

Faith Box

Part 2

Corrections



Review of Faith Box Part 1

Part 1 Introduction to Faith Box

- We asked a question? How are dead nouns made into living verbs?
- Many words function as both nouns and verbs.....
- This very common process in English grammar is known as 'conversion'.
- This particular conversion is called 'verbing': converting a static or non-moving, non-acting noun into an action verb

Moving these thoughts to the Spiritual realm...

- Whether that action is attitudinal, verbal or seen in our daily walks of life thru our works
- These conversions, that are also nouns, are describing our life as verbalized by words and actions

What do we call it when the noun 'faith' becomes an action verb?

- We could say we are **Faithing**, which sounds somewhat awkward.
- Instead we say: 'believing', but I like faithing, it is fresh and not common
- The Greek **noun** for 'faith' is used 244 times, generally it is translated 'faith'
- The Greek **verb** for 'faith' is used 248 times nearly the same as the 'noun' for faith
- The verb form is generally, but not always translated, 'believe', 'believed', believing etc.
- The nearly equal numbers of noun and verbs suggest a balanced life
- Of knowing what we believe: 'Our faith' or **Faith Box**
- And our thinking, attituding, responding, doing, living our faith or 'faithing'

How does a dead 'faith' box turn to a living 'faithing' box within us?

- Turn to **Romans 6:17**

17 But God be thanked that you were slaves of *the* sin,

- The sin** is the sin of unbelief, and unbelief harbors many deadly sins within it borders!

v. 17 cont. ... yet you obeyed (*they were 'faithing'*) **from the heart that form of doctrine** (*the content of the faith they were faithing*) **to which you were delivered** (*or handed over to or committed to*)

- They were delivered from a life characterized by a doctrine of unbelief and delivered to a doctrine of life

The old Faith box was an unbelief box and it looked like this

- It was dead as dirt and closed up



- The New faith box which you were delivered over to looked like this



-So Now we looked at unbelief as a small empty faith box within our overall faith box

- We looked at the father and a boy possessed by a deaf and dumb spirit that the disciples could not cast out

-Though they had cast out demons prior to this, this one though could not cast out

-After Jesus took care of the situation and restored the boy whole to his father

-we read this is in **Matthew 17:19-21**

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of you're *the* (specific) unbelief (noun); for assuredly, I say to you, if you have (or possess) faith (noun) as a mustard seed (it does not have to be a specific size, you just have to have it), you will say to this (very large) mountain or obstacle, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind of demon does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

-meaning dumb and deaf spirits that you cannot communicate with

-our direct words to the spirit are of no avail, must be exorcised by us thru prayer and fasting to the Father

-These restrictions do not apply to the Son of God

Is Jesus rebuking them for not exercising existing faith?

Or

Is Jesus pointing that there is something lacking in their Faith Box?

-We concluded that their unbelief their unbelief was ignorance was a missing belief, a missing faith box within their greater faith box

What was missing or incorrect in the Disciples Faith Box regarding the deaf and dumb demon they could not cast out?

-They could not cast it out due to unbelief. What was they nature of their unbelief?

-Was it a willful unbelief or an ignorant one?

-Were they taught incorrectly or incompletely?

-Jesus says to them:

21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

-Either way incomplete or incorrect the question is:

-were they humble enough to be corrected?

Which leads us to part 2 of Faith Box: Corrections (show steel toes sandals)

-As followers of Jesus we will have: Willful unbelief, ignorant unbelief, and incorrect belief

-How do we change grow and your faith box and thus yourself and correct faithing?

What we are not talking about is correcting

-Is our Heaven bound faith

-Though you are to be sure of going to Heaven:

-You know Jesus, that He is fully

-You believe in who He is and what He has done

-Your faith boxes within your faith box are correct regarding your salvation

-They may grow but they don't need major correcting

But is Faith for living Here that is hard to completely grasp and turn into faithing

-while heaven awaits

Rom. 10:17 says **So then Faith comes out thru hearing and hearing the word of God**

-We do not always translate perfectly what we hear into correct faith?

-Even with the Holy Spirit?

-The answer is no!

-We do not always listen correctly, nor are we always taught correctly

-We have laser grids up for certain doctrines that zap anything that contradicts our faith box

-The H.S. is perfect on His side of the process, the issue is always on our side

1Tim. 2:15 says ... Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

-‘rightly dividing’s Only use in NT

-But it used in LXX in Prov. 3:6 for: ‘direct our paths’, which reads

In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He shall ‘direct your paths’.

-Also in Pr. 11:5a The righteousness of the blameless will ‘direct his way aright’,

-It has the picture of cutting a straight line

-The adding to and correcting of our faith, to our faith box,

-happens continuously as we study the word of God

-If we are open, if we are in a humble place of correction

Incorrect faith in our faith box can lead to incorrect faithing

1Thessalonians 3:4 says For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith,

-To understand and know thoroughly your faith box

-Sometimes we change our faith box in a good or bad way when we go thru severe trials

lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.

6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you—

Incorrect faith

Can be very dangerous!

-as it was for the Jews of Jesus and Paul’s day

Romans 10:2-3 reads: 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge (*epi-gnosis*).

3 For they being ignorant (*agnoeo*) of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Other Faith Box Issues for the Disciples that needed correcting:

Forgiveness

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase (*most often ‘add to’*) our faith.”

Defilement

Matthew 15:15-20

10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand:

11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

..... 15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.”

16 So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding?

17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

Murder

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Righteousness and Riches

Matthew 5:20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

With Matt. 19: 23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say to you, 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."

25 When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Greatness

Mark 10:35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

39 They said to Him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

My faith Box Corrections

-I will prime the pump of discussion

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

-Where the H.S. is the baptizer ... only in 1Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

-The binding fluid of the Spirit connects us all after He places us into the Body of Jesus

-When did this binding first occur?

-Acts 2

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, Matt. 12:31-34

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

-Was singular event of Israel in days Jesus

-Attributing the work and power of Jesus to the prince of demons, Beelzebub

-The punishment came in the next Age, the church age in 70AD, the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple

The Generation that Sees all these things? Sees What? Mark 13:14 30

-Sees these things will see the second coming of Jesus

28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors!

1 Kings 19: Did Elijah run from Jezebel?

19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

-The Hebrew root word for 'ran' is used 1,547 times.

-Only twice is it translated 'ran'

-Generally it is translated walk or went or go or went on, but run or ran

-After his great victory over the prophets of Baal he sees his hopes come to nothing.

-He leaves the land and heads south, first to Beersheba at the southern edge of Judah

-and then another 200 hundred miles to Sinai.

-It is often said that Elijah flees from Jezebel out of fear, and some translations actually say "he was afraid, and rose, and ran for his life" (1 Kgs. 19:3).

-Many preachers see this passage as a reassuring story emphasizing Elijah's human flaws and weakness.

-Fearful of Jezebel, he flees the land, whines and complains, even going so far as to exaggerate his isolation as a prophet....

-Elijah's withdrawal is a judgment on Israel.

-Elijah's movements do not indicate flight, but a journey to a specific destination,

-A return to the mountain where the LORD first made Mosaic covenant with Israel.

Galatians 6:15-16, Who are the Israel of God?

-From the context of vs.12 to 16

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation, speaking of the necessity of regeneration for both the circumcised (Jew) and the uncircumcised (gentile)

-Two groups are here: the circumcising Judaisers and the uncircumcised Gentiles

-Regeneration is required for both groups for salvation

-To circumcise or to not circumcise provides nothing towards salvation

-Just as Baptism does not provide for our salvation

So in context **v.16** reads **And as many as walk according to this rule** (*circumcision and uncircumcision is nothing*), **peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

-The 'them' are the Galatian gentile believers

- 'and' connects them to the second group the Jews who are the remnant of Israel who are justified by faith in the finished work of Christ, and therefore are of God, verses the majority of Jews who are in unbelief

-And not by law keeping which is here signified by Circumcision

Interpretation of Tongues is not Prophecy!

1 Corinthians 14:2 **For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.**

-Any interpretation will be the person speaking to God not God speaking to us, which prophecy and the interpretation of tongues.

Christians being demon possessed

-If a Christian is demon possessed, the Holy Spirit who is God, does not dwell in and you are not Christ's!

-The apostle John declares in **1 John 4:4** **You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world..**

-Who is the One in us? The Holy Spirit.

-Who is the one in the world? Satan, his angels and his demons.

-After the cross and resurrection when the Spirit came and lived inside of believers we see no followers of Jesus Demon possessed

-Christian demon possession is just another blame shift for what goes wrong in a believers life

-The believer has overcome the world of demons, and the case for demon possession of a believer cannot be made scripturally.

Charismatic gifts died when the canon was complete

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 is the key passage is **Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

-The word '**then**' referring to when that which is perfect has come, which would be the Lord Jesus

-If then refers to the completion of the canon and the cessation of certain gifts

-Then I should know just as I am known.... BUT I don't

Myths that the World Believes About the Bible That need Correcting

Francis Shaeffer said: "Whoever controls the media controls the culture"

JW Jr. said: "All cultures disciple"

We do this in Letter form: Dear American Media (news, movies, TV, books, music)

-We need to correct your understanding of certain portrayals you make about the Biblical:

1-You say: the Bible says 'thou shall not kill' ... the world loves to use the KJV here

-The Hebrew word is for murder, Ex. 20:13 'You shall not murder'

-It is used 47 times in the OT

-The Hebrew word for 'kill' is used 500 times in the OT, but not in the Ten Commandments

2-You say: that our current Bible is a translation of a translation of a translation etc.

3-You say that Bible says: 'Do not judge'! Is that not what the Bible says?

9-You say: That God helps those who help themselves

-But as it turns out their faith was theirs and not Paul's, their love for him therefore was assured!

-The list looks like this: [\(show this list\)](#)

-Feel free to participate with us this fall