

"Walk This Way"
Mark 2: 1 - 12
December 6, 2014

The Only Message We Have Is The Promised Regeneration Of The Spirit Of Christ Bringing Salvation, (vs. 1: 8)

Message Emphasis: Many today simply do not except the things of Christ by faith. For many, any belief must be based upon some tangible manifestation of supernatural power whether it is miraculous or otherwise. We MUST understand that faith is the necessary prerequisite to any restored relationship with God.

There Is ONLY One Authority; The Power Of The Gospel To Forgive Our Sin, (vs. 1 - 12)

- Receiving the Gospel's power is ONLY by faith, (vs. 5)

And when Jesus SAW (Aor.Act.Part) their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are FORGIVEN (Prs.Pas.Ind)."

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith." (Hebrews 11:6-7, ESV)

"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13, ESV)

- Receiving the Gospel's power is hindered by our own self righteousness, (vs. 6 - 7)

Now some of the scribes were SITTING (Pres.Act.Part) there, QUESTIONING (Pres.Act.Part) in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can FORGIVE (Pres.Act.Inf) sins but God alone?"

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. I do not receive glory from people. But I know that you do not have the love of God within you." (John 5:39-42, ESV)

- Receiving the Gospel's power MUST be based upon Christ's authority alone, (vs. 10-11)

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth TO FORGIVE (Pres.Act.Inf) sins" – he said to the paralytic – "I say to you, RISE (Pres.Act.Impv), PICK UP (Pres.Act.Impv) your bed, and GO (Pres.Act.Impv) home.

"though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:13-16, ESV)

*****How Do I Receive The Regeneration Of Christ's Spirit? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you receive the power of the Gospel in the forgiveness of your sins.