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John 14: 7: If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

The disciples were troubled with unbelief. So the Lord comforted them with the good news of who he is and the works he accomplished. He declared to them that he is God: one with the Father. Knowing Christ is knowing his Father also. Beholding Christ is beholding his Father.

John 14: 8: Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Phillip's words had to have grieved our Lord. It was the same as saying, "If you would show us the Father, then we would believe you, then we would know you are who you say you are."

John 14: 9: Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? 10: Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

That was a statement of fact—Believest thou not. That was the problem. Unbelief is the worst sin. If we believe not on the Lord Jesus there is no other sacrifice for our sins.

So the Lord declared to them the one message that cures our unbelief—he said, "Believe me." Believe me when I say, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Believe me when I say, "I am in the Father and the Father in me." He gave God the Father the glory for the words he spoke—"The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father..." Notice, he connects his words with his works—the Lord worked the miraculous works through his word, he said, Believe me that "*the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*"

John 14: 11: Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

HIS WORK OF REDEMPTION

The Son of God took flesh. God, who is Spirit, took flesh like his brethren that he came to save that he might redeem us and make us spiritually new. The fact Christ did this should settle our hearts in faith.

1 Timothy 3: 16: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

His people had to be perfect from conception. We were conceived in sin and came forth sinners. But Christ is the Holy One from the womb. He walked this earth always doing that which pleased the Father.

Then at the appointed time, he who knew no sin was made sin for us. He bore the curse and condemnation of the law. He died in place of his people accomplishing our redemption, perfecting us forever. Then he arose from the dead and ascended to the Father and we in him.

All this he did for his people. If we have been given faith—*then believe him or else believe him for his work's sake*—he did this for you who are his.

HIS MIRACULOUS WORKS

Remember, those miracles that our Lord worked when he walked this earth typify the works of grace that Christ has wrought in you who believe.

His first miracle, he turned water into wine

John 2: 6: And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7: Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

Six is the number of man in scripture—we are earthen vessels like these six waterpots. Christ works the miracle of grace in his people. He empties us of all our self-made confidences as he did Naomi and Ruth. By his grace, he turns the water of the word of his gospel into wine within us. He creates a new nature within us. He purges our conscience by the accomplishments of his blood. Doing so, the Lord makes his blood cheer our hearts like wine. The gospel of Christ is the best wine!

He raised the dead—“*Lazarus come forth!*” How did you first believe? By Christ speaking his word through the preaching of the gospel, he quickened you to life. He raised you from the dead.

He cast demons out of a man—by nature, we were that man of Gadera.

Mark 5: 3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

That was us while dead in sins. We lived amongst the dead—amongst other dead sinners, some in religion, some out. False religion tried to tame us but it was all chains of bondage and legal works. We were always cutting ourselves trying to better our lives and save ourselves. We were under the power of the prince of the air—the bondage of the devil, like this man. But Christ spoke the word effectually.

Mark 5: 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit...15: And [when the people came] they saw him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind:

Christ did that for us by his word. He sat us down at Christ’s feet. He gave us faith and clothed us in his righteousness and made us be in our right mind. When our Lord spoke the word, giving us the Spirit, he gave us “*the mind of Christ.*” Then we were in our right mind.

Much more he did. He gave sight to blind, hearing to deaf; made paralyzed men use their limbs that had been impotent. He made us see Christ—“I was blind but now I see.” He made us hear the gospel with new ears. We were lame and he made us leap for joy. When John the Baptist was in unbelief this is what Christ declared to strengthen his faith in him.

Matthew 11: 3: And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4: Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6: And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Our Lord stilled the storm with his word. How have you continued in faith? Been corrected and kept in faith? Who has calmed every storm in your life?

Matthew 8:26: And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

The Lord Jesus knew they had little faith and much unbelief. So he commanded the storm to blow. He brought them to call upon him. Then he commanded the storm to be calm. He did it to strengthen their faith in him. That is why he sends the storm in our lives, believer, then calms that storm in our heart. By it he says, “*Believe me or else believe me for the works sake.*” Is anything too hard for the Lord?

He fed thousands with a few loaves and fish. Who has provided your needs in this life?

Luke 12: 22: And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23: The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment. 24: Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25: And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26: If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27: Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28: If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith? 29: And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30: For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31: But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. 32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

HIS WORKS SINCE GOING TO THE FATHER

John 14: 12: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;

Through faith in Christ, God imputes all Christ works of righteousness to you, believer. All his works were done in righteousness—for his people—and it his righteousness/his works—that God imputes to us.

Yes, after Christ went to the Father, through the apostles he worked physical miracles in men. But they all typified Christ working the miracle of grace in his people through the gospel we preach. He is using you and me who believe him, to declare his word now. And he has worked the same miracle of saving grace in many of his people, right here—in giving them life and faith through the gospel we preach. Get this word—

John 14: 12:...and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Since our Lord Jesus went to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit, greater works than these has his believing people done. Greater works than Christ worked in this earth? Our Savior only quickened and called so many when he walked this earth. But through his believing people, he has called a far greater number since he went to the father. Each one is a miracle of grace, that he worked. Yet, he worked each one through his believing people preaching his word.

We are one with Christ with the Father. Christ prayed to the Father, "*I in them, thou in me, that they be made perfect in one.*" We are so one that concerning the works Christ works for us and in us personally, the the works he works in his people through the gospel we preach, he says we did them, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father.*"

Yet, knowing our oneness with him and that Christ works it all, we say as he did "*the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*"

So beholding all these works that Christ has wrought for us and in us, believe him or else believe him for the very work's sake.

HIS WORKS THROUGH PRAYER

John 14: 13: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

1 John 5: 14: And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Lord has heard us and answered our prayers so many times. So believe him. The Lord Jesus says, "Believe me"—believe Christ—believe Christ right now! He commands, "*Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*" **Amen!**