

**Thank you again...Mark Reeves!
Speaker for Today**

**ATTENTON!
Upcoming Events**

*October 11...Gospel Meeting Prep...WORKDAY!
October 18...Memorial Service for Karen Brown
October 26-29...Fall Gospel Meeting*

Great News...The Power of the Gospel

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September Birthdays

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales
16 Jim Burruss 30 Kurt Hoffman

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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*“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding.”
Proverb 3:5*

- **“Fight the good fight”**
- **“Keep the faith”**
- **“Finish the course”**

Faith Cometh By Hearing

By David Hersey

According to the Bible, *“faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* (Romans_10:17). Many who misunderstand faith believe it is merely a mental acknowledgment of one’s belief in Jesus as the Son of God. But God’s Word shows that faith is believing and heeding the information God has revealed. Because we believe this information, we are then inclined to follow the instructions that it presents.

Hebrews chapter 11 describes various actions individuals took by faith. When we examine these actions closely, we see that they were following instructions that were provided to them. They received information and then adhered to the instructions that came from it. As a result, they accomplished these acts by faith.

For instance, by faith, Moses forsook Egypt; he was instructed to do so. By faith, he kept the Passover, which he was also told to do. By faith, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, following instructions they had received. And by faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, as they were told. None of these actions accomplished by faith would have

resulted in the blessings they received if they had not heeded God's instructions. God provided them with information that included instructions to be followed. By faith they obeyed.

When we read our Bible and understand that faith refers to the information God has provided, complete with instructions, our understanding of faith will become much clearer. Notice that the gospel was made known to all nations for the obedience of faith (Romans 16:26), indicating that faith includes information accompanied by commandments we are expected to obey.

The Butterfly Author Unknown

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings

so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes, struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We could never fly.

Do Not Preach Any Other Gospel!

(Galatians 1:6-9)

Mike Johnson

In Galatians 1, Paul said he marveled because the Galatians were "turning away so soon" to "a different gospel." He also pointed out there were some who had troubled them and wanted to pervert the gospel of Christ. Then (v. 8) he warned, *"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preached any other gospel to you, than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."* The word translated "accursed" (anathema) is a strong word and refers to deliverance to divine wrath or destruction. If the apostles, an angel, or "anyone" (v. 9), preached a different gospel, Paul said, "let him be accursed." There is only one gospel, and no one should try to change it. Authority from God's Word is essential for any belief or practice, and we have no right to pervert the teaching of God's Word.

Excuses

Perhaps too many of us are like the two men who went quail hunting on Sunday morning. One said, "We are liable to go to the devil for going hunting when we ought to be at Church." The other replied, "Well, I couldn't have gone anyway, because I have a sick child at home."
