

16 Things That Cannot Be Done

It is helpful to know our boundaries, so that we do not spend our efforts in attempting things that cannot be accomplished.

- God's eternal purpose cannot be overthrown (Acts 5:39)
- One cannot bear good fruit without Christ (John 15:5).
- No person can keep his sins hidden forever (1 Timothy 5:24).
- No person can live after the flesh and please God (Romans 8:8).
- A person cannot love God and not love his brother in Christ (1 John 4:20).
- A person cannot serve two masters (Mathew 6:24).
- No one can take anything out of this world (1 Timothy 6:7).
- After dying lost, one cannot be saved (Luke 16:26).
- One cannot make God be a liar (Romans 3:4).
- One cannot enter into heaven by any door but Christ (John 10:1-9).
- One cannot enter in after the door is closed (Luke 13:25-27).
- One cannot avoid reaping what he has sown (Galatians 6:7-8).
- One cannot be justified by the law of Moses (Galatians 3:11; 5:4).
- One cannot be saved by animal sacrifices (Hebrews 9:22; 10:4-12).
- Man cannot escape death or the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).
- A Christian who is faithful till death cannot lose his reward (Matthew 10:42; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

- Brent Smith, via House to House -

The Big Bang Theory

I have to come clean and confess I believe in the Big Bang. Now wait! Don't stop reading here. Let me explain. The Bible, itself, teaches a "Big Bang." Read it for yourself.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

There you have it ... "The Big Bang." The evolutionists are partly right, but their timing is wrong. The biblical "Big Bang" didn't occur at the beginning of time as the evolutionists teach.

However, it will occur at the end of time. The "Big Bang" didn't bring things into existence, but it will take things out of existence.

- Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN (via House to House) -

The darkest ignorance is man's ignorance of God.

News Notes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To David Stefl who will celebrate his 90th birthday tomorrow, August 11th. Best wishes to him.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ladies invited to participate.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Suspended for Summer break.

PANTRY: Laundry soap.

SICK: At Home: Jimmy Riley, Ann Carroll, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). **Serra Manor, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Jerry Shultz, 3117 Earhart Road, Hermitage, TN 37076. Sharon Pugh, 1601 31st Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

Steadfast in the Faith

Surprisingly, many Christians do not understand the concept of "steadfastness." The word "steadfast" means to be firmly fixed in place, immovable and not subject to change. In a religious sense, it means to remain firm in belief and doctrine. The Bible encourages Christians to be steadfast in their faith and service to the Lord, not wavering, not wishy-washy, or lukewarm. Believers are not to be moved about by the latest religious trend. (Eph. 4:14) Christians must be steadfast and consistent in their worship and benevolence. The Christian must stand firm against the devil and his world, much like a man standing in hurricane-force winds. If the man is not anchored steadfastly the wind will carry him away. Christians must have their faith anchored in the hope which is in Christ lest they be swept away. (Heb. 2:1; 3:12; 6:19). Are you steadfast in the faith?

- We Must Possess a Steadfast Heart (Ps. 57:7)
- We are Partakers with Christ if We Hold Steadfast (Heb. 3:14)
- We Must Continue Steadfastly in Prayer (Rom. 12:12)
- Continue Steadfastly in the Apostle's Teaching (Acts 2:42)
- We Must Resist the Devil, Steadfast in the Faith (1 Pet. 5:8-9)
- Beware Lest We Fall from Our Steadfastness (2 Pet. 3:17)
- Stand Grounded and Steadfast in the Hope of the Gospel (Col. 1:23)

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Jay Launius - 2025, Maud Church of Christ, Maud, Texas -