

Acts 26:1-8

Why is it thought Incredible...

- **ἄπιστος** **apistos** *ap'-is-tos* from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4103; (actively) disbelieving, i.e. without Christian faith (specially, a heathen); (passively) untrustworthy (person), or incredible (thing):—that believeth not, faithless, incredible thing, infidel, unbeliever(-ing).

What We Think of God Determines Everything

- ⦿ Many people are reluctant to follow Christ because they find some of the accounts in the Bible unbelievable.
- ⦿ This applies to believers and unbelievers.
- ⦿ Too often Christians try to explain away the Bible or find a way to turn it into fables.
- ⦿ This all comes down to our view of God or what we think of Him.

Believable or Unbelievable?

- ◉ Earth created in 6 24 hour days...
Genesis 1
- ◉ A sea parts and a nation crosses through...**Genesis 14**
- ◉ The sun stands still...**Joshua 10**
- ◉ 3 boys in a furnace...**Daniel 3**
- ◉ The lame walk, the blind see, the dead brought back to life...
- ◉ Just to name a few!

Do we think Correctly about God?

- Numbers 13:25-14:2
- Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Right Thinking About God

- With correct thinking about God we understand that we do not have to explain anything in the Bible away. God is able to do what is recorded in His Word and more.
- **Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Our Thinking About God Affects More...

- If we believe that God is who the Bible says He is—then we should have no problem believing what it says about us...
- I am His workmanship...**Ephesians 2:10**
 - Made in His image...**Genesis 1:27**
- I am more than a conqueror...**Romans 8:37**
- I am loved...**Jeremiah 31:3**
- I am safe...**Proverbs 18:10**

What does the Word say about me?

- ⦿ I am justified...Romans 5:1, 5:9
- ⦿ I am a joint heir...Romans 8:17
- ⦿ I am free...Romans 8:2
- ⦿ I am chosen...1 Peter 2:9
- ⦿ I am called...1 Peter 2:9
- ⦿ I am a temple of the Holy Spirit (His dwelling place)...1 Corinthians 6:19
- ⦿ I am a new creation in Christ...2 Corinthians 5:17
- ⦿ I am forgiven...Colossians 2:13

What is Your view of God?

- If we have a skewed view of God...then we will have a skewed view of ourselves.
- If we have a skewed view of God then we will have a skewed view of sin.