

Faith
Anointing
Lord... lord
Hope

GOSPEL
GOD
ANGELS
Spiritual Gifts

Holy
Sanctification
Epistle
Heaven

Glory
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SCRIPTURES

Midweek Refuel
Thursdays at 6:30 PM
“Bible Word Meanings”

Sunday November 5th, 2017

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*The Message and The Method
of the Gospel*

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Credibility, Confidence and Contentment **“3-C’s of Faith”**



All good things from God come by faith. It is through faith in God and His goodness that we as His children can approach Him with boldness. Last week we looked at three things that we can stand firm on by faith:

- By faith we have **CREDIBILITY** in the sight of God; **Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and the He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Want to be pleasing to God? Walk by faith.

- By faith we walk in **CONFIDENCE** in what God can do; **Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Not by your power... By God's power.

- By faith we have **CONTENTMENT** in the provision of God; **1 Timothy 6:6-10** *Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

Contentment is a choice... Choose to believe God.

The truth is clear. God requires and honors faith. In God's "economy", faith is how we get our purchasing-power. Without faith, man is bankrupt. The measure of our faith is the measure of our power and authority in the kingdom of God. Men and women of faith; you are credible in the sight of God. Walk in the confidence that belongs to you as His children. Allow yourself to be content as you strive towards the upward call of Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Gene

The Message and The Method of The Gospel

Introduction: When Jesus said that He would build His church, He envisioned a church in which believers from all backgrounds, cultures and life-experiences would come together in unity of purpose and form the fabric that makes up the tapestry that is the body of Christ. At the center of the church that we are called to build is the amazing grace-truth of the gospel. The building of the church requires a *message* and *method* to deliver that message. We see this truth revealed in **Roman 10:14**, *So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.* Let's see how this is done:

- Faith comes through those whom **GOD SENDS**; **Romans 10:15** *And how shall they preach unless they are sent?* The gospel is the good news of salvation though faith in Jesus. As believers we have been sent to deliver this amazing message of hope. God sending us only has power if we go.
The Message is in the gospel... The Means is in the sending.
- **GOD SENDS** out believers with **THE GOSPEL**; **Romans 10:14** *And how shall they hear without a preacher?* When God sends the believer, He sends them with something that others have to hear. That means that the gospel is to be spoken. A preacher is a herald of the good news of the gospel. The power of the gospel is released when it is spoken.
The Message is in the preacher... The Means is in the hearer.
- **THE GOSPEL** proclaims the good news of **JESUS**; **Romans 10:14** *And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?* Jesus is at the center of God's plans and purposes. No one can get to the Father except through the Son. Jesus must be at the center of our witness. A preacher who does not preach Jesus is not preaching the true gospel.
The Message is in Jesus... The Means is in the believing.
- **JESUS** is the object of our faith; **Romans 10:14** *And how shall they call on Him in who they have not believed?* Hearing does not save... believing saves and belief must be spoken. Only by calling on the name of Jesus can the power of the gospel be realized. To deliver the true gospel, faith in Jesu must be explained.

The Message is salvation... The Means is Jesus.

In eternity past God foresaw that man would fall from His grace and that he would enter into spiritual bankruptcy and in need of a Savior. So God set into motion a redemption-plan and that plan has at it's center; Faith. We live in the age of grace and that grace is expressed through the gospel of Jesus. We are sent to preach the gospel to a lost world that they might call on His name and enter into salvation. Let us embrace the Message and the Means of God in and through us.