PREACH THE WORD

2 Timothy 2-4
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NOTHING

This word is a word of great value altho its meaning is just what it said, nothing. God in his word and work used this word many times to express thoughts and make us understand his ways for his way is above our way and his thoughts are not our thoughts so it is necessary that we get the most out of the expression of the word. God created the world out of nothing. Gen. 1-1-2 and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the deep. This is the only way to account for the creation, a self existing being who created something out of nothing all other things that we know came from or was made out of something, man can rearrange change and make things out of something, but he can't take nothing and make something, or create, so man brought nothing into this world and he will carry nothing out. 1-Tim.6-7. Therefore Godliness with contentmen is great gain.1-Tim. 6-6. Since man cannot carry nothing out of this world his purpose in this life should be for the spiritual, not carnel things, A preparation for a life not seen, an eternal life, Rev. 2-10 Eccl. 12-13 Amoos 4-12 Not the everyday things of this life. And if you lose sight of this aim then you stand before God with nothing. When you

die for the material things cannot be taken with you. Matt. 6-19-20 for Jesus said without me you can do nothing. John 15-5 Morality without Christ means nothing, you can be a good man but if you do not the things commanded you have not gained nothing. Heb. 5-8-9. John 15-4. Christ is the savior and the way. Matt 1-21, Jno. 14-6. Christ gospel is the power to save Rom. 1-16. and Christ will save his church, Eph. 2-16-5-23-27, therefore belief plus baptism equals salvation. Mk. 16-16. Just like one plus one equals two, therefore you can believe and if not baptized it equals nothing therefore repentance plus baptism equals salvation. Acts, 2-38, Paul had believed and repented but it still equaled nothing, Acts, 22-16. Religious acts yithout LOVE, equals nothing 1 Cor. 13-1-3. Faith wihout LOVE equals nothing, 1 Cor, 13-2 benevolence, without LOVE equals nothing. 1 Cor. 13-3. The first and great commandment deals with LOVE, Matt. 22-37-38 love would solve most all the problems in the church of today, Jno. 14-23, therefore love without obedience, equals nothing. Phil. 2-11-12 if the salt have lost his savor it is thenceforth good for nothing. Matt. 15-3. Salt saves preserves and seasons. If a child of God have lost the qualities that made him salt then he is good for nothing. Good for nothing church members, and will be destroyed in the last day. 2 Thes. 1-8-9. I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent, 1 Cor. 1-9. Mans wisdom without God equals nothing. Learning must be mixed with God, in order to be something 1 Cor. 1-18. And 25-27. We need this taught in the church. and in every other way today, we should not stress secular training to the neglect of spiritual training, or we will come to nothing, 1 Cor. 1-9. We then as workers together with him beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain. (for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.) giving no offence in any thing that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflicions, in necessities; in distresses; in stripes; in imprisonments, in tumults, in labor, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness; by

knowledge; by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit; by love unfeigned; by the word of truth; by the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left; by honor and by dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true as unknown, and yet well known, as dying and behold we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having NOTHING yet possessing all things 1 Cor. 6-1-10. So you see that although you are in trouble and look as though you had nothing, yet can possess all things for through Christ you can do all things, for it is he that gives us strength; therefore if we lose our souls we have gained nothing. In this life neither in the life to come. Mk. 8-36-37.

CHURCH NEWS

We have received news and comments from the following Churches since we went to press the last time, of which we are thankful, and hope all will continue to send in their report each month and let us hear from you, and that there will be others who will wake up and take notice. For the Master will not wait for you to get ready, when he calls for you, you will either be ready or you will be denied, Rom. 14-10.

We received a letter from the brethern at Modesto, Calif., and they meet at the corner of Glenn and Dallas, in south Modesto, invite all that pass that way to stop over with them and worship, also sent in their support to the paper. thanks brethern, and keep up the fight.—The Editor.

A letter from Bro. Peel of the church at Crosbyton, Texas, and he wishes someone would move there and help out with the work there. They are few in number and need all the help they can get. Also, they send in their support to the paper. Thanks brethern and fight on for the truth.—The Editor.

A letter from Bro. James S. L. Morse of Hammond, Okla. They meet out in the country close to the grain elevator, and invite all to come worship with them. I misplaced their exact location in moving around, of which I am sorry.—The Editor.

A letter from Bro. and Sister Howard Studer of Lorenzo, Texas. They said all was well there and extend an invitation to come meet at their new building close to Bro. Studers Thanks.—The Editor.

A letter and support from Bro. Reynolds of the Colter congregation near Elk City, Okla. and they give an invitation to come worship with them. Thanks Bro. Reynolds.—The Editor.

A letter and support from Bro. S. E. Stout of Eola, Texas. A fine old soldier and brother in Christ, although he is working under a hard condition he still stands for the truth.—The Editor.

Now I would like to say to all that receive this paper that if you are receiving it we would like for you to write and let us know for our mailing list is made up of our old list and some I know have passed on from this life and others have moved so I would like to make a new list and the ones that we don't hear from we will remove from our list in a short while for there is no return address on the papers and this is the only way we can be sure you receive your copy. and also it will save lost postage if you don't receive it.—Editor.

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