



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—Galatians 6:10

The Context of “With God All Things Are Possible”

by David Sproule

There are certain verses and phrases in the Bible that we know very well, often because of the comfort and reassurance that they bring to us. One such verse is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke. The verses vary slightly in each of the accounts, but they all say basically the same thing, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27; Matt. 19:26; Luke 18:27).

We love that statement from the lips of our Savior! Oh, how fun it is to think that “all things are possible” with God! That makes the imagination run and the smiles come. And, even without a specific context, we could say that statement is true, for God “is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Eph. 3:20). But what is the context of Jesus voicing this assurance?

The rich young ruler came to Jesus to find out what he had to do to “have eternal life” (Matt. 19:16). Jesus told him, “Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor...and come, follow Me” (Luke 18:22). The man went away “very sorrowful, for he was very rich” (Luke 18:23). When Jesus saw that, He told His disciples that it is “hard...for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God. For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (18:24-25). The severity of that illustration really struck His disciples. It would be impossible for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle. Impossible! The disciples “were greatly astonished at His words, saying among themselves, ‘Who then can be saved?’” (Mark 10:26). Is salvation really impossible for man?

When caught astonished at the possibility of the impossibility (in their minds) of anyone being saved, Jesus answered them with that great declaration, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

“With men,” salvation is impossible! Man cannot save himself! Truly salvation is “not of yourselves” (Eph. 2:8). But, what is “impossible” with men is not so with God, because for the all-powerful and all-loving and all-merciful God, “all things are possible,” including saving any and every man from his sins.

That ought to put the severity of our sins into context. It also ought to put the magnitude of the loving sacrifice of our Savior into context! We could NOT be saved without HIM! And when we choose to follow His instructions (unlike the rich young ruler) and make tough decisions “for [His] sake and the gospel’s,” we will “receive a hundredfold” blessing now, “and in the age to come, eternal life” (Mark 10:29-30). What a thought! Yes, with God, our eternal salvation is possible!

Memory Verse

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

October 6, 2024

ELDERS

Mike Beard
Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore
Rusty Rabb

DEACONS

Marty Baker
Seth Baker
Beau Beard
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Meeting Times

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class 67
Sunday AM Worship..... 78
Sunday PM Worship
Wed. Evening 70
Budget \$5,514
Contribution.... \$12,060.71

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Margaret Harris** fell and broke her wrist. She is recovering at home.
- ◇ **Jerry Smith** is home after a few days in the hospital.
- ◇ Remember **Jerry Tolbert**. He is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ◇ **Janet Staudinger** is having surgery on October 11 at Duke University Medical Center. Pray for safe travel also.
- ◇ **Sandra Baker's** aunt, Elizabeth Phillips, passed away.
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** needs continued prayers.
- ◇ **Suzette Russell** is having health problems.
- ◇ **Eddie Don Russell** is managing his heart problems with medicine.
- ◇ **Donnie & Janice Wright** need continued prayers for health problems.
- ◇ **John Rice** will be going to Mayo Clinic in November. Pray that the doctors can get him on a treatment plan that will work.
- ◇ **Matt Wilson**, son of David, is doing very well after surgery
- ◇ **Acacia May**, niece of Becky Rice, needs continued prayers.
- ◇ **Charles Baldrige**, brother-in-law of Janet Staudinger, has prostate cancer that has spread.

DINNER ON THE GROUND

Potluck—Noon Meal—October 13 at Kelly & Anna Koonce Home - 956 Bowser. All are invited. Plates, cups, cutlery and napkins provided.



UAM HOMECOMING!

There is a sign-up sheet in foyer for food for the UAM Homecoming tailgate meal October 12. See Jeremy Wilson for any information about helping! We will need several people to help serve and clean up. We will begin serving food around noon. Game is at 2:00.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12 Whitney Gill

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow Judy Purvis Lyndell Baker
Laverne Potter Betty McGuire Pat Turner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Group 1 (Rusty & Lori Rabb) - Return cards today.
Jim Woodell will be teaching and preaching today and tonight.

THIS WEEK

Ladies Bible Class Wednesday at 10:00

Wednesday nights we will be studying Matthew 5
- Sermon on the Mount

12 - UAM Homecoming tailgate
13 - Noon potluck at Koonce's

NEXT WEEK

19 - Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

REMINDER!!!

Compassion Cards Group 2 (Marty & Sandra Baker) needs to pick up cards in Evangelism room on Wednesday evening to be brought back for mailing next Sunday.

FALL FESTIVAL!

Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off is scheduled for October 26 at 10:00. Meal at 12:00 noon.

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY Heb 8-10
TUESDAY Num 33-36
WEDNESDAY 2 Chron 16-20
THURSDAY Ps 119
FRIDAY Prov 29-30
SATURDAY Micah
SUNDAY Acts 5-6

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

6-Oct Angela Naron
13-Oct Angela Naron
20-Oct Barbara Newton
27-Oct Barbara Newton

OCTOBER

CARDS

Jessica Pettigrew

FOOD

Becky Rice
Jennifer Knight

PENCILS/CARDS

Terry Boykin

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