

Sermon Notes

Miracle Life - 1John 5:13

December 28, 2025

I. Introduction

Do you believe in Jesus? Then, dismiss your fears. You shall be saved. Are you still an unbeliever, then remember there is but one door, and if you will not enter by it, you will perish in your sins. CH Spurgeon

- a. not sure this qualifies as a Christmas message... so either I'm late for 2025 or early for 2026... either way... the topic of this message is definitely a miracle... pray...
Matt 11:1-15... "are you the One we've been expecting, or should we keep looking..."
Mark 8:27-30... "who do people say I am... but you, who do you say I am..."
Luke 22:66-70... "are you the Messiah... and He said, if I tell you, you will not believe..."
John 4:25-26... "when the Messiah comes, He will explain everything... I am He..."

362 days until Christmas. 8,688 hours. 521,280 minutes. 31,276,800 seconds.

II. Miracle Life

- a. faith and belief are probably two of the most important words in all Christianity... very similar, but different... faith is always a noun... belief is always a verb...
Rom 4:13-25... "promise is by faith... according to grace... guarantee to all *children*..."
Phil 3:9... "righteousness thru faith in Christ... comes on the basis of faith..."
Heb 11:1... "faith is the reality of what is hoped for... proof of what is not seen..."
pistis (n-227)... conviction of the truth of anything; belief...
John 6:29... "this is only work God wants from you... believe in the One He has sent..."
Rom 1:16-17... "gospel... the power of salvation... to everyone who believes..."
Gal 3:6... "Abraham believed God... it was credited to him as righteousness..."
pisteu (v-218)... think to be true; place confidence in; trust Jesus is able to do it...
- b. use human illustration to try and simplify this... gift cards to Scheels... price has already been paid for me to redeem these... have to go to a specific place to do that (faith)... not Cabelas, Runnings, or the Exchange... must know they have actual value and are mine before I can receive the blessings... they are no good until I actually use them (belief)...
Psa 119:130... "teaching of Your word gives light... gives understanding to the simple..."
2Cor 11:3... "I fear... your minds may be corrupted from simplicity in Christ..."
- c. God has given you gift cards for everything... peace, healing, life, hope, strength, acceptance, inheritance, forgiveness, supply, wisdom... everything fully paid for... He is simply waiting for you to redeem them... but the only place they are valid is in Christ...
Isa 26:3... "He will keep in perfect peace... those whose minds are fixed on Him..."
Luke 6:19... "healing power went out from Him... He healed everyone..."
Rom 8:2... "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from sin and death..."
2Cor 1:10... "we have put our hope in Him..."
2Cor 1:21... "it is God who strengthens us... in Christ..."
Eph 1:6... "we are accepted... in the Beloved..."
Eph 1:11... "in Him... we have received an inheritance..."
Eph 4:32... "forgive one another... just as God, in Christ, forgave you..."
Phil 4:19... "my God will supply all your needs... according to His riches in Christ..."
2Tim 3:15... "He is able to give you wisdom... thru faith in Christ..."
Rom 11:36... "because everything comes from Him and exists by His power..."

- d. peace doesn't come from golfing... healing doesn't come from medicine... life doesn't come from family... strength doesn't come from the gym... acceptance doesn't come from social media... supply doesn't come from your job... those are all good things... but those gift cards are only valid in one location... in Christ...
Rom 3:24... "they are justified freely by His grace thru the redemption in Christ..."
Rom 15:17... "therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus..."
Eph 1:3... "blessed is our God... who has blessed us with every blessing in Christ..."
- e. can be *in Christ* (faith)... redeem gift cards (belief) in some areas and not others... hope, but not forgiveness... peace, but not wisdom... supply, but not healing... what then...
Rom 10:14-17... "how can they believe without hearing... how can they hear unless someone tells them... faith comes by hearing... hearing Good News about Christ..."
- f. one last Christmas miracle... eternal life... only comes thru faith (n) by believing (v)...
John 3:15-36... "everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life... will not perish..."
John 5:24... "anyone who believes in Him... has eternal life..."
John 6:40-47... "everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life... I assure you..."
Acts 15:10-11... "we believe we are saved thru the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ..."
Acts 16:30-31... "believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved..."
Rom 3:20-26... "apart from law... righteousness of God thru faith in Jesus... to all who believe..."
Rom 10:9-10... "believe in your heart... and you will be saved..."
1Cor 1:21... "God was pleased to save those who believe..."
1John 5:13... "written... believe in the name of Jesus... know you have eternal life..."
pisteu... think to be true; place confidence in; trust Jesus is able to do something; saving faith...
- g. how does a person receive the miracle of eternal life... must come to a place of faith... then believe and trust He can do it... not belief + baptism... belief + works... belief + church... belief + anything... Jesus + nothing = everything... but how long does that life last...
Psa 119:142... "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness..."
Dan 9:24... "the Messiah... will bring in everlasting righteousness..."
John 14:6... "I am THE way, truth, life... no one comes to the Father except thru Me..."
Rom 5:21... "grace reigns thru righteousness... resulting in eternal life..."
1Tim 1:16... "those who would believe in Him for eternal life..."
owlam/aion... forever, everlasting; always; continuous, perpetual, unending...
- h. eternal is eternal... nothing changes that... not based on your behavior, but His...
Rom 5... "thru one man's obedience... gift from Jesus... many will be made righteous..."
Rom 6... "obedience of Jesus leads to righteousness... and the gift of eternal life..."
Gal 3:28... "neither Jew nor Greek... slave or free... male or female... all one in Christ..."
- i. salvation is secure... God says your belief determines your behavior... the devil wants you to believe your behavior determines your belief... doubters are not able to receive...
Rom 1:7... "to all in Rome... loved by God... called as saints..."
1Cor 1:2... "to the church... made holy by Jesus... called as saints..."
James 1:6-8... "ask in faith without doubting... doubter should not expect to receive anything..."
- j. what is your greatest need today... come to a place of faith (n)... then believe Jesus is able to do that thing (v)... Word works effectively when you trust in Him... pray...
John 3:27... "no one can receive anything... unless it is given from heaven..."
Rom 5:17... "receive overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... reign in life thru Christ..."
Rom 8:17-32... "if children, then heirs... been freely given all things..."
Col 3:24... "knowing you will receive the reward of an inheritance... in Christ..."
1Thess 2:13... "the word of God... works effectively in you who believe..."
lambano... take in order to use; take what is one's own; seize; not refuse or reject...