



### Today's Sermons

Morning: What If...?

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## Jesus' Plan For Our Salvation

**HEAR**

“... He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...”  
– John 5:24

**CONFESS CHRIST**

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my father which is in heaven.”  
– Matthew 10:32

**BELIEVE**

“... For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”  
– John 8:24

**BE BAPTIZED**

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned.”  
– Mark 16:16

**REPENT**

“I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”  
– Luke 13:3

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” – John 5:48

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**Times of Services:**  
Sunday  
Bible Study:... 10:00am  
AM Worship...11:00am  
PM Worship:...6:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday  
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
Sunday:.....7:30am  
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**We Extend A  
Warm & Cordial  
Welcome  
To All Our  
Visitors!**

**FIVE THINGS THAT GOD DOES NOT DO**  
Roger D. Campbell

“If the God of heaven truly is all-powerful, then He can do anything. Didn’t Jesus say that with God all things are possible?” The truth is, the Bible does describe the God of heaven as “*the Lord Almighty*” (2 Corinthians 6:18). And, yes, Jesus did proclaim that in the matter of being saved, “*with God all things are possible*” (Matthew 19:26). But, there are some things that God does not do because they are against His nature. There are yet other actions that He does not take because they are not in mankind’s best interest. What are some things that God does not do?

First, God does not lie. Feeble, deceptive man is no match for the integrity of God. In Titus 1:2 we read about Him described as “*God, that cannot lie.*” If God says it, then you know it is true. Since God is always true to His word, the Bible says, “*God is faithful*” (1 Corinthians 1:9).

Second, God does not stop caring about people despite the sins that they commit. Make no mistake about it: God hates all forms of unrighteousness and holds us accountable for all of our actions (Hebrews 1:9). But, He keeps on loving those that transgress His will. The Bible says, “*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8). We might offend God, hurt God, and even anger Him, but His love toward us does not change. What an amazing Being He is!

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Third, God does not get fooled. A person might fool some folks some of the time, but he can never fool all the people all of the time. When it comes to God, no one fools God, ever! *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked”* (Galatians 6:7). Those things that some people think that they have kept hidden as secrets – well, there *are no secrets* before Jehovah! Because God knows all things (1 John 3:20), there is no “pulling the wool over” God’s eyes.

Fourth, God does not act contrary to what He has revealed to us in the Bible. God’s word, the Bible, is truth (John 17:17). Because He is the *“LORD God of truth”* (Psalm 31:5), God always acts in harmony with truth. In view of that, we should never ask Him to do anything that goes against what He has told us in the Bible. For instance, in 2 Thessalonians 1:8,9 we read that those *“that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ”* will be punished with everlasting destruction. Because that is true, I must not ask Him to do otherwise (or even in the back of my mind that He will), because it will not happen.

Fifth, God does not reject anyone that comes to Him on His terms. What color is my skin? What is my nationality? What is my religious background? What is my gender? When it comes to the salvation of a person’s soul, none of these matters has one iota to do with it. You see, God wants every person to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), regardless of where they came from, what they look like, or how their life’s history reads! Jesus said, *“Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest”* (Matthew 11:28).

The Lord’s invitation is for all – whosoever will, let him come! The only way to have our past sins forgiven by the blood of Jesus is to come on the conditions that He sets forth in His word. It is not our will, but God’s that must be done. The New Testament teaches that in order to be saved, a lost person must believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30,31), repent of past sins (Acts 2:38), confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:10), and be immersed in water (Acts 22:16). After one becomes a Christian, the Lord wants him to live faithfully, trusting in and living for the Lord God. And, as we have seen, there really are some things that God does not do.

### **FIVE THINGS THAT THE GOSPEL OF THE CHRIST CANNOT DO**

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Man’s true hope of going to heaven through Jesus is revealed in the gospel. Yet, there are some things that the gospel cannot do. Here are five of them.

(1) The gospel cannot save a person that is determined to live in rebellion against God. The gospel has the power to make believers and save obedient believers (Romans 1:16,17), but it cannot save those that will not repent of their past sins and submit to God’s word.

(2) The gospel cannot help a troubled marriage as long as both spouses refuse to hear and heed what the gospel says. The New Testament has specific, helpful instructions for every wife and every husband (Ephesians 5:22-33). When such teaching is carried out properly, marriages will not only survive, they will bloom. But, as long as neither spouse is

willing to do things God’s way, the gospel cannot help their situation.

(3) The gospel cannot do the work of the church. The church must go and preach the gospel because the gospel does not preach itself (Mark 16:15). The gospel tells us to help the needy, but the gospel itself cannot feed the needy. God’s gospel can motivate Christians to be compassionate, but His children must step up and share their bounty. The gospel contains complete instructions that can strengthen and equip the church, but the gospel itself cannot take what Christians have learned and teach it to others so that they, too, can teach. The task of training faithful workers belongs to saints (2 Timothy 2:2).

(4) The gospel cannot serve as a substitute for prayer. The same Savior that tells us to preach the gospel also tells us to pray (Luke 18:1). The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that the gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), but He also led that same apostle to pray for opportunities to preach the gospel (Colossians 4:2,3). We live the gospel, teach the gospel, and defend the gospel, but we still bring our petitions and thanksgiving before our heavenly Father in prayer (Philippians 4:6,7). The gospel is great, but it cannot take away the need to pray.

(5) The gospel cannot take the place of faith. “We have the gospel. What else could we need?” It is true that faith comes by hearing God’s word (Romans 10:17), and it is equally true that the word of God can build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). However, we must not be deceived into thinking, “Hey, we have the gospel, so why do I need to have faith?” Faith is man’s proper response to the gospel message. The faith which pleases God is the faith that acts by love (Galatians 5:6). There is no benefit or consolation in having several copies of the Bible in our house if we are not going to put its teaching to use in our lives. It is still true that *“without faith it is impossible to please”* God (Hebrews 11:6) and *“The just shall live by faith”* (Hebrews 10:38).

I am so thankful that precious people taught me the gospel. I thank God for the power of the gospel to change people’s lives and people’s eternal destiny. But, like we have seen, there are some things that even the gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot do.

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*“Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me” (Matthew 11:4-6).*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jan 14 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 pm Worship
- Jan 28 – Song Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell