

Is God Really in Control of Everything?

God has made man like Himself. He made them to take charge of things with His assistance and guidance. Probably the biggest mistake that mankind has made since their creation is believing and thinking wrong. The reason they believe and think wrong is because the devil tricked them. He's gotten man to believe that the Bible is just a book of history and not really a book through which God speaks to man. Most people on the earth have never read the Bible. When troubles come into their lives, they pray and hope God will help them; but they are completely ignorant of spiritual truths that come from the Bible. Most of these people are hard working and very educated in man's knowledge, but are illiterate concerning things of the Bible.

Jesus said that all things are possible to believers. He was speaking about believers that believe the Bible. Well if you don't know what the Bible says, how can you believe it? Even most people that claim to be Christians never study the Bible.

Well this is a new day! God is raising up leaders in the Church that are putting emphasis back on spiritual education, and the Bible is the Textbook. Praise God!!! We are learning that God wants us to pray for some things, but in other cases we are suppose to use the authority He has given us to make things happen. I want you to study these Scriptures and see that God wants us to get busy to cause things to happen. There is a time to pray, and there is a time to take action.

Matthew 16:18-19 KJV And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

Mark 16:16-20 KJV He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.

John 8:31-32 KJV Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

Ephesians 4:21-24 KJV If so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: [22] That ye put off concerning the former conversation the

old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; [23] And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; [24] And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Luke 12:22 KJV And He said unto His disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

In all of these verses we see God telling us to do something. He will not do what He has told us to do. We can pray and pray, but it just won't happen. The next verses tell us we are to pray and also to believe without praying.

Mark 11:22-24 KJV And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [23] 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. [24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

So in verse 23, we believers are supposed to speak to the mountains; in 24 we are supposed to pray and believe we receive when we pray. Living the life of a Christian in this day and time is going to be a life of studying the Bible to find out what we should pray and also what we should speak; believing that what we say will come to pass. Go to work, Christian! Receive all that God's Word says you can have!

Love you,
Pastor Paul