

IT CANNOT BE DONE ... (PART 1)

Acts 5:27-40

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Man Cannot Overthrow The Work Of God.

(Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-33).

- Pharaoh tried to hold the Israelites in bondage, contrary to God's will; Pharaoh failed! (Exodus 5-14)
- Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem tried to stop the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem; they failed! (Nehemiah 4-6)
 - Nehemiah said, "... *they perceived that this work was wrought of our God*" (Nehemiah 6:16).
- The Jews tried to rid the world of Jesus Christ by crucifixion; they failed! (Matthew 27, 28)
- They later tried to stamp out the church and the declaration of the gospel of Christ by bitter persecution; they failed! (Acts 8:1-4)

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Man Cannot Get Away From God. (Psalms 139:7-10).

- Jonah. (Jonah 1:1-3; cf. Hebrews 4:13)
- Men may cry for mountains and rocks to fall upon them. (Revelation 6:16-17)
- Men may attempt to flee from His presence. (Revelation 20:11)
- Yet, both small and great will stand before God and be judged according to their works. (Revelation 20:12-15; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 14:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

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Man Cannot Please God Without Faith. Hebrews 11:6

- Men who were pleasing to God in Bible times were, without an exception, men of faith! (Hebrews 11)
 - One who acts by faith acts in accord with God's word. (Romans 10:17)
 - "... *nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*" (Luke 22:42)
 - Nadab and Abihu. (Leviticus 10:1-2)

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Man Cannot Serve Two Masters. (Matthew 6:24)

- 1 Corinthians 10:21, "... *ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons.*"
- Ephesians 5:7ff, "*Be not ye therefore partakers with them ...*"
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 -17, "*Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers ... Wherefore Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord*"
- cf. Rich Young Ruler. (Matthew 19:16ff)

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Man Cannot Love God And Hate His Brother.

(1 John 4:20- 21; cf. Revelation 21:8)

Man Cannot Truly Love And Not Give. (1 John 3:17-18).

- "*But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? (My) Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.*"
- Love is measured by giving.
- God gave His Son. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8ff)
- Jesus gave His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

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Man Cannot Escape Death

- Psalms 89:48, *“What man is he that shall live and not see death, that shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?”*
- Ecclesiastes 8:8, *“There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death.”*
- Ecclesiastes 9:5, *“For the living know they shall die.”*
- Note: Hebrews 9:27; Luke 12:16ff; 16:19ff
- Like David and Isaac said: *“... there is but a step between me and death”* (1 Samuel 20:3), and *“I know not the day of my death”* (Genesis 27:2).

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Man Cannot Succeed Without Christ. (John 14:6)

- John 5:23, *“He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him.”* (cf. Luke 10:16)
- NOTE: The Vine And The Branches. (John 15:1ff)
- He is our life (Colossians 3:4), savior (Matthew 1:21), hope (1 Timothy 1:1; Colossians 1:27), light (John 8:12), way to the Father (John 14:6), mediator (1 Timothy 2:5), high priest (Hebrews 4:14), example (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 1:21), spiritual healer (Matthew 13:1; 9:10-13), fortification against temptation (Hebrews 2:18), peace (Ephesians 2:11-17), victor (Romans 7:21-8:4; 1 Corinthians 15:53-57), source of living water (John 4:10-14), bread of life (John 6:48), advocate (1 John 2:1), propitiation (1 John 2:2), shepherd (Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 5:4), helper (Hebrews 13:5-6), law-giver (James 4:12; 1 Corinthians 9:21; Hebrews 1:1-2), etc., and He will be our judge (Acts 17:30; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 14: 10; 2 Corinthians 5: 10) and His word will be the standard (John 12:48).

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In the words of the good song:

- *“Without Him I could do nothing; Without Him I’d surely fail.*
- *Without Him I would be drifting like a ship without a sail.*
- *Without Him I would be dying; Without Him I’d be enslaved.*
- *Without Him life would be hopeless, But with Jesus, thank God, I’m saved”* (Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, #295)

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