

The Word of Faith

Romans 10:8 KJV But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of Faith, which we preach;

In this verse, the Apostle Paul said that he preached the Word of Faith. I want to explain to you today what I believe he was saying. Before Jesus came to the earth and started fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament, people had a relationship with God based on their own performance. What they did right and what they did wrong caused God to bless them or curse them. I will prove this to you from two verses in the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 KJV And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:15 KJV But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

In these verses you see God bringing His blessings and curses on the people based on what they had done; and not what Jesus did, because He hadn't come yet. The Word of Faith wasn't being preached, but the Law was. After Jesus came, we are supposed to preach what Jesus did for us; which is the Word of Faith. Go back to Romans again, and we will see this.

Romans 10:4-10 KJV For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. [5] For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. [6] But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into Heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above :) [7] Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) [8] But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of Faith, which we preach; [9] That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart 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.

After Jesus came to the earth, He died for our sins so that He could give us His righteousness. We are in right standing with God by faith in what Jesus has accomplished for us.

Isaiah 53:4-5 AMPC Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are

healed and made whole.

After we receive what Jesus did for us by faith, it's then our responsibility to confess it with our mouth. By our confessions of what Jesus did, we have entered into the Word of Faith! Through our believing in our heart and our confession of Jesus with our mouth, we can have the life of blessings instead of the life of curses.

Let's look at these two verses, and get ready to shout.

Galatians 3:13-14 KJV Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Christian Center is a Word of Faith Ministry. We believe in faith confessions; not just confessing your sins. When you confess that you are healed by Jesus' stripes, you are doing what the Apostle Paul said; which is the Word of Faith.

I will be preaching on this subject tomorrow at the Christian Center, and I hope to see you there.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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Special Events

1. This Sunday we will have a Graduation Ceremony for the Graduates in our congregation. They will also each have a table set up in the breezeway for anyone to meet and greet them after Service.
2. We will be having our Camps in June: Youth Camp will be June 15-18 and Kids' Camp will be June 23-26
3. Offices will be closed and all Church activities cancelled Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day (No Early Morning Prayer or Noonday)

***This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

5-25-20

Monday	Lamentations chapter 8
Tuesday	Lamentations chapter 9
Wednesday	Lamentations chapter 10
Thursday	Lamentations chapter 11
Friday	Lamentations chapter 12
Saturday	Lamentations chapter 13
Sunday	Lamentations chapter 14

Here is our Agenda till May 31st.

1. No Sunday School no Coffee Shop
2. No Nursery or Granny's House
3. No ushers, greeters, or counters
4. Service starts at 10:45am
5. If you want to wear a mask to Church, by all means do so
6. We will have Kids' Church lesson, but no playground activities.
The Children will be released to Kids' Church and will be escorted from the Sanctuary by our Kids' Church workers who will also bring them back to the Sanctuary.
Kids' Church will have separation policies. If parents are not comfortable with their children going to Kids' Church, they can remain in Sanctuary with their parents.
7. No greeters at the doors.
8. Large bottles of hand sanitizer will be outside the doors on small tables. We suggest you sanitize your hands before going into the Church house
9. Every other row of seats will be closed; balcony will be open. Suggestions - Families sit together if possible, with separation between others. Be sensitive to those around you to give them space.
10. Offering baskets will be at the doors for your tithes/offerings when you leave.
11. Bring your Faith to Church. Read and meditate on these verses before coming Sunday

Exodus 23:25 KJV And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Isaiah 53:4-5 AMPC Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

Acts 10:38 KJV How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

Hebrews 10:25 KJV Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

See you at Church Sunday.

Pastor Paul