

Text: Various

Title: The Lord's Table and its relation to the Impossible.

Truth: That which is impossible with man was solved in Jesus Christ.

Date/Location: Sunday July 1, 2012 at FBC, evening service
Lord's Table and June 5, 2022 at FBC morning Lord's Table

Introduction

[July 1, 2012] Tom Gibbons and Debbie send 'loving greetings to the entire church family.' They just returned home to Chivilcoy from Maine after Kati's wedding.

[June 5, 2022] David Flinck, Tom & Debbie Gibbons send greetings from our business meetings last week in Fort Lauderdale.

Hymns

364 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

356 Only a Sinner

349 Complete in Thee

I. The Impossible

Consider your own relationship with God—past, present, and future—in terms of the following verses.

1. Job 9:2 – how to be right before God? Impossible.
2. Job 14:4 – to bring clean out of unclean? Impossible. See Hag. 2:12-14.
3. Luke 18:25-26 – entering the kingdom or being saved? Impossible.

4. Jeremiah 13:23 – change your basic appearance? Impossible. So, you cannot change from being accustomed to do evil to do good.
5. Matthew 5:48 – to be perfect like God? Impossible.
6. Ephesians 2:1-3 – dead and in the world? Impossible (omit “He made alive”)
7. Judges 13:22 – see God and live? Impossible. See also Exodus 33:20 and 1 Tim. 6:16.
8. Habakkuk 1:13a – for God to even look on sin? Impossible.
9. Isaiah 64:6 – try to appease God with righteous acts? Impossible.
10. Romans 3:10-11, 19 – avoid the sentence of God against sin? Impossible.
11. Psalm 89:48 – to avoid death and escape Sheol? Impossible.
12. Nahum 1:6 – Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger?
 Malachi 3:2 – “Who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderer’s soap.
 Psalm 130:3 – If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
 Revelation 6:17 – For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?
 No one—it is impossible.

How do you get to heaven? Impossible. How do you wash away sin in your innermost being? Impossible.

Transition: It sort of sounds like Ephesians 2:12 – we were without hope and without God! These things are naturally impossible but supernaturally they are possible (Matt. 19:26).

II. The Solution to the Impossible: The Impossible Made Possible

God overcomes these impossibilities through the work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, applied through the instrumentality of faith.

1. How to be right before God? Romans 1:17.
2. Clean? John 13:10.
3. Enter the kingdom? It is truly impossible, *unless* one is born again, John 3:3.
4. Change your basic character? 2 Corinthians 5:17 should convince you.
5. Perfection? Col. 1:28. Church ministry is accomplishing the impossible. See also 1 Thess. 3:13, 5:23.
6. Dead in sin? But God – Ephesians 2:4-7!
7. See God and live? John 14:9-10. Revelation 22:3-4.
8. God to look on sin? He cleanses it and places it under the blood of Christ, and places around us a robe of righteousness, hiding us in Christ. Isaiah 61:10.
9. Righteousness as filth before God? Romans 5:18 tells us of one man's righteous act that provides the gift of salvation.
10. The same dismal situation that makes every single human being guilty before God also puts all people in a

place where they can be freely justified by His grace (Romans 3:24).

11. Resurrection is the solution to death and the grave. Job 19:25-27; 1 Thess. 4:15. Glorious appearing of Christ is our great hope – Titus 2:13.
12. God is able to make His servant stand before Him – Romans 14:4. 1 Peter 5:12 says that “This is the true grace of God in which you stand.” Other translations render the imperative form of the verb as “Stand fast in it.” Col. 4:12 – Epaphras makes prayer that you would stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

This is all and only because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Conclusion

Some things remain impossible:

- A. If you reject Christ, it is **impossible to be saved** (Hebrews. 6:4).
- B. It is **impossible for God to lie**, so once He promises salvation to all who believe, it cannot become not true (Hebrews 6:18).
- C. It is **impossible for animal sacrifices to take away sins** (Hebrews 10:4). Similarly, Romans 8:3 says that it is **impossible for law-keeping to solve the sin problem**.
- D. **Without faith**, it is **impossible to please God** (Hebrews 11:6).

Hymn 344 My Hope is in the Lord

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