



Calling Things That Be Not

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Introduction

✠ God calls those things that be not as though they were. This is a faith key that will unlock many doors. In this study we are going to look into what this means and how it applies to us in our everyday life. This truth has been abused greatly by some, however, it is a truth that will bring much victory in the believers life if used correctly.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. KJV

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. KJV

✠ In order to fully grasp what it means to call those things that be not as though they were we must first have a good understanding of the timelessness of God. Our Father has no beginning and no ending for He is the beginning and the ending. He is, and He was, and He is to come. Our mind has difficulty comprehending timelessness because everything we see and feel is connected and controlled by time. In our small everyday world everything has a beginning and an ending. Don't try to judge the ways of God with your five physical senses. Eternity is what is real, not this temporary, changing life we now live in. The only thing that makes this life so very important is that our eternal destiny is decided here.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: KJV

✠ We were chosen in Him before the worlds were formed. God knew your name before Adam was created. We must learn God's ways instead of trying to fit God into our little finite concept of Him. Let's follow His ways, it is a lot more exciting. All things are possible to the believer.

Romans 4:16-21

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.



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Romans 4:22-25

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. KJV

✠ When God speaks it becomes law, His Word is final authority. Time nor distance has any effect over God's Word. As soon as God speaks it becomes a fact in the spirit world. Remember there are times and seasons for every purpose under heaven. In most cases it takes awhile for the world of the natural to conform to God's Word. It all starts by God making a declaration of His will, He proclaims what the end result will be instead of proclaiming what already exists. Much of the time what we see or feel doesn't agree with God's Word. Lets walk this process out step by step using Abraham's life as an example. Abraham was without an heir and in the natural there was no way he could have an heir without a miracle from God. God appeared to Abraham and said "I have made you the father of many nations." As far as God was concerned it was a fact [finished, settled] at this point. The Amplified Bible says "God speaks of the non existent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed." We serve a timeless God, the sooner we understand this the sooner we will learn how to get consistent results believing His Word. God gave His Word to Abraham, then it was up to Abraham to receive and believe what God said instead of believing what the circumstances were saying to him. If Abraham's faith was based on what he could see or feel he would have had no hope. Instead he chose not to stagger at the promise [Word] of God through unbelief. Abraham was strong in faith because he didn't consider the circumstance. He gave glory to God and was fully persuaded that the Word of God was already a fact. Abraham is called the father of our faith. Study every detail of his faith and pattern your faith after his. God counted Abraham's faith as righteousness.

2 Corinthians 4:13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, NIV

✠ God calls those things that be not as though they were and if you are going to agree with God you will have to call those things that be not as though they were as well. The spirit of faith speaks according to what it believes and what it believes is God's Word, not the circumstances. When we speak what we believe instead of what we see or feel it will look to the natural man as if we are lying. Never use your five physical senses to judge whether the Word is working or not, this will result in failure to receive the promise. Most Christian's have their faith based on what they feel and see. If I feel sick then I must be sick, if I feel weak I must be weak. Our faith must be based upon the Word not upon what our feelings or what the circumstances are telling us.



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† If you expect to receive the promise, the Word must become a greater truth to you than what your senses are telling you. When you choose to believe what is seen instead of what is spoken you are staggering at the Word of God through unbelief. Doing this will not bring any glory to God. Considering the circumstances instead of the Word will guarantee failure. "NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." (Heb 11:1)

Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. KJV

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: KJV

† Is hath past, present or further tense? Hath means, He has already done it.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. KJV

† The NIV reads. "...by his wounds you have been healed." Healing is a fact, God is not going to heal you someday, as far as God is concerned He has already made every provision for your health. It is up to us to mix faith with the promise and receive it into this temporal world. God doesn't heal some and refuse to heal others. The same is true concerning the new birth. God doesn't pick and choose who will receive sonship, it is up to us to receive the provision. God provided salvation [4991 soteria] 2000 years ago the day Jesus died on the cross. It is up to us to receive the provision by faith. The day you were born again is not the day it was provided. The day you were born again was the day you received the provision. Healing works exactly the same way. Don't allow the devil to steal anything that God has provided. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) If you ever get confused about who the killer, stealer and destroyer is read John 10:10. The King James version says Jesus came "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Being full of fear, confused, sick and broken hearted is not abundant life. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us so that the blessing of Abraham might come on us by receiving the promise through faith.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation [soteria] to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. KJV



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† We have been wrongly taught that salvation means only to be born again. The new birth is only one part of salvation. We have been saved [delivered] from every curse that came on mankind the day Adam through disobedience gave up his dominion to Satan. The gospel is the power of God unto rescue or safety from physical or moral destruction. To be saved is to be delivered, healed, born again, freed from fear, torment and poverty. Jesus provided the way to escape from any and all of the devil's devices. Jesus conquered death, hell and the grave. He shed His own blood in order to provide complete and total restoration [justification] back to God. It is up to us to receive by faith what He shed His blood to provide.

† **soteria - rescue or safety (physically or morally): deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.**

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. NIV

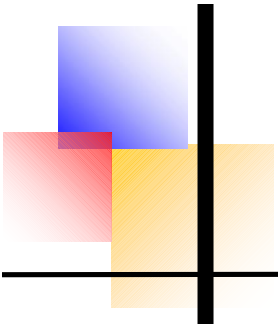
Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. KJV

† Adam inherited death the day he sinned. It was death that produced spiritual, physical, moral and financial destruction. Satan is the author of death, destruction and torment of every type.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. KJV

† It is important to remember that there is a time and a season to every purpose under heaven. Receiving the promise [soteria] of God seldom happens instantly. The promise [soteria] is received through faith and patience. During this standing or waiting time is where patience, perseverance, character, maturity and experience is developed. You won't see the promise with your physical eyes until due season arrives and only God knows when due season will come. Never give up, for due season may be only one hour away.



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Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. KJV

✠ We will reap in due season if we don't become weary and faint. First God will reveal a truth or promise out of His Word to us, next the Holy Spirit will prompt us to receive the promise by faith. At this stage we are very excited because the Word has been quickened [made alive] and faith came because we heard the Word. If we ever expect to see the promise we must at this point make a decision to stand on the Word no matter how long it takes. There is a time and a season for every purpose under heaven. It is during this standing time that we are tempted to become weary and faint. If you expect to ever see the promise you have to start with the Word, stay on the Word and end on the Word. Things just don't automatically happen because you find a promise in the Bible. You will have to stand for every revelation and receive it by faith. The power of the Christian walk is in consistency and perseverance and by believing the Word of God.

Isaiah 40:28-30

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

✠ We are tempted to faint, but God doesn't faint nor does He become weary. It is His desire to increase strength and give power to the faint. When we are in the standing time waiting for due season we will need to draw upon His power so that we will not become weary and faint. His promise to us is that He will increase strength to those that have no might. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." We must learn to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. God doesn't expect us nor has He asked us to be strong in ourselves. Every believer must learn how to draw upon God's strength and power.

Isaiah 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. KJV

31 But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired. AMP



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✠ Waiting [seeking, looking] for Him, sitting at His feet expecting Him to show Himself strong on your behalf will cause your strength and power to be renewed. Then and only then will we be able to run and not be weary and walk and not faint or become tired.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. KJV

✠ We are to rejoice evermore, not just when things are going good.

James 1:2-4

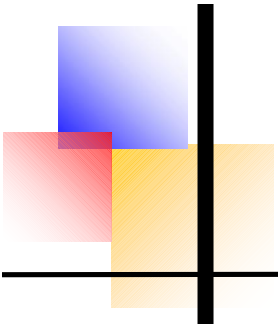
2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. NIV

✠ We have to count it joy in the middle of tests and trials of every kind. We know that the joy of the Lord is our strength. After having done all to stand, stand. Put on the whole armor of God praying always.

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; KJV

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. KJV



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Study Questions

1. According to Ephesians 1:4 who was chosen before the foundation of the world?
2. What does it mean to believe according to that which is spoken?
3. In your own words comment on how 2 Corinthians 4:13 applies to your everyday life as a believer.
4. T or F. Based on the instructions given in Joel 3:10 you would be lying if you confess you are strong when according to your flesh you are weak.
5. What is the definition of the Greek word soteria?
6. If you are tempted to faint during the standing time what does the Word instruct us to do?
7. Complete the following verse. "Rejoice in the..."
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?

Extra Blessing

(Study to show yourself approved unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

David in 2 Kings, the Shunammite women in 1 Samuel, and Jesus in the book of Luke all called those things that be not as thou they were.

Genesis Chapter 15 2 Kings 4:19-26 1 Samuel 17:43-47 Luke 8:52-55