

Believing is Seeing

- We will be teaching today from the Amplified bible.
- The bible is the only real truth.
- It is the inspired word of God.
- Today our subject is - “believing is seeing”

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- How often have we, or someone else said –
- I'll believe it - when I see it - or seeing is believing.
- We live in an age of scientific rationalism where we have come to believe that everything is provable.
- We have been deceived into believing that there is a rational explanation for everything.
- - and that if we don't have an explanation today – then it won't be long before science comes up with one and we won't need God anymore.

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- The unbelieving scientist has no **earthly rational** explanation for what happens when a Born Again, Spirit filled Christian lays hands on a sick person and they get well.
- Legs and arms grow where they didn't previously exist.
- The blind see – the deaf hear.
- Tumours drop off.
- The dead are raised to life.

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- The unbelieving scientist has no explanation because these manifestations are truly supernatural.
- That's - **Super** natural.
- It is outside the natural – other worldly!

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- So! - is it true to say – **seeing is believing?**
- For a Christian the answer is **NO!**
- For a Christian the truth is the other way round.
- We have to first believe in order to see!

- So! - The word of God says:-
- **you'll see it when you believe it!**
- **believe it to see it!**

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- Let's look at a few scriptures.
- [Mark 9:23](#)
- And Jesus said all things are possible to him who **believes!**
- Firstly **believe** and then anything is possible.

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- We must banish doubt and unbelief!
- **Mark 11**
- I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!' - and does not doubt in his heart in God's unlimited power, - but believes that what he says is going to take place, - it will be done for him, in accordance with God's will. >>

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- For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer, in accordance with God's will, believe with confident trust that you have received them, and they will be given to you.

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- Well – **what** do we have to believe?
- We must believe that we have been given power, dominion and authority to set the captives free.
 - – to heal the sick
 - – to cast out demons
 - – and to lead people into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- Are there any signs which will accompany those who have **first** believed?
- [Mark 16:17](#)
- These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues;..... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

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So we firstly **choose** to believe

- then we **trust** that we have what we desire
(God has said YES because it is according to His will – and Jesus already paid for it!)
- then we will get it – because it is legally ours!

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- We trust that God will do what He has said He would do.
- [Matthew 21:22](#)
- And whatever you **ask** for in prayer, having faith *and really believing*, you will receive.
- So the key is **Faith**. Believing Gods word – believing His promises and then stepping out, **taking action** and trusting Him.

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- John 6:29
- Jesus replied, This is the work, the service that God **asks** of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent, that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger. (that's Jesus – He is the key)
- **It's all about choosing to believe, without doubting** - and it's about trusting in God.

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- So we walk by faith – by trusting not in our own ability but trusting, that through us, God will do what He says – - when **we choose to believe.**
- We don't walk by sight – believing because we see – **we walk by faith – seeing as a consequence of first believing!**
- We have the assurance of things hoped for.
- **2 Corinthians 5:7**
- for we walk by faith, not by **sight** -living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises....

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- The key is abiding and living your life based on God's word.
- [John 15:7](#)
- If you live in Me, abide vitally united to Me, and My words remain in you *and* continue to live in your hearts, **ask** whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

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- When we step out, taking authority over a work of darkness, God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, will work with us confirming His word.
- [Mark 16:20](#)
- And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord was working with them and **confirming** the word by the signs that followed.

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- Now let me challenge you!
- Tell me!
- Are **you** a believer ?
- OR are you **an unbelieving believer?**
- Sounds like a contradiction doesn't it!
- Let me explain.

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- **Let's see what His word says in Matthew 17**
- ¹⁴ When they approached the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, kneeling before Him and saying, ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic (moonstruck) and suffers terribly; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.
- ¹⁶ And I brought him to Your disciples, and they were **not** able to heal him." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered, "**You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you?** Bring him here to Me."

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- ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed **at once**.
- ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, “Why could we not drive it out?”
- ²⁰ He answered, “Because of your little faith, **your lack of trust and confidence in the power of God**; for I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, if you have **living** faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and if it is God’s will it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

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- You see the disciples were believers but they were in doubt and unbelief!
- Now you believe Jesus died for you in full payment for your sin debt. You have made your response to that - and you are Born Again –
- BUT – you are not doing the same things that Jesus did because you **don't believe that you can - or that you should?**
- Let's get a few things straight!

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- When we are Born Again (that's Spiritually alive)→
- We need to understand that complete freedom is available, because the battle is already won for us.
- We are blood bought.
- All Satan's curses are broken (including generational curses).
- We are anointed – set apart.
- We are Priests to our King.
- We are His representatives – all power and authority belongs to us, in His name, to work with Him to set the captives free and kick the evidence of the devils work right out of every situation.

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- So we serve Him because we want to - out of **love**.
- We respond to Him - not to earn His acceptance – we already have it.
- We respond to Him - not to pay Him back – we can't – He already paid the full price – it's a free gift.
- We die to self – to our own priorities, to our agenda.
- We serve Him because we love Him.

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- And we must always remember there is an accounting. We are not working to earn a reward
- – but for those with the right motives there **are** Heavenly rewards

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- *2 Corinthians 5*
- ¹⁰ For we believers will be called to account and must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad, that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities.

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- So let's get to it. Jesus wants to build His Church – that is - His body – He wants to build it through YOU and through me.
- And remember
- Luke 1:37
- For with God **nothing is** or **ever shall** **be impossible.**"
- Now let's go bless a few people!