



ONLY BELIEVE

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Two of the most powerful words in the Bible are those of Jesus Christ who said when He went to raise a child from the dead, "Only believe". (Mark 5:36). These are very simple words but profound in meaning and power.

The people around Him had mocked Him and laughed at Him to scorn him when He said that the child was not dead but sleeping.

When Jesus was in the town of Nazareth, where he grew up, Jesus was well aware that the people did not believe He was the Messiah. Accordingly He did very few miracles because of their unbelief. He knew that their unbelief would quench the Holy Spirit and that few would be healed.

Therefore when the people mocked him about the child coming to life, He put them all out of the room excepting his close disciples, Peter James and John the brother of James.

Jesus knew that they would have faith in Him to raise the child from the dead. We need to have the same faith in Jesus Christ when we are believing for a miracle.

Having put out of the room everybody excepting His three disciples He took the child by the hand and said, "Little girl, I say to you arise."

Immediately she arose and walked. She was 12 years of age and everybody was overcome with amazement.

This is why the Bible speaks of us having to come to Jesus as a little child if we want to enter the kingdom of God. (Matthew 18:3).

Our natural mind is against God (Romans 8:7). It cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God because these things are foolishness to the natural mind and have to be spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14).

The Bible says, "That not many wise people according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called by God." (1 Corinthians 1:26).

Scripture goes on to say that, "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.

"And the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.

"So that no flesh should glory in His presence." (1 Corinthians 1:27-29.)

Natural wisdom and learning are often in opposition to the Bible.

When we are born-again we receive the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16.)

In order to be born-again we must fulfil the requirements of Scripture namely we must believe in our heart and not just confess the name of Jesus with our mouth. We need to do both.

Scripture says, "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10.)

Many people get stuck in the doorway of the kingdom of God. They make a confession of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour but have difficulty in believing it in their heart.

After making a confession of Jesus Christ as their Saviour nothing happens because they have not really made a decision to fully believe the Bible and the words of Jesus Christ.

They think that because they have made a confession that everything is now fine but their actions show that they do not understand or don't want to understand that "believe" means to trust in, obey and fully commit oneself to Jesus.

Their lifestyle does not change, their old friends are still around to take them off course, their habits remain the same and they are living in deception.

Being born-again should mean a radical change in our lives as we turn our back on the kingdom of Satan and enter fully into the kingdom of God. As we absolutely believe in, cling to and trust in God then He can do His miracles in our lives.

When God told Abraham at the age of 99, that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens, Abraham believed God for the impossible. When he was 100 years of age and Sarah was 90, Isaac was born to them and thus the whole nation of Israel began. Abraham was fully convinced that what God had promised, He was able to perform. Therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness" i.e. right standing with God. (Romans 4:21-22)

We all need to have right standing with God. This can only come with total belief in His Word and obedience to it. His Word created the heavens and the earth and as we believe that Word in our heart God will move mightily in our lives.

Perhaps today you need to review just how much you really believe God can do. If you have not been born again and also have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit then you have not received the power of God. Without this power everything in your life will be very difficult for you to cope with.

That is why Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received that power from on high. When they received this power, they spoke in tongues, glorified God and began to perform great miracles of healing and deliverance.

God will give you that same power today as you submit absolutely to Him, trust Him, obey His Word and become like a little child. You should seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit because this is what Jesus instructed His disciples to do. (Acts 1:4-5 and 8). If they had not obeyed Him then the Christian church would not exist today.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to see miracles come to pass in our lives. We have seen this happen in our own lives.

Please be encouraged. The Word of God can be a tremendous encouragement to us and build up our faith in Jesus. You should take time every morning to read the Bible using a Bible plan that takes you through the Bible in one year. As you do so your faith will grow exponentially as you believe what you are reading. You should also attend a church which believes the Bible.

You should read the Bible which has been correctly translated by up to 150 scholars such as the NIV, NKJV and others. I always tell people never to use "The Message" which is not a Bible and was written by one man. It takes most sin out of the Bible and will deceive you. More information is on this website.

So therefore trust God absolutely, believe that He can do anything, submit absolutely to Him like a little child, obey Him and then step out in faith believing for the miracles to occur in your life. They will happen!

Only believe!

For nothing is impossible with God!

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