

Dependency (Times of Refreshing Radio)

by Peter Brandon

The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in Christ and having heart faith for salvation and living a life of faith.

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Scripture: John 3:16, John 5:24, Romans 10:9, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 2:8, James 2:19

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Description

Peter Brandon discusses the concept of dependency on God, emphasizing the importance of true belief that goes beyond intellectual acknowledgment to heartfelt trust in Jesus Christ. He illustrates this through the analogy of a patient relying on a surgeon, highlighting that faith involves knowing, trusting, and relying on Christ for salvation. Brandon encourages listeners to take their faith off the bottom, just as a child must trust a life belt in the water, and to believe in the promises of God for eternal life. He reassures that true belief leads to everlasting life and encourages everyone to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Transcript

I am going to talk about a very important concept I am going to talk about the laws of attraction and how they are connected with the laws of attraction. So, let's begin with the laws of attraction. Laws of attraction are the laws of attraction.

There are three basic laws of attraction. Hello friends, it's good to greet you again in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It certainly is a joy and a privilege to be able to bring these programs to you each week under the good auspices of the Voice of Malady Victoria.

Today is the third program in the series of studies on the beautiful verse found in John chapter 5 and verse 24. And Peter Brandon will again lead us in these studies later in our program. Sing a joyous hymn to Thee, wonderful world of Thine.

Let me pour out my tears to Thee, wonderful world of Thine. Words of life and beauty, please be given to me. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Rise, the blessed one, give. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Sweetly and courageously so, Wonderful man of mine! All the world has seen you all, Wonderful man of mine! Peter Brandon is going to lead us in a closer look at God's word where we will learn more about faith and belief.

We read in Romans chapter 15 and verse 13, Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows. I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows.

I believe for everyone who calls us praise, someone will come to show the way. I believe, I believe. I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard.

I believe that someone in the great dark weather hears my prayer. I believe someone hears every cry I hear. I believe in God my God, I believe in God my God, I believe, I believe.

We're going to look again at that scripture, John 5, 24. Truly, truly, I say unto you, we saw their authority. He that heareth my word, it demands honesty, and believeth or believes on him that sent me, dependency.

And I want to speak on that subject of Billy. Since I've been here in Australia, some young men have put this problem to me. How do we get faith? Now that's what I want to speak on just for a few moments.

Believes on him that sent me. The word belief here comes from a brilliant Greek word, pisteo, and it has three meanings. First of all, it means to know what you believe.

Secondly, it means to trust what you believe. And thirdly, it means to totally rely upon what you believe. If you can imagine for one moment, a person who is very ill who goes to a surgeon, and the surgeon carries out a number of x-rays, and after a very penetrating examination says that you definitely need an operation.

Now that person must do two things. Number one, she must accept or he must accept what the surgeon says. Number two, that person who is sick and ill must totally depend upon that surgeon to perform an operation that could save his life.

Now my dear friends, if you can get that in your mind, you've got perhaps the sum and substance of Billy. It is putting yourself completely in the hands of Jesus Christ. It's implicitly trusting him to do something that you basically cannot do yourself.

There are two kinds of people that believe. Some people believe with their heads. Now that is right.

When you become a Christian, you're not expected to commit intellectual suicide. You have to believe and you have to know what you believe. For instance, when I went to school, they taught me 55 B.C. the Romans came, 410 A.D. they left Britain.

And lots of people have learned their Christianity like that. They say, I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.

I believe that he was the Son of God. I believe that he suffered at the hands of Pontius Pilate. I believe that he died on the cross in atoning death.

I believe that he was raised from the dead on the third day. I believe that he ascended up on high leading captivity captive. Now all that is good.

But just believing that will not save you. For instance, James says perhaps a very hard thing. He says, you believe in God, you do well.

The devils believe and tremble. And that means if we could address a devil and say, do you believe that Jesus was the Son of God? He would say yes. Do you believe that he died on the cross? He would say yes.

Do you believe that he rose again from the dead? The devil would say, yes, we believe that and we all tremble. But he just believes in the head and with his head. He doesn't trust in his heart.

You see, it's important to believe about to know the facts. But it's more than just believing about. It's believing in.

You see, there's a head belief and there's a heart belief. Let me give you the scripture so that you'll see that it is absolutely biblical. The Bible says, if you shall confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved.

It's that belief in the heart. For instance, in the New Testament, there was a woman that had this blood hemorrhage and she went to all kinds of specialists and they couldn't help her and then she came to Jesus. Now, she heard of Jesus and she believed about him.

But she believed about him so much that she went in the crowd and touched the hem of his garment and Jesus said, who touched me? And the disciple says, well, look, they're all touching you. We're trying to keep them away from you. But there was one woman that really touched him in heart faith.

She had confidence in him. Now, that's what the Lord wants. It's that real heart faith that throws itself upon Christ.

And that is the real meaning of the word perspistere. Now, some of you will say, well, how do we get that heart faith? Well, the scripture makes it quite clear that we get that faith by an object. He that believes on the Son hath everlasting life.

Here it says, believeth on him that sent me. You will never get faith by looking within. When you look within, you will see nothing but sin and defeat.

The more I look in my life and the more I examine the seat of sin that's called flesh in the Bible, I see failure. Paul says, in me, that's in my flesh, there dwells no good thing. Therefore, we've got to look away from ourselves.

And the scripture says, he that believes on the Son. You see, it's getting the claws of your faith in Christ. Now, who was Jesus Christ? There was only one person who ever lived, dear friends, that never, never sinned, and that was Jesus Christ.

His life was immaculate and pure. His life was impeccable. That means, not only did he not sin, he never even had the ability to sin.

And God looked upon him and said, this is my beloved Son in whom I find all my delight. There was only one person that had the ability to die for the sins of the world and he did it. He did it.

He went to the cross and there on the cross, he came between us and the Holy God and bore our sins in his own body on the tree and he completed that work. He said, right at the end of all his sufferings, finished. And this is what the scripture says, once in the end of the age hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Isn't that wonderful? And God raised him from the dead as a proof that he was the Son of God and that the work he accomplished on the cross was accepted by God. Therefore, with mighty power, he raised him from the dead and then brought him back to heaven, put him in the chair of authority and made him the universal Saviour. Therefore, when a person is going to believe, he doesn't believe in himself, but he believes in the Son.

And therefore, it's putting your faith in him. And the more you hear about the Son, the greater your faith will become. You see, if you look within, you'll see failure.

If you look at Christ, he will strengthen and encourage your faith. Now, what is the action of belief? There comes a time in your experience when God expects you to really trust him. There comes a time when there's a real action of faith.

Just like in marriage, a person accepts the husband and the wife with a deliberate and intelligent, I will. There comes a moment when you have to deliberately trust Christ and say with the hymn writer, Jesus, I will trust thee, trust thee with my soul. With our boys, we took them to the sea when they were young.

As you know, our sea is not like yours. You can really freeze in it, dear friends. And it was a beautiful summer's day.

And the boys had already done some practice on a chair with a life belt all around them. You know what they do. They show their mother all the strokes that they're going to do in the sea.

Anyhow, it was Monday morning and we took them to the sea. They had their life belts all around them. And the moment we got into the sea, fear gripped them.

Really gripped them. And I said to the boys when they were thigh deep in water, now lads, take your feet off the bottom. Now they had the life belt all around them.

They knew the strokes. But when it came to implicitly trust those life belts, I couldn't get them to take their feet off the bottom. And we had an awful experience of seeing our boys sitting on the circumference of the sea and all the other children were in the sea because they wouldn't take their feet off the bottom.

We had two holidays where we tried to get our boys to remove their feet from the bottom and just give themselves to the life belt. But they wouldn't. The third time we took them to Frinton-on-Sea, that's a seaside place in the east of England, I was sitting reading a book in one of those old-fashioned deck chairs when suddenly one of my boys came bounding up the beach and you know when children are excited, everything speaks, their hands, their feet, their hair, their eyes.

And all he could say was this, Daddy, I've done it, done it. I said, what have you done, Andrew? He said, I've taken my feet off the bottom and it works. Well, the last holiday we had together was in love.

Andrew was nineteen, Philip was seventeen and we went out a half a mile there in the Clyde and those two boys went all the way to an island just off of Largs and that was three and a half miles. And it all started when one boy took his feet off the bottom. Wouldn't it be lovely if someone took their feet off the bottom and trusted Christ? Now, shall we pray? Lord, help someone just now at this moment to take their feet off the bottom and quietly trust the Lord Jesus to forgive them and save them and keep them in his name.

Amen. If a father can welcome a wayward son who returns from his wandering afar surely I can believe in my God's great love for he loves us as we are. If a mother can welcome the trident year as she gives up her life for her foe surely I can believe in my God's great love for he made her heart of gold.

For if we, being evil, have love like this how much more has the Father who made us. We were yet in our sin when he gave his son as a ransom of life to save us. If a rosebud can live through the winter storm as it waits for the promise of spring surely I can believe in eternal life in the shelter of his way.

In the shelter of his way. Amen. There's a true story that many years ago a man was condemned to be put to death.

And when he came to that time the prince who was in charge of the execution asked him if there was any one petition he could grant him. All that the condemned man could ask for was a glass of water and so they proceeded to get him a tumbler of water. But the man's hand was trembling so much that he had difficulty in drinking the water.

So the prince said to him, take your time, your life is safe until you drink that water. On hearing that, the man took the prince at his word and threw the water to the ground. It was impossible to gather it up and so the man's life was spared.

He took the prince at his word and was saved. My friend, you too can be saved right now by taking God at his word. The water of life is offered to you.

Take it now and live. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my words and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life. Yes, there is life, eternal life within the reach of every man and every woman and every child listening today.

And it can be had simply by believing. Take God at his word. Say in your heart, I do believe, I will believe, I now believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart.

And then, life everlasting is yours. My friend, God loves you. The Lord Jesus died for you.

Won't you accept him today as your Saviour? The Bible says, He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. My faith has found a resting place not in devised or creed. I trust the ever-living One His room for me shall be.

I need no other argument. I need no other plea. It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me.

My heart is leading on the Word the written Word of God. Salvation by my Saviour's name. Salvation through His blood.

I need no other argument. I need no other plea. It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me.

My great physician healed the sick the lost He came to save. For me His precious blood He shed. For me His life He gave.

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Be with us next week, won't you, when Peter Brandon will look at the fourth aspect of that beautiful verse 24 of John chapter 5. Until then, on behalf of our guest Peter Brandon and all the team here at the Voice of Melody Victoria, this is Ralph Taylor wishing you all God's richest blessing. Goodbye, and remember, keep looking up. Voice of Melody Victoria

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