

A Dead Religion or a Live Relationship II?

Mark 11:22-25; II Corinthians 5:7

We began a process last week on discovering how to have a live relationship in Jesus Christ. I asked the question, "Do you want a dead religion or a live relationship?" The overwhelming attitude of us all is that we want a live relationship with Almighty God. God's Word tells us that the enemy of our souls is a liar and he is actually the father of all lies. (John 8:44) He is called a deceiver, but even more than this, he has been defeated and has no authority over the men or women of God who walk in faith with the risen Savior.

The Lord is Truth! His Word is true! Whatever He has given His Word on is ours. When we understand and believe that God's ultimate purpose in our having faith in Him is to be blessed and to bless someone else then nothing is impossible.

Let's embrace a live relationship with God in Christ!

I. Jesus didn't put any _____ on faith in God. He simply said whoever - whatever.

A. Four questions to ask yourself:

1. Do I believe, trust in, and rely on Him as my _____ for everything that pertains to my blessed life?
2. Is He the source of my salvation, _____ health, provision, and relationships?
3. Do I trust Him to bring only His best into _____ areas of my life?
4. Do I trust Him to carry me through when life's _____ show up?

B. My faith in God - my _____ in the truth that what He says, He will do - is absolutely all I need.

C. Whatever He has given His _____ on, is mine.

II. Faith _____ what He wants to give.

A. When somebody offers a gift to us on a table we take it. This is what we have to do with every _____ and _____ gift that God has laid for us in His Word.

B. We received salvation this way so what holds us back from receiving _____?

C. Sometimes we have to take it by _____!
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III. When we are facing a challenge listening to the Devil can cause us to either delay or _____ the blessing God has for us.

A. Three lies of the Devil:

1. You are not _____.
2. You are not _____.
3. God doesn't mean *me* when He says, "_____."

Conclusion

1. We develop a live relationship by listening to Him all the time, by _____ the Word preached, and by _____ time in it.
2. When we _____ faith that is built on His Word to our situation we can receive all that He promises.
3. How do we receive provision? We hear it _____, we _____ about it in the Bible, and then we _____ it.

