



Believing Unto Salvation

Believing God's Word delivers Salvation's promise right into your lap. No other work can do this, only your believing. What does this mean? Once you believe the promise, you receive all that the promise holds.

(Gal 3:22-25 KJV) But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. {23} But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. {24} Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith [believing]. {25} But after that faith [belief] is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

There is a distinct administration break between the Law [the Jewish schoolmas-



ter] and salvation wrought by Jesus Christ. Salvation's gap is bridged by believing. How marvelous to see this in God's Word!

Saved by grace

We have been saved by grace. Salvation is the gift of God.

(Eph 2:8-10 KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith [believing]; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:* {9} Not of works, lest any man should boast. {10} For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before or-

dained that we should walk in them.

You are saved through the accomplishments of Jesus Christ, not your own accomplishments [like fasting, feeding the homeless, good works of any kind, etc.]. I'm not saying to not do good words; I'm saying that good works cannot bridge salvation's gap. We are told to hear the Word and believe, thus successfully bridging Salvation's gap.

(John 4:48 KJV) Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

This nobleman wanted evidence first; Jesus said there will be no evidence until there is believing. According to the Church Epistles—Ephesians—these instructions apply to today's Church. The four Gospels require no spiritual understanding in order to understand them; natural man can understand them. That's why

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today's churches spend so much time reading them—they lack spiritual understanding. Today, we believe first, and then see.

Man is instructed to believe God's Word first

(Mark 8:11-12 KJV) And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. {12} And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

When you see reference to temptation, sin is at play. Man will attempt to exploit his knowledge of sin, even in the supernatural. These Pharisees came to him, intentionally wanting to sin; they sought a sign. Needless to say, this is wrong. We must believe first! If you want to receive into manifestation the benefits of all of the great accomplishments of Jesus Christ, you must believe first. Men that don't believe the Word can't receive the promises of the Word, which include all that

Jesus Christ made available to us.

(John 1:1 KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

God and His Word stand in complete harmony and alignment. They are one. We are to believe in the Word, and allow it to rule, to govern our lives. It is the only trustworthy standard of life in this world. All that God has made available to us is found in His Word.

God will perform what He says in His Word

(Isa 55:11 KJV) So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

As we walk the walk of believing, we are to be assured that God will stand behind everything that he says, where he says it, when he says it, how he says it, to whom he says it, and why he says it.

(Rom 12:3 KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

No man can get any more than his neighbor. Once a person is born again of God's spirit, he has no more and no less than any other born again believer. Every person receives the same. A person's manifestation of God's Word is dependent upon his or her believing of the same. This is why some people are spiritually prosperous and others are not. It always comes down to the individual's believing of God's Word. To begin developing spiritually, we must believe God's Word. All believing equals receiving. No one ever receives anything until he believes.

Born again by believing from the heart

(Rom 10:9-10 KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart

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that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Believing issues from the heart. You never witness true signs before you believe. Become born again, and then witness signs, miracles, and wonders. If you want to see the signs, miracles, and wonders, you must believe first. Then you will see the power of God in your life!

Much love in Christ,

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