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Hebrews 4:2, “*For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it].*”

November is here and before the year is over there will be many family gatherings. Along with everyone coming together there will be abundant food at family meals. Sometimes a person will have a special dish they only prepare once per year. Maybe it’s a special pie, casserole, or a surprise they’ve been working on.

The cook would be greatly disappointed if the dish they’ve worked so hard on didn’t taste just right. What if it even tastes bad? Sometimes that happens and the cause can usually be traced back to the ingredients.

If you cook, perhaps you have had to use an “off brand” of an ingredient and the dish was just not the same. How often have you had to send someone to the store to get an ingredient that you have just run out of? You do this because it’s important to have the right ingredients. Substitutes will not create the same dish.

Why do some people hear the gospel, respond favorably and become productive members of the LORD’s church and others do not? There are others who hear the very same message at the same time, yet they are not receptive to the message.

Some people hear the gospel every week, but for many it simply doesn’t profit them. It doesn’t do any good for them because it’s not mixed with faith. Just as your special dishes have to be mixed with the right ingredients in order to produce the results and taste you want, the gospel must be mixed with faith.

Romans 10:17, “*So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” If you want to have faith, you must hear the word of God. Some people will never let themselves be exposed to the word of God beyond a few minutes. Most everyone knows something about the Bible, but it’s not enough to build faith. Some people are exposed to false teaching. That will not build faith.

When cooking you might have to send out for more ingredients. You want to make sure the person you send to the store gets the correct ingredients. In the same way, to build faith you need more exposure to the word of God. You also need to make sure what you are hearing is the truth.

Let’s be like those in Berea. We are told in Acts 17:11, “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*” Those in Berea were making sure what they heard was indeed the word of God.

Read and study often. You will find your faith growing. The gospel must be mixed with faith. The LORD provides the gospel. It’s up to us to mix in the faith.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, and Linda Terry. Larry Compton** continues to recover from having

his retina replaced and a lens inserted in his eye.

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Hebrews 11:1, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

In the previous article we talked about how faith has to be mixed with the gospel like an important ingredient in your cooking. We see from Hebrews 11:1 how vital faith is. We all hope for Heaven. It’s a place we’ve never seen. Yet, we totally believe and have no doubt of Heaven after this life for the faithful.

Faith is a vital ingredient. Unlike when some cooks might have a “secret ingredient,” it’s no secret how faith is such a vital ingredient for us in our spiritual lives. It’s what gives us hope and the evidence of things we cannot see.

A few verses later we are told in Hebrews 11:6, *“But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Without faith, there is no way we can please God. As we talked in the first article, we must have faith mixed with the Gospel. The way we obtain faith is by hearing the word of God. The gospel will save us, but only if we mix it with faith.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, October 30, 2022		
Classes	15	Matthew 25:57-75
Preaching	23	I Timothy 6
Contribution	\$735.25	
Evening	6	Hosea 7-8
Tuesday, November 2, 2022		
Classes	16	Galatians 5

Visitors— Nov 2 (Wed) Emma Biggs (LeGrande, KY); Linley Reynolds (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

Ephraim was what not turned?

Last Week’s Answer— In His sight (Hosea 6:2)

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith , praying in the Holy Ghost.”

—Jude 1:20

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)