritual disease tell him so, and deal just as straight and earnestly with him as you would about his body. Tell him you are praying for him, and the very concern that he reads in your eyes will wake him up, and he will begin to think it is time he was concerned about himself.

Try to attain this simple, easy, natural way of appealing to people about their souls. I believe if all real Christians would attain this, and acted upon it, this country would be shaken from end to end!

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<http://www.salvationfactory.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Friendship-Evangelism.pdf>*

## Blood and Fire

By Steve Bussey

Not popular in the Roman Empire in AD 33.

Not popular in the British Empire in 1878.

Not popular in today's current globalized world.

Nope. Madison Avenue's marketing strategies would never recommend using "blood and fire" as the most enduring and visible statement for The Salvation Army.

The blood and fire never was popular. Never will be. It will always be counter-cultural. The Booths clearly understood that reality. Do we realize why this is so essential today?

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 remind us, "Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?"

It never has been "popular," but friends, the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit is THE answer to EVERY conceivable need in the world! Without it, there is no hope.

The Blood and Fire was, is, and will always be relevant!! There is a reason why this was put on our crest and flag - that we might never forget the key to our success in our mission!

This message doesn't need to be massaged or modified or marginalized. If anyone says otherwise, Scripture warns us they are fools!

Hide it under a bushel? NO!! I'm going to let it shine. Will you?

Let's stop listening to the "wisdom" of the world. Let's not be ashamed of the gospel. I honestly don't care if I look a fool or seem weak in the eyes of the world!

Let's heed the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:18-31:

"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human

wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

## The Great Object For Which God Made You

By Founder William Booth

*TO MY OFFICERS: A letter from the General on his eightieth birthday.  
(editor's note: this applies to all soldiers, of course)*

The great object for which God has made you Salvation Army Officers...:

1. The putting down of rebellion of men against the Divine government.
2. The expulsion of all wrongdoing from the earth.
3. The dethronement of the devils that now occupy the hearts of men.
4. The universal acceptance by men of Jesus Christ as their Sovereign Lord.
5. The beginning of the reign of righteousness, and the obedience of the entire race to the law of love. (p14,15)

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JAC: This is total war leading to total victory. This is humanly impossible. We cannot rely on gumption or ingenuity or commitment or networks or credibility or resources. We need some help! So...

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I began my career with the old-fashioned affirmation, 'I believe in the Holy Ghost.'" (p32,33)

"The Holy Ghost is with me. He is in my heart at the moment. He is in the work I am doing. He will be with me in the business and in the Meetings I am contemplating. He will inspire me with the words I want to speak. He will furnish me with the money I need. He will raise me up the friends I require. He will see me safely through my whole career, and He will make me more than a conqueror, living, dying, and for ever."

"Say to yourselves, over and over and over again, 'I believe in the Holy Ghost', and then act consistently with your belief." (p36)

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JAC: "I believe in the Holy Ghost!" This is not just a nice historic tickle. Try it. Now. Over and over again. Make it a salvo cantillation to recite in your mind while washing the dishes and cleaning the toilet and travelling to work or school or the barracks. And track the changes in your life over the next month.

## The Spirit of Blood And Fire

By Steve Bussey

In 1865, William Booth began his ministry in East London while Catherine Booth preached fervently in South London. The two would join forces to form the “East London Revival Society” - which quickly transformed into the East London Christian Mission. Within five years - their firm commitment to spreading Scriptural holiness through practical religion aimed at “the masses” - those beyond the reach of the church - would be replicated throughout Great Britain and even parts of America as “The Christian Mission.”

As the movement continued to refine its’ mission in the hardest to reach parts of the inner cities of Industrial England by saving souls, growing saints, and serving suffering humanity; it became clear this Society which had become a mission required the most efficient and effective system to accelerate and amplify these goals. Recognizing the limitations of the Methodist Connexional system in 1875, a deep search of organizational models led them to the conclusion that an “Army of Salvation” was the greatest way to fulfill God’s Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations - and so in August, 1878 “The Salvation Army” was introduced to the world. They were a people of God united together under the banner of the Blood of Jesus and the Fire of the Holy Spirit and were firmly committed to living solely for the glory of God and the salvation of the world!

Taking on a military infrastructure, the Army fused the theology of John Wesley with the systematic innovative methodology of Charles Finney’s revivalism and applied the strategy of the greatest military generals to overcome, conquer, and subdue the Devil’s kingdom - wherever he held dominion!

Recognizing that the world’s most significant problems are all rooted in sin and that the greatest solution is the gospel, these Salvation Soldiers adopted what Catherine Booth dubbed “aggressive Christianity” - which stayed FIRMLY true to the timeless and transcendent “pure gospel” while “adapting our measures” to every culture. A fixed and unerring identity and purpose joined with an agile strategy and structure was the organizational system needed to truly win the world for Jesus.

The Booths and their Army were mocked as having an idea that was a “rope of sand,” but within months, young teenage women dubbed “Hallelujah Lasses” with names like “Happy Eliza” and were leading meetings of ten thousand a night replicated throughout the United Kingdom! Women, men, and children regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, or class had a role to play as soldiers and officers in this “Gideon’s band” - which required clear evidence of repentance, obedient faith, and holiness. Each abided by a small Handbook of Doctrine and a set of “Orders and Regulations” designed to properly discipline and direct this spread of scriptural holiness throughout the world!

This attracted an Army of critics both within the church and the local communities. The statistical growth from 1878 to 1883 is one of the most accelerated periods of growth in the history of the church - and so this shocked many who were also experimenting with schemes in inner cities. Lord Shaftesbury went so far as to accuse William Booth of being the antichrist because of the novelty! But several



came to his defense - clarifying they have not innovated the gospel one iota, just the methodology!

Similarly, because Salvationists believed that the gospel did not just produce eternal transformation, but that this transformed temporal reality - when the light of the glory of God began to shine in the lives of those living in the darkest parts of England, those who were exploiting lost souls trapped in this darkness realized they were going out of business! So they launched a "Skeleton Army" to counterattack!

Despite these attacks - the Army continued to advance. Spreading to America, Ireland, France, Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and beyond! Raising up soldiers from every tribe and nation, the diversity of this Army reflected God's Kingdom of Heaven, where people come together from the east and west, north and south to play their part in spreading the salvation story! What began in East London now required an international Headquarters by 1883! Wherever they went, these same principles of an aligned and adaptive Army of salvation who saved souls, grew saints, and served suffering humanity was replicated! Despite the attacks, God used these sacrificial servants of all to see the blood-stained banner raised in the four corners of the world! These were not individuals co-opted into a colonial form of British hegemony - this was a truly international and radically contextualized expression of the global church as movement!

By 1885, this scaled revival was producing dramatic reform in societies throughout all the world. While marxists and capitalists attempted through secular means to solve the most "wicked problems" of society - the Booths realized that money, politics, education, or protest would consistently fall short of improving these conditions. In 1885, following a massive legal battle to address the injustices of human trafficking, the Founders realized they needed to double their attack by applying a "pincer" strategy. The root cause of EVERY problem was SIN - and so this required a two-pronged, scaled attack of the devil's kingdom - addressing both eternal and temporal needs.

From 1885 to 1890, a model emerged to pursue salvation for both worlds - which culminated in the launch of the "Darkest England Scheme" in 1890. Not only was The Salvation Army a revival society, but also a reform society - all aimed at one objective: SALVATION.

By 1891, the Review of Reviews declared William and Catherine, who was promoted to Glory in 1890, as two of the greatest intellectual geniuses of the Victorian Age!

However, what was realized is that what some thought to be a rope of sand - was so ingeniously designed that the very mechanism which accelerated such a Great Awakening could continue on without with the very spirit of Blood and Fire which got it all going in the very beginning on July 2, 1865 on Whitechapel Road of East London!

It wasn't the novel banners and bonnets and bands that was the key to its success. It wasn't the efficient and effective visionary organizational system that was key. It was that a couple of ordinary individuals resolved that God should have all of who they are - and they meant it! That enabled the Lord to consume their consecration with

the sanctifying fire from on high! God took an ordinary couple and did the extraordinary through them! And then this multiplied again and again and again and again in an Army of individuals who have also said, "God will have all there is of me."

So... today, 158 years later we come to a point where we must evaluate why this organization is still around? We serve in over 130 countries. There are roughly 1.5 million senior and junior soldiers worldwide. What might God do with such a band of brothers and sisters as we look up from the fog of this salvation war to the banner which unites us together and calls us forward to the fight?

Is the world still in need of salvation? Yes.

Is the blood and fire still relevant? Yes.

Are we in need of both temporal and eternal salvation? Yes.

Then friends - it is key that we remember that the ingenious system that has created this legacy is like a giant locomotive brilliantly designed. We must understand its engineering - what makes it work so well! Where parts have come detached, we need to do some repairs.

More importantly, we must remember what fuels the engine. It's not going to move forward unless we stoke the coals! Ultimately, I pray that we would awaken and realize our desperate need for revival within our own ranks. WE NEED ANOTHER PENTECOST.

So, I want to encourage you to listen to William Booth's words from his vision entitled, "The Story of Pentecost." Listen to these words and pray with me that God will once again "send the fire!" - so that in 158 years (the year 2179), people will look back at our legacy and say once again, send the fire! (*The Story of Pentecost – Salvation Army Connects* ([link to article](#)))

## The Baptism of Soldiers

O&R for Field Officers (1917)

Salvation Army Orders and Regulations for Field Officers (1917)

Book I, Part III, Chapter II, Section 7

The Baptism of Soldiers

1. The Field Officer must lead his Soldiers on to the full realization of the baptism of the Holy Ghost; he must make them Blood-and-Fire. The work of the Spirit is to fill the soul with burning zeal for the Salvation of the world. Christ's work must be finished. He has left that task to His people, and it can only be continued and completed by His Spirit working in the hearts and through the lives of His people. The Holy Ghost was promised for this end. This is what His people have therefore a right to expect, and without it they are powerless for the War.

(a) This enduement will make them wise. They will know how to fight, what to say, what to sing, how to pray, and how to talk to the consciences and hearts of men. The Spirit will lead them into right methods of action, will show them how to make opportunities, and how to put these opportunities to the best use.

(b) The Holy Spirit will give them perseverance, keeping them going on in the face of difficulty.

(c) The Holy Spirit will give them power, making them not only willing to endure the Cross, but to glory in it.

(d) The Holy Spirit will give them the fire of love, the seraphic spirit, the live coal from off the altar, making them both burn and shine. With this they will come to Knee-Drill, to the Open-Air, to face mocking crowds, and to endure the scorn, and hatred, and persecution of men ; not merely from a sense of duty, dragging themselves to it, because it is the will of God ; or for the good of The Army ; or as an example to their comrades ; or even for the Salvation of souls ; but because they love it, and cannot stay away.

(e) The Holy Spirit will be a fire in their bones, which must have vent ; a spirit that must have a voice ; a love burning in the heart, which all the waters of earth and Hell cannot quench — a love with which no other love can compare. It will be the Saviour loving a dying world through His people ; it will be Christ indeed come again in the flesh.

2. The Soldiers must be baptized with Fire. It will give them the Soldier's spirit, and, with that, all a Soldier needs in the way of drill, and duty, and sacrifice will inevitably follow.

## Gospel Piggybacking

By Major Stephen Court

What is this? The latest teenaged trend? The next insidious heresy? Neither! It is, though, accidentally 'current', in that on the evening the second draft of this short piece was completed, we watched the latest episode of *The Chosen* (Season 3, Episode 5) and were pleasantly surprised to see (spoiler alert!) the topic of our article depicted on screen by Jesus and 'the dozen'! So, with that unique cultural cachet, read on...

This is a standard definition of the Greek word 'pistis':

Definition: faith, faithfulness

Use: faith, belief, trust, confidence; fidelity, faithfulness.

It is conventionally translated 'believe'.<sup>1</sup>

In today's parlance, to believe something can mean much less than 'fidelity', 'faithfulness', or 'trust'. In fact, here is the weakest standard definition of 'believe' today (Bing): "hold (something) as an opinion; think or suppose."

And too often, we read 'think' or 'suppose' in the Bible when the word is 'believe'. Flimsy. And, yet, 'believe' denotes trust, fidelity, and faithfulness. The Biblical word is much more robust, more conviction<sup>2</sup> than the mere 'opinion' of today's definition.

We're wondering if there might be a better rendering of the word for today's readers. This might turn out, in some verses, to be a paraphrase.<sup>3</sup> But in others, it may be a more accurate 'dynamic translation'.<sup>4</sup>

We thought we'd give it a run, and have replaced 'believe' with 'piggyback'<sup>5</sup> in the four Gospels.

Why 'piggyback'? Well, when a kid piggybacks on you, s/he is completely relying on you, for both personal well-being and ultimate destination. That is, if you slip and fall, s/he tumbles and crashes. And, regardless of where s/he might intend to go, s/he ends up where you end up.

Having a mere opinion about Jesus, or supposing certain things about Jesus? Flimsy. But piggybacking on Jesus? Well, you are putting your well-being on His shoulders. And you will end up at His destination, heaven! It seems like a 21st century dynamic equivalent of the Biblical word 'pistis'.

On top of that, we want a distinction between intellectual assent that even demons possess (James 2:19<sup>6</sup>) and life-giving trust.

Now, up front, we admit that they don't all work perfectly. The best applications are when the object of the sentence is Jesus. We italicized these instances for your convenience. And we're underlining occurrences that otherwise read clean.

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Matthew 8:16

'If anyone causes one of these little ones – *those who piggyback on Me* – to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung round their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Matthew 21:22

If you piggyback, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.'

Matthew 21:25

John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin? They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then *why didn't you piggyback on Him?*"

Matthew 21:32

For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not piggyback on him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and piggyback on him.

Matthew 24:23

At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah!" or, "There he is!" do not piggyback it.

Matthew 24:26

'So if anyone tells you, "There he is, out in the desert," do not go out; or, "Here he is, in the inner rooms," do not piggyback it.

Matthew 27:42

'He saved others,' they said, 'but He can't save Himself! He's the king of Israel! Let Him come down now from the cross, and *we will piggyback on Him.*'

Mark 1:15

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and piggyback on the gospel."

Mark 5:36

But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only piggyback."

Mark 9:23

"If you can"?" said Jesus. 'Everything is possible for one who piggybacks.'

Mark 9: 24

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, 'I do piggyback; help me overcome my unbelief!'

Mark 9:42

'If anyone causes one of these little ones – *those who piggyback on Me* – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

Mark 11:23

'Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and does not doubt in their heart but piggybacks, it will be done for them.

Mark 11:31

They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven," He will ask, "Then why didn't you piggyback on him?"'

Mark 13:21

At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah!" or, "Look, there He is!" do not piggyback on it.

Mark 15:32

Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and piggyback.' Those crucified with Him also heaped insults on Him.

Mark 16:13

These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not piggyback on them either.

Mark 16:16

Whoever piggybacks and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not piggyback will be condemned.

Mark 16:17

And these signs will accompany those who piggyback: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Luke 1:20

And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not piggyback on my words, which will come true at their appointed time.'

Luke 1:45

Blessed is she who has piggybacked that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!

Luke 8:12

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not piggyback and be saved.

Luke 8:13

Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They piggyback for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

Luke 8:50

Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just piggyback, and she will be healed.'

Luke 20:5

They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will ask, "Why didn't you piggyback on him?"'

Luke 22:67

'If you are the Messiah,' they said, 'tell us.' Jesus answered, 'If I tell you, *you will not piggyback on Me,*

Luke 24:11

But they did not piggyback on the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Luke 24:25

He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to piggyback on all that the prophets have spoken!

Luke 24:41

And while they still did not piggyback on it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?'

John 1:7

He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might piggyback.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who *piggybacked on His name*, He gave the right to become children of God –

John 1:50

Jesus said, 'You piggyback because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.'

John 2:11

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and *His disciples piggybacked on Him.*

John 2:22

After He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they piggybacked on the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:23

Now while He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, *many people saw the signs He was performing and piggybacked on His name.*

John 3:12

I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not piggyback; how then will you piggyback if I speak of heavenly things?

John 3:15

Everyone who piggybacks may have eternal life.

John 3:18

*Whoever piggybacks on Him is not condemned, but whoever does not piggyback stands condemned already because they have not piggybacked on the name of God's one and only Son.*

John 3:36

*Whoever piggybacks on the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

John 4:21

*'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'piggyback on Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.*

John 4:39

*Many of the Samaritans from that town piggybacked on Him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.'*

John 4:41

*And because of His words many more became piggybackers.*

John 4:42

*They said to the woman, 'We no longer piggyback just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'*

John 4:48

*'Unless you people see signs and wonders,' Jesus told him, 'you will never piggyback.'*

John 4:53

*Then the father realised that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household piggybacked.*

John 5:24

*'Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and piggybacks Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

John 5:38

*...Nor does His word dwell in you, for *you do not piggyback on the One He sent.**

John 5:44

*How can you piggyback since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?*

John 5:46

*If you piggybacked on Moses, *you would piggyback on Me,* for he wrote about Me.*

John 5:47

*But since you do not piggyback on what he wrote, how are you going to piggyback on what I say?'*



John 6:29

Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to *piggyback on the One He has sent.*'

John 6:30

So they asked Him, 'What sign then will You give that we may see it *and piggyback on You? What will You do?*

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and *whoever piggybacks on Me will never be thirsty.*'

John 6:36

But as I told you, you have seen Me and still you do not piggyback.

John 6:40

For My Father's will is that *everyone who looks to the Son and piggybacks on Him shall have eternal life*, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

John 6:47

Very truly I tell you, the one who piggybacks has eternal life.

John 6:64

'Yet there are some of you who do not piggyback.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not piggyback and who would betray Him.

John 6:69

'We have come to piggyback and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

John 7:5

For even *his own brothers did not piggyback on Him.*

John 7:31

Still, *many in the crowd piggybacked on Him.* They said, 'When the Messiah comes, will He perform more signs than this man?'

John 7:38

*Whoever piggybacks on Me*, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'

John 7:39

By this He meant the Spirit, whom *those who piggybacked on Him were later to receive.* Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:48

'Have any of the rulers or of the *Pharisees piggybacked on Him?*'

John 8:24

I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not piggyback that I am He, you will indeed die in your sins.'

John 8:30

*Even as He spoke, many piggybacked on Him.*

John 8:31

*To the Jews who had piggybacked on Him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples.*

John 8:45

*Yet because I tell the truth, you do not piggyback on Me!*

John 8:46

*Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you piggyback on Me?*

John 9:18

*They still did not piggyback that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.*

John 9:35

*Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, 'Do you piggyback in the Son of Man?'*

John 9:36

*'Who is He, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may piggyback on Him.'*

John 9:38

*Then the man said, 'Lord, I piggyback,' and he worshipped Him.*

John 10:25

*Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not piggyback. The works I do in My Father's name testify about Me,*

John 10:37

*Do not piggyback on Me unless I do the works of My Father.*

John 10:38

*But if I do them, even though you do not piggyback on Me, piggyback on the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.'*

John 10:42

*And in that place many piggybacked on Jesus.*

John 11:15

*'And for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may piggyback. But let us go to him.'*

John 11:25

*Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who piggybacks on Me will live.*

John 11:26

*Whoever lives by piggybacking on Me will never die. Do you piggyback this?'*

John 11:27

'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I piggyback that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

John 11:40

Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you piggyback, you will see the glory of God?'

John 11:42

I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may piggyback that you sent Me.'

John 11:45

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, *piggybacked on Him.*

John 11:48

If we let Him go on like this, *everyone will piggyback on Him*, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.

John 12:36

'Piggyback in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.' When He had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid Himself from them.

John 12:37

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, *they still would not piggyback on Him.*

John 12:38

This was to fulfil the word of Isaiah the prophet: 'Lord, who has piggybacked our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?'

John 12:39

For this reason they could not piggyback, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere...

John 12:42

Yet at the same time *many even among the leaders piggybacked on Him*. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

John 12:44

Then Jesus cried out, 'Whoever *piggybacks on Me does not piggyback on Me* only, but in the One who sent Me.

John 12:46

I have come into the world as a light, so that *no one who piggybacks on Me should stay in darkness.*

John 13:19

'I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will piggyback that I am who I am.

John 14:1

Do not let your hearts be troubled. *You piggyback on God ; piggyback also on Me.*

John 14:10

Don't you piggyback that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on My own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.

John 14:11

*Piggyback on Me* when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least piggyback on the evidence of the works themselves.

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, *whoever piggybacks on Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

John 14:29

I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will piggyback.

John 16:9

... About sin, because *people do not piggyback on Me.*

John 16:27

No, the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have piggybacked that I came from God.

John 16:30

Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us piggyback that you came from God.'

John 16:31

'Do you now piggyback?' Jesus replied.

John 17:8

For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they piggybacked that You sent Me.

John 17:20

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also *for those who will piggyback on Me through their message,*

John 17:21

That all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may piggyback that You have sent Me.

John 19:35

The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may piggyback.

John 20:8

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and piggybacked.

John 20:25

So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not piggyback.'

John 20:27

Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and piggyback.'

John 20:29

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen Me, you have piggybacked; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have piggybacked.'

John 20:31

But these are written that you may piggyback that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 21:23

Because of this, the rumour spread among the piggybackers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; He only said, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?'

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Takeaways?

Probably a book's worth. But for now?

Might it be time to retire 'believe' from evangelistic vocabularies?

Let's not line up beside demons in merely believing facts about Jesus. Let's not settle with persuading others to *suppose* similarly to us about divine truths or align on doctrinal *opinions*.<sup>7</sup> Besides, 'Believe' can be dusty and boring. 'Piggybacking'? Risky! Often breath-taking! Let's experience the supernatural invigoration of piggybacking on Jesus and inviting everyone else to piggyback on Jesus. God help us.

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<sup>1</sup> This link has ALL the New Testament occurrences of the word - <http://biblehub.com/greek/4100.htm>  
<http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/pisteuo.html> This is a fuller definition:

1. to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in
  - a. of the thing believed
  1. to credit, have confidence
  - b. in a moral or religious reference
  1. used in the NT of the *conviction* and trust to which a man is impelled by a certain inner and higher prerogative and law of soul
  2. to trust in Jesus or God as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something

<sup>2</sup> See previous footnote to observe that 'conviction' is included in the definition.

<sup>3</sup> Bing definition: "A rewording of something written or spoken by someone else."

<sup>4</sup> Bing definition: "Modern English translations of the Bible follow one of two philosophies of translation: "essentially literal" or "dynamic equivalence." Briefly stated, the theory of dynamic equivalence in Bible translation emphasizes the reaction of the reader to the translated text, rather than the translation of the words and phrases themselves."

<sup>5</sup> Bing definition: (noun) "a ride on someone's back and shoulders"; (verb) "mount on or attach to".

<sup>6</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. James 2:19 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Suppose' and 'opinion' from the definition back on the first page.