

Nothing

Introduction

- **This morning I'm not going to preach on anything, which means I am going to preach on nothing!**
1. **Out of nothing God created the world.**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- A. This is the only way to account for creation. It must begin with a self-existent being; He created something out of NOTHING.**
- B. Evolutionists must start with something. Where did that something come from?**
- C. Man can rearrange, re-design, reshape, combine, and separate, but not create; It must already be in existence!**
- D. What did Job say?**

JOB 26:7 He stretches out the north over empty space, And hangs the earth on nothing.

For We Brought Nothing into this World

1 Timothy 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

- 1. We can gain while we are in the world. How is this possible?**
- 2. Godliness with contentment is a great gain!**

1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

- A. Since man can carry nothing out of the world, the purpose of his stay is not a quest for the material; but the spiritual.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

- 1) It's a preparation for another life.**

Amos 4:12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, **Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!**"

- 3. Lose sight of this and you will come up with nothing when you die; the material cannot be taken with you.**

Matthew 6:19-20 **Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Jesus Said, for Without Me You Can Do Nothing

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

1. **Morality minus Christ equals nothing.**

A. **Christ is Savior**

Matthew 1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

B. **Christ is the way**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

C. **His gospel is the power to save.**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

D. **He will save His church.**

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and **He is the Savior of the body.**

Ephesians 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Belief plus Baptism Equals Salvation

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

- 1. One plus one equals two**
- 2. One minus one equals 0**
- 3. Therefore, Belief - Baptism = NOTHING**

Repentance plus Baptism = Remission of Sins

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. As One plus one = 2, but as 1-1 = 0, so Repentance - Baptism = NOTHING**
- 2. Paul the apostle shows us an example of this.**

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? **Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Religious Acts minus Love = Nothing

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1. Faith minus love = NOTHING (1 Corinthians 13:2)
2. Benevolence minus love = NOTHING (1 Corinthians 13:3)
 - A. We should be able to see that God's religion is a doing religion. Take away the works from the heart and we become NOTHING!
3. The first commandment deals with love. The second is like it.
Matthew 22:36-39
4. Love would solve many problems in the church of today.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, **he will keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

1 Corinthians 8:13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, **lest I make my brother stumble**.

If Salt Lost its Savor it Would Be Good for Nothing

1. It seasons, saves, and preserves.
2. A child of God who has lost these qualities is good for NOTHING.
Matthew 5:13

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, **that you may know how you ought to answer each one**.

Destroy the Wisdom of the Wise

1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

- 1. Man's wisdom minus God equals NOTHING.**
1 Corinthians 1:18, 25-27
2 Corinthians 2:9-16
- 2. We need this lesson in the church today. We shouldn't emphasize secular training to the neglect of spiritual training.**

As Having Nothing and Yet Possessing All Things

2 Corinthians 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; **as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.**

- 1. Having nothing means material possessions.**
- 2. Having all things.(the spiritual)**

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ,

Conclusion

- 1. If we lose our souls we have gained absolutely nothing!**
Mark 8:36-37
- 2. We must ensure that we are reading and studying God's Word.**
 - A. To be determined to live for Him each and every day.**
 - 1) Looking forward to an eternity with Him. There is **nothing** worth losing this hope for!**

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