

Things That Are Possible And Impossible With God

There are things we think impossible only to be proven wrong. Before Wilbur and Orville Wright, people said man could not fly. Now we know better. Before the 1960s it was thought space travel and going to the moon was impossible. Those things were hard to accomplish but not impossible.

The word, "Impossible" means, unable to exist, happen, to be done, incapable of being true. There are some things that can not be true or will never happen.

For instance, Heb 6:18 states, "in which it is impossible for God to lie." The very nature of God is truth. "The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether" (Psalms 19.9). Whatever God says is true. Therefore, as we read the Bible we know God will do exactly as He says.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11.6). Man must believe in God and His word to please Him. It is not enough to simply do what the Bible says like a trained animal, man must give God his heart. To confess Christ as the Son of God means we must accept Him in our heart, Romans 10. 9-10. Romans 10.17 tells us how we develop our faith, by hearing the word of God. To please God we must hear and believe His Word.

It is impossible for those who have obeyed God's word and become a Christian to be saved if they quit serving Him. "4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves

the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." (Hebrews 6). Christians in the first century were persecuted. Some were tempted to quit serving God and go back to their former religions. This caused them to lose any hope of salvation. Jesus is God's only and best sacrifice for our sins. There is nothing else to wash away our sins. We can not offer an animal sacrifice or create a better system of redemption. First century Christians obeyed the gospel and knew salvation was in Christ. To become unfaithful caused them to be lost. Their only hope was to repent and turn back to Christ.

There are things we think impossible but are possible with God's help.

Who ever heard of a woman, a virgin, giving birth to a child? It never happened before the birth of Jesus. The Holy Spirit told Mary she would have a Child, Luke 1.31. "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" (Verse 34) In other words, it was impossible. Was this really impossible? God created the whole world in only six days, Genesis 1. He parted the Red Sea to save the Israelites and then drowned the Egyptian army in the Sea. He caused the walls of Jericho to fall down. To have the Son of God be born of a virgin with God is possible. The Laws of Nature do not have dominion over God.

One time a man came to Jesus wanting to become a disciple. Christ told him to sell all his possessions, give the money to the poor, and follow Him. The man went away sad because he was wealthy. Jesus said it is hard for a rich man to enter heaven. His disciples responded by asking, "Who then can be saved?" (Mark 9.26). In response Jesus said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God" (Mark 9.27). There are times we read the Bible and wonder who can possibly be good enough to go to heaven? By ourselves we will not make it to heaven. We can not be good enough, or perfect enough to please God on our own. That is why Jesus came and died on the cross. He paid the debt of sin

so we can have forgiveness, Romans 6.23. When we listen and have enough faith to believe and obey God, heaven is possible. In fact, God promises a home with Him if we are faithful and true to His word.

This week in our Vacation Bible School we will learn about the great power of God. He was able to take a man by the name of Saul, a man that persecuted Christians, and turn him into a great evangelist. God used Peter to preach to Cornelius. What can He do with us? We will read of a great prison escape and the power of prayer in the third lesson. Lesson four is the "yes we can" lesson. We can overcome discouragement and adversity with His help. Finally, lesson five will teach us to have God as our anchor in the storm of life. We hope everyone will be here for each night and bring someone with you.- - Dennis Tucker