

## FOUR BIBLICAL IMPOSSIBILITIES

Mark 9:23

**INTRO:** GOD, through His Divine mercy and love has enabled man to achieve many things that at one time seemed impossible. He has allowed man to find the vaccines for major diseases, develop miracle drugs and life saving apparatuses, and allowed man to develop in knowledge as need has demanded. Because of God's goodness man has begun to think that nothing is impossible, and that they no longer need God. YOU know that is not true. There are some things that are still impossible. MARK IT DOWN.....

**1. It is impossible to have success without sacrifice Mark 8:35**

- A. In your business, on your job, in your ministry, in the home or in sports, or any other area,
  - 1) Abraham - called to leave home family, culture and even to offer up his son.
  - 2) To be a successful Christian you must sacrifice -
    - a) Pleasure for *power* - 1 John 2:15; Heb. 11:23; Mt. 6:33
    - b) Time for *eternity* -
    - c) Money for mansions -
    - d) Feelings for unity - Eph. 4:3-13; Phil. 2:4; Psalm. 133:1
    - e) Popularity for principles - *Joseph, Daniel, Jesus*  
Get out of the "every body else is doing it" crowd.

**2. My friend, it is impossible to sin without sorrow**

- A. Proverbs 6:27,28 -
- B. Galatians 6:7,8 -
- C. Ask Adam, Achan; Samson, David, Ananias & Sapphira; Peter.
- D. Just consider the broken homes; crippled churches; ruined lives; They all shout are shouting testimonies of this truth.

**3. It is impossible to have salvation without having Jesus**

- A. This is a day of perverted truth, when the world is trying to unite religiously under one banner ( or no banner ) supposing we are all "sons of God". The Bible speaks quite differently. ( Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:23; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; 5:9-12 )
- B. God, in love, gave His Son -
- C. Christ, in love, gave His life, was buried, sealed, raised, ascended and will return one day, and will judge the world in righteousness.
- D. In spite of the theories of men and religion so often presented
  - 1) There is no salvation in ceremonies - that involve WORKS -

and the Scripture very plainly exclaims that, “...**not by works, lest any man should boast...**” and that we are “**saved by grace through faith**”

- E. A few questions - What work would you do ? When would you start ? How long would you have to do it ? How well would you have to do it? When would you know that you had done enough?
- D. What - Acts 16:31; Why - Acts 4:12; Why -2 Corinthians 6:2; How - Romans 10:9,10,13

**4. It is impossible to have a good testimony without service**

- A. Service to or for Christ is to be executed through a N. T. church.
  - 1) Reason for public profession of your faith & baptism
  - 2) Reason for the existence of the N. T. church  
So that believers can be encouraged and organized to serve together
  - 3) Reason for Sunday School - so believers can learn how to serve in a scriptural manner
  - 4. Reason for the Bible - so that we can learn to serve correctly - James 3:13-18