

Good News From Chardon

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Believe

“With God, all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). However, there is at least one thing that Scripture points out is impossible with God (Note: This is no contradiction; Jesus’ statement must be considered contextually). “Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Yes, the impossibility here falls on the burden of the human being. Grammatically, we can change it to say: “It is impossible for God to be pleased with one who is without faith.”

Why do I need faith? First, it’s impossible to please God without it. Second, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

How do I obtain faith? “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Does this mean in order to have Biblical faith, all I have to do is audibly acknowledge God’s Word? Does it mean that I do not have to actually do anything? James says, “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:20, 26). “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works” (James 2:18). But Paul said all I have to do is hear God’s Word? Yes. Is this a contradiction? No.

We can see that it is not a contradiction by properly understanding what it means to hear. When a mother says to her daughter: “Go clean your room.” The daughter stays put. And her mom asks, “Did you hear me?” Can the daughter then just say, “Yes, I heard you,” and rightfully continuing doing something other than cleaning her room? Or would her mother discipline her for not really listening? The fact is, we know that “hearing” in that context also requires action. And the same is required in the Romans 10:17 instruction.

Therefore, believing Biblically is not merely a mental acknowledge of something but acting upon it according to God’s standards. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Some have asked, “Why Jesus did not say, ‘he that believeth not and is baptized not shall be condemned’?” The answer is found in the definition of belief that we have just discussed. If one does not believe, there is no need for the actions that emanate from belief. A grammatical consideration of Mark 16:16 solidifies its meaning and denies all contradictions. Consider: “He that eats and digests his food will live; he that eats not will die.” If one does not eat, there is no need for digestion. If one does not believe, there is no need for baptism. However, if one believes Jesus, then he will know that he cannot be saved before baptism.

The need to believe is apparent. Do you believe?

- Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Dale
Opening Hymn:
77—Halelujah, Praise Jehovah
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
477—Blessed Assurance
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Mark 16:9-16
Hymn:
297—When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
Lord’s Supper: Tom
Hymn:
403—No Tears In Heaven
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
607—All Things Are Ready
Closing Hymn:
103—A Beautiful Life
Closing Prayer: Ray

Truth does not mind being questioned. A lie does not like being challenged.

CALENDAR

Feb. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Feb. 17—(a) David & Dorene
Feb. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Feb. 21—(b) Jaden
Feb. 21—Lady’s bible study at Bonnies
Feb. 22—(a) Ray & Barb
Feb. 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Mar. 5—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom. Business meeting
Mar. 8—(b) Dale

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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The Great Commission

Mark 16:9-16

WORD LIST

ALIVE	APPEARED	BELIEVE
CONDEMNED	COUNTRY	DEMONS
EARLY	ELEVEN	EVERY
FIRST	FORM	GOSPEL
HARDNESS	HEARD	HEART
LATER	MOURNED	PREACH
REBUKED	RISEN	SAVED
SEEN	SEVEN	TABLE
TOLD	UNBELIEF	WALKED
WEEK	WEPT	WORLD

H D E N M E D N O C A T K D T
Y L R A E O E V I L A O W E M
T A L D L E U M R H W L D R D
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PRAYER LIST

- Mynda's sister-in-laws Father's health. Her friend **Kim's** health options
- Debbie's** recovery is good; as her and **Mark** travel **Ackerman** family, **Debra's** health
- Ruth** is home now & attending services
- Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
- Bonnie's** daughters: **Renee's** hand injury & **Ronda's** biopsy & grandson **Devin** study
- Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
- Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery, **Kathy**, severe feet issues, medical procedure and pain, her sister and friends. She is home
- Linda's** health and procedures. Her friend **Mark**.
- Tiffany's** boyfriend **Dan's** mother passed away
- Zarna** and her family
- Juanita**, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** medical treatments. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues
- Ray** and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
- Pat** and her family
- Jessie**, Doug's friend, health
- Linda's** son **John** is home now
- Nina's** biopsy results benign. Hallelujah!

Mark 16:9-16

⁹ Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³ And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.