

## BECAUSE OF JESUS JUNE 24, 2018

### INTRODUCTION – HEBREWS 10 – BECAUSE OF JESUS:

- V16 – We have a covenant with God.
- V17 – Our sins are forgotten.
- V18 – Sin sacrifices have ceased.
- V19-20 – We can access the throne.
- V21 - We have representation.
- V22 – We have a clear conscience.
- V23 – We have a confession of faith.

### HOMOLOGIA – HEBREWS 3:1

It means to say the same thing. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:13** – We believe, speak, hold on to and refuse to let go of what God said. It's more than just parroting someone else.

### ENEMY OR ALLY – PROVERBS 18:21

The mouth can be our worst enemy or greatest ally, depending on what it's connected to: Feelings and emotions or God's Word. Whatever dominates is what our faith is in. The 10 spies vs Joshua and Caleb. Faith in feelings vs faith in what God said. Both were based on truth.

### WHAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE – PHILEMON 1:6

Acknowledge (Epignosis) means a deep knowledge of the facts that comes by study, research and meditation; to gain personal knowledge of what God says. **JOHN 8:31-32** – This means experiential knowledge.

- What we say about ourselves can be based on what we think, others think or what God thinks about us. Paul **INSTRUCTS** us to say what God says, our feelings and emotions **DEMAND** we acknowledge what they say.
- We can be overly critical about our lives, looks, intelligence, weight, skills, abilities and other characteristics and say things that release destructive forces that can enslave us. **PHILEMON 1:6**
- “Effectual” means energized or activated. What we acknowledge is what is activated. This is why we shouldn't give our emotions the key to our mouth.
- Example – A car with a full gas tank has great potential. It goes nowhere until the engine is activated. Until then, it's potential is contained. By using the key to activate the starter and engine, it's potential is unleashed.
- In Christ, we've been loaded with great potential just waiting to be activated. Our tank is full. Our duty is to use the key to activate the starter and engine, so we can unleash the good things God has put in us in Christ. **PROVERBS 23:15-16**
- The key is God's Word, the ignition is our mouth, and by speaking the truth we activate the good things we have in Christ.

### THE REQUIREMENTS

1. Learn the truth by personal study.
2. Get the truth in our heart and mouth. **MATTHEW 15:8**
3. Speak the truth with confidence. **3 JOHN 1:2-4**
4. Refuse to exalt emotional feelings above God's Word. **JOHN 17:17**

### CONCLUSION:

We all have a choice to make. We can live our lives based on what we think or others think of us, or we can discover every good thing in us in Christ and live our lives by acknowledging the higher truths found in God's Word. **MARK 11:23** – A woman diagnosed with incurable bipolar disease, attempting suicide by cutting herself many times, was completely healed when she discovered the truth and shifted her faith from emotional feelings to God's Word.