

Seven Life-Changing Realities

30's Cross Training Class, Trinity Assembly

These 7 Bible truths need to become realities to every believer:

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For truth to become real to you, it needs to get from your _____ to your _____. This happens when we find it in God's word and _____ .

1. The Reality of Redemption - What Jesus did at Calvary to make us free.

Colossians 1:13-14

Ephesians 1:7

The word *redeem* means:

Three Foundational Truths about Redemption

Truth I - By Adam's sin we were sold into captivity and under Satan's authority. A ransom was paid with the blood of Christ to buy us back.

- Mankind's original state:

- Mankind's Fall:

- God's Plan of Recovery- - a _____ was paid. (Mark 10:45)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a _____ for many. (Mark 10:45)

You have been _____ with a price... (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Truth II - We were under the curse of the Law. Through redemption the curse has been removed.

Christ redeemed us from the _____, having become a curse for us [in our place]... (Galatians 3:13)

-The Curse is what?

It is man's awareness of _____, yet without the _____ to do what is right!

Truth III - We were under bondage to sin, but now, we have been released into the freedom of grace.

- I was not only _____.

- I am not just a _____
- I have been given _____.
- I have been released from the _____ by being given power in the Spirit to fulfill the Law.

Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold from _____ inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

(1 Peter 1:18-19)

And He Himself _____ our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

For sin shall not be _____ over you, for you are not under law, but under _____. (Romans 6:14)

See also Romans 8:1-4 - *For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin*

The Law is only as able to free you from sin as your flesh is able to _____.

Therefore, the Law cannot _____.

... If a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. (Galatians 3:21)

God of heaven, I recognize that I have lived a futile way of life, because on my own efforts I could never become free from sin and the bondage to Satan's kingdom. So I now personally accept what you did for me through Jesus' blood on the cross of Calvary, when you purchased me

back from the bondage to sin and Satan. I thank you that I am now saved, and that because of what you did, I am now empowered to live a life of victory over the old sinful nature and acceptable to my heavenly Father. Thank you for setting me free.

Signed _____

Date _____

II. The Reality of New Birth - What Jesus did to change our nature.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

- 2 Corinthians

5:17

A few relevant scriptures:

- 1 Peter 1:3-4
- 1 Peter 1:23
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Romans 8:29
- Ezekiel 11:19
- Jeremiah 17:9
- John 6:53
- John 3:3-8

Three Foundational Truths about the New Birth

- Natural man is in a _____ state, is _____ dead, and is unable to see and enter the kingdom of God.
- A spiritual rebirth is necessary. Spiritual rebirth, being _____ [born of the Spirit, born of God], is a event in which the Holy Spirit comes to indwell our spirit and causes its rebirth.
- This only takes place through _____ in Jesus Christ, and as a of God.

Truth I. Natural man is in a *fallen* state; is *spiritually* dead.

- *The human heart is most _____ and _____. Who really knows how bad it is?*

- Jeremiah 17:9

(NLT)

- *And you were _____ in your trespasses and sins.*
- Ephesians 2:1
- *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have _____ in yourselves.*
- John 6:53

The trinity of man:

- *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your _____ and _____ and _____ be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Diagram:

What happened to man when he sinned?

- *You were dead in your trespasses and sins.* (Eph 2:1)
- *The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the*

garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for _____ that you eat from it you shall surely_____”

- Genesis 2:16-

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If one is pronounced dead, and yet still walking around on two legs, what kind of death is that?

- Man died _____. Death is a _____.
- Spiritual death is disconnection between and_____.

Truth II. Spiritual rebirth by action of the Holy Spirit is necessary, a supernatural event.

- *Truly, truly I say unto you, unless one is _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

- John 3:3

- *Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is _____ water and he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of Spirit is spirit.*

- John 3:5

Terms for the New Birth

- Born again (John 3:3,7; 1 Peter 1:3,23)
- Born of the Spirit (John 3:5,6,8)
- Born of God (John 1:13)
- A New Creature (2 Corinthians 5:17) - not another individual member of the same species, but a new species of being.

Life of a new kind - zoe

The New Birth is not just a new start. It is not just more _____ of life. It is a higher _____ of life. It is a new kind of life - zoe -

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I came that they might have life [zoe], and have it abundantly.

- John 10:10

Note on John 10:10 - “more (KJV)” is not in the original Greek, because He didn’t come to give us *more* life, but a *new kind* of life.

Analogy of the mule and the thoroughbred.

Almost all absurdity of conduct arises from the imitation of those whom we cannot resemble.

—*Samuel Johnson*

Truth III. - The New Birth takes places only through faith in Jesus Christ, and as a free gift of God.

But as many as _____ Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who _____ in His name, who were _____ not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but _____.

- John 1:12

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal_____.

- John 3:16

Laying hold:

That if you _____ with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

- Romans 10:9-10

III. The Reality of Righteousness - What Jesus did to change our *standing with God*.

He that knew no sin, was made to be sin on our behalf, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

A few relevant scriptures:

- James 5:16-18
- Matthew 5:6
- Romans 3:19-24
- Romans 4:3
- Romans 5:1
- Romans 5:17
- Philippians 3:9
- 1 John 1:9

Four Foundational Truths about Righteousness

- The human condition apart from God is one of _____
- The person who trusts in Christ is _____ righteous with His righteousness as a _____.
- In Christ we become all that God requires us to be, all that we could _____ be in ourselves.
- Righteousness brings us into _____ with God, and inevitably produces righteousness of life.

Definitions:

- Righteousness =
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- Righteousness = the God-given ability to stand before a holy God without any sense of _____ or _____, as if sin did not exist.

Righteousness is not only possible to us, but necessary.

... The effective prayer of a _____ man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a _____ like ours, and he prayed...

- James 5:16-17

Romans 3:19-24

... by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now apart from the Law the _____ of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

even the _____ of God through faith in Jesus Christ _____; for there is no distinction;

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

being _____ as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

What is this saying?

1. Attempts at conformity with the Moral Law alone will not bring us to a place of _____ before God.
2. The Law merely gives us the _____ and that we are sinners.
3. The righteousness of God is obtained apart from human performance, through _____.
4. This is available for all who believe, regardless of previous sin, for _____.
5. Righteousness comes from God as a _____, before your life gets cleaned up.
6. This gift comes to us by _____, i.e. supernatural power.
7. All of this was made possible through the _____.

Justified!!

“Just as if I’d never sinned.”

The Great Exchange!!!

Now all these things are from God, who _____ us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, _____ against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

What if I sin after God declares me righteous?

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all _____.

- 1 John 1:8-9

If we are cleansed from all unrighteousness, what does that make us?

IV. The Reality of the Holy Spirit

- What Jesus did to empower us.

And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

- Acts 1:4-5

A few relevant scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 6:16
- Matthew 27:50-51
- Acts 2:38-39
- John 4:10-14
- John 7:37-39
- Acts 2:1-4
- Romans 8:9
- Acts 1:4-8

Four basic truths about our experience with the Holy Spirit

- When we are born again, we are born of the Spirit. Our spirit becomes alive as the Holy Spirit comes to indwell and recreate our spirit.
- Having been born of the Spirit, the believer can become empowered for working the works of Jesus by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
- This baptism is the initial event of becoming filled with the Spirit, and generally is evidenced by speaking in tongues.
- The believer who has been filled with the Spirit needs to and can become refilled and refilled.

We become the temple of God

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God and they shall be My people.”

- 2 Corinthians 6:16

- *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...*

- Matthew 27:50-51

Tearing of the Veil signifies:

- The end of _____ worship.
- The end of the OT _____ and system of worship.
- The beginning of direct _____ to God by ordinary believers.
- The indwelling presence of the Spirit of God in every believer.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit, a central fact of salvation:

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

- Acts 2:38-39

The Living Water - a Well and Rivers

- John 4:10-14 : the gift of God, a well of water springing up to eternal life.
- John 7:37-39 : rivers of living water

- Two manifestations:
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The disciples' experiences:

- (before His ascension) John 20:22 - *He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*
- (after His ascension, on Pentecost) Acts 2:1-4 - *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.*

The baptism is not what makes you a Christian.

- _____ has the Spirit of Christ indwelling them, according to Romans 8:9 - *"if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."*

The Baptism is for Power to be witnesses.

And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised ..., you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit ... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses ...

Acts 1:4-8

Other terms for the baptism

- Filled with the Spirit
- Outpouring of the Spirit
- The Spirit “falls upon you”; “comes upon you”
- The Pentecostal experience

Baptizo = to immerse, drench thoroughly, saturate, soak.

A walk through Acts

- Acts 4:29-33 Apostles re-filled
- Acts 8:4-21 Samaritans filled
- Acts 10:44-46 Cornelius’ household filled
- Acts 11:15-18
- Acts 13:52 Disciples continually filled
- Acts 19:1-6 Ephesians filled

V. The Reality of the Integrity of God's Word

Main Text: John 1:1-14

A few relevant scriptures:

John 1:1-14

Isaiah 40:8

Matthew 24:35

Matthew 5:17-18

John 6:63

Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 1:1-3

Romans 1:16

Hebrews 6:13-20

Psalms 119:89 and 105

Titus 1:2-3

Numbers 23:19

Joshua 21:45

1 Peter 1:23-25

Isaiah 55:11

Jeremiah 1:12

Romans 10:6-8

Matthew 7:24-27

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Foundational truths about the Word of God.

- God and His Word _____.
- All things _____ by the Word.
- Jesus is the Word of God _____ .
- The Word of God is everything that God has, made available to us in _____ form.

The Word of God is:

unchanging and absolutely reliable.

the life and power of God made available to us.

the will of God.

His blood-sworn oath and covenant with man.

the end of every argument.

incorruptible seed.

the active agent that goes out in advance of everything God accomplishes.

the solid foundation of human life and the source of our stability and security.

the sifter, discerner, and judge of all human thoughts and activities.

the basis of our prayer life.

our wise counsel and guide for everyday life.

our equipment for every good work.

What does John 1:1-14 tell us about the Word of God?

The word of God is unchanging and absolutely reliable.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.
- Isaiah 40:8

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:38, and Luke 21:33

Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

- Matthew 5:17-18

Words are the _____ that power spiritual beings.

Man does not live on bread alone, but by every _____ that comes from the mouth of God.

- Matthew 4:4

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the _____ that I have spoken to you are _____ and are _____.

- John 6:63

The Word of God is the God's power, transmitted to us.

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us _____, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things _____ of His power.

- Hebrews 1:1-3

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the _____ of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- Romans 1:16

For the _____ is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the _____.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18

The Bible is God's will and blood sworn-oath; it is the end of every dispute.

- By the very definition of words, someone's word is his will.
- His will = desire, intention, purpose, combined with his determination to make it so.
- A will = a legal declaration stating how his possessions are to be disposed of.

When God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself.

Hebrews 6:13-20

My word is forever _____ in heaven.

- Psalm 118:89

in the hope of eternal life, which God, who _____, promised long ages ago, but at the proper time manifested, even _____...

- Titus 1:2-3

God is not a man, that He should _____.

- Numbers 23:19

Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel _____; all _____.

- Joshua 21:45

The Word of God is incorruptible seed.

For you have been born again not of _____ which is corruptible but _____, that is, through the living and enduring _____.

For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls of, but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word which was preached to you.

- 1 Peter 1:23-25

The Word is incorruptible seed; i.e., seed that will not _____, meaning no matter how long it may have lain idle, it always _____ to be planted by whosoever will, and it then _____.

The Word of God is the _____ of everything God has for us.

The sower sows the Word.

- Mark 4:14

The Word is the resources of God, the agency of God, the provision of God, the power of God, the life of God in SEED FORM.

i.e., _____ unless it is planted (_____).

It is _____ energy rather than _____ energy - it must be released and allowed to act in order to produce a harvest.

How things work in the kingdom:

Many are waiting for God to rain down His _____ on us - the accomplished result (i.e., the _____).

Instead, He has given us His _____.

He is requiring us to _____ on it (to plant it into our hearts), _____ on it, _____ on it, and _____ till it produces its harvest:

financial blessings, physical healing, and so forth.

VI. The Reality of the Believers' Authority

*Behold, I have given you _____ to tread upon serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy.*

- Luke 10:19

A few relevant scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-28
- Psalm 8:3-6
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- Ephesians 2:1-2
- Hebrews 2:14
- Colossians 2:15
- John 12:31-32
- John 16:7-11
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Ephesians 1:18-23
- Mark 16:15-18
- Acts 3:16
- Acts 4:10-12
- Matthew 16:18-19
- Luke 10:17-20
- Ephesians 6:12-13
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 1 John 4:4
- James 4:7

Foundational truths about the Believers' Authority

- Mankind was originally given _____ over all the earth.
- Through man's _____ he lost his original authority and became subject to a lawless spiritual agent.
- In the fullness of time, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Last Adam, came to usurp Satan's wrongful authority and to _____ it back to the reborn sons of God, who are the Body of Christ on the earth.
- In Jesus' name, acting in His will, believers have been given the _____ the will of God on the earth.

Mankind was originally given dominion over the earth.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and _____ over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and _____ that creeps on the earth."

- Genesis 1:26

- Authority was _____ to Adam, and belonged to him while he was _____ to God's will.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? Yet Thou hast made him a _____, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! Thou dost _____ over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet,

- Psalm 8:3-6

Through man's submission to Satan he lost his original authority and became subject to a lawless spiritual agent.

And he [Satan] led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been _____, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

- Luke 4:5-7

Jesus did not contest this claim that Satan had been handed dominion by Adam.

I will not speak much more with you, for the _____ is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

- John 14:30

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the _____ has blinded the minds of the unbelieving...

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the _____, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

- Ephesians 2:1-2

Satan came to steal, kill, and destroy mankind, out of jealousy (John 10:10).

His kingdom is one:

- of _____ (because the truth shall make you free)
- of _____ (to destroy the human body)
- of _____ and _____ (to destroy the human mind),
- of _____ and _____ from God (to destroy the human spirit).

In the fulness of time, Jesus, Son of God, and Last Adam, came to usurp Satan's wrongful authority.

Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render _____ him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

- Hebrews 2:14

When He had _____ the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

- Colossians 2:15

Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be _____ And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

- John 12:31-32

and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been _____.

- John 16:11

On the cross Satan was judged. We are sent in His name and by His authority to do the casting out.

The pathway to authority:

Have this _____ in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a _____, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He _____ Himself by becoming _____ to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly _____ Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that _____, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Philippians 2:5-11

Upon usurping Satan's authority, Jesus restored it back to believers, the Body of Christ.

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All _____ has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. " _____ **therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them _____ of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "*

- Matthew 28:18-20

Authority = exousia, the delegated right to give commands or to carry out or enforce another's commands.

Power = dunamis, the energy which gets the job done.

...which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection _____, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- Ephesians 1:20-23

In Jesus' name, acting in His will, believers have been given the authority to enact the will of God on the earth.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who have believed: _____ they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- Mark 16:15-18

Peter's explanation of the healing of the man at the Beautiful Gate

And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the _____ which has strengthened this man whom you see and know...

- Acts 3:16

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is _____ under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.

- Acts 4:12

The believers' authority does not extend to lording over other people, but over the real enemy of God - Satanic forces.

Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

- Luke 10:19

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of

wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:12

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, _____, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But _____ him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

- 1 Peter 5:8-9

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because _____ is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

- 1 John 4:4

Our authority is extended to us only as we submit to the lordship of Christ

It is IN CHRIST that we have authority.

_____ therefore to God. _____ the devil and he will flee from you.

- James 4:7

The bottom line:

- Live in _____ to the lordship of Jesus.
- Live in _____ one with another.
- In Jesus' Name rise up in the authority of the righteous and _____ as a lion in resistance to everything from which you have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
- Don't ask _____ to do anything about the devil. He already has. _____ cast him out.
- Don't be _____ around sickness, disease, demons, poverty, fear, and death. Exercise your rightful authority over it.

VII. The Reality of the God-kind of Faith

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

- Mark 11:22-24

A few relevant scriptures:

- Mark 11:22-25
- Hebrews 11:1f
- Romans 12:3
- Hebrews 12:2
- Romans 10:17
- Romans 10:9-10
- Romans 4:17-21
- Luke 17:6
- James 2:14-26
- Hebrews 6:12

Foundational truths about Faith

- The same kind of faith by which God spoke the worlds into existence has been made available to every born again believer.
- Faith comes to us through continually hearing the Word of God, and is developed by acting upon the Word.
- Faith is released by speaking words and by corresponding actions.
- The God-kind of faith believes that the words you speak shall come to pass.
- The God-kind of faith believes that we come into possession of the things we have asked for when we pray.

Have the God-kind of Faith!!

- Verse 22 literally says:
Have the faith of God.
- Or in other words, Jesus is instructing us to have God's kind of faith.
- And He is about to describe to us very specifically what that kind of faith is.

Who can this work for?

- WHOSOEVER!!
- Not just the Son of God.

What is the God-kind-of-faith?

a) Believing that the words YOU speak shall come to pass.

“shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass”

b) Believing that we come into possession of the things we have asked for WHEN WE PRAY, not when we SEE the result.

YOU MUST BELIEVE IN YOUR WORDS.

Jesus did not say to believe that just one single statement of yours will come to pass, but to believe that THOSE THINGS (ALL THOSE THINGS) will come to pass.

In other words, you can't be spouting careless words one minute and then expect to spout words you really mean the next, and expect to have faith's results.

You'll have to change your entire lifestyle of speaking.

We must speak the desired result.

Whosoever shall say to this mountain, "Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea."

When God created the world, He didn't say what already was. He didn't say "Gosh it's dark out here."

He said what He desired - "Light! Be!"

He spoke of those things that did not exist yet as though they existed (already) (See Romans 4).

Is speaking the desired result enough?

- No! We must believe in our heart what we are saying.
- We must not doubt (DIFFER) in our heart.

and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he saith

Believe you have it before you can see it.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

The highest form of faith believes what the Word of God says APART from any physical evidence to confirm it.

Thus, faith is:

Belief with the heart PLUS Corresponding Actions

And the first action of faith is SPEAKING! That is how faith is released.

Belief must be accompanied by corresponding actions.

- I.e., faith without works is dead (James 2:14f).
- The works are the words plus the deeds that line up with what we are believing.

What do we do with the time lapse between releasing our faith and seeing the result?

Be patient.

Faith and patience inherit the promises.

- Hebrews 6:12

The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil, and he goes to bed...

- Mark 4:26-27

Rejoice with thanksgiving for what God has already done, even though we can't see it yet.