**A Lesson About Nothing**

**Mark 8:36-37**

**Introduction:**

1. There is so much to learn within the pages of the Bible.
2. Each week we consider God’s word on various topics that align with our own lives.
3. Today, “I have nothing” to preach about…

**Discussion:**

1. **Out of Nothing God Created the World (Gen. 1:1)**
2. This is the only way to account for creation.
3. We ***must*** begin with a self-existent BEING who created something out of nothing
4. The evolutionist has to start with something. Ask him where that something came from.
5. Man can rearrange, re-design, but he cannot create unless he has something to begin.
6. **Man Brought Nothing into this World and Will Carry Nothing Out (1Tim. 6:7)**
7. Because of this, “godliness with contentment is great gain (1Tim. 6:6)
8. Since we will carry nothing out of this world, then the purpose of our stay here is not a quest for material things
9. The purpose for our stay is spiritual (Eccl. 12:13)
10. A preparation for another life (Amos 4:12)
11. If we lose sight of this, we will come up with nothing when we die, because the material cannot be taken with us (Mat. 6:19-20)
12. Rich man dying wanting to take his gold with him…
13. **Jesus Said, “Without Me You Can Do Nothing” (John 15:5)**
14. Morality minus Christ equals nothing (John 15:4) M – C = 0
15. Christ is the Savior (Mat. 1:21)
16. He is the Way (John 14:6)
17. Christ will save His church (Eph. 2:16; 5:23, 27)
18. **Belief Plus Baptism Equals Salvation (Mark 16:16)**
19. Just like 1 plus 1 equals 2, but 1 minus 1 equals nothing
20. Therefore, belief minus baptism equals nothing
21. B + B = S / 1 + 1 = 2
22. 1 – 1 = 0 / B – B = 0
23. **Repentance Plus Baptism Equals Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)**
24. Just like 1 plus 1 equals 2, but 1 minus 1 equals nothing
25. Therefore, repentance minus baptism equals nothing
26. R + B = R of S / 1 + 1 = 2
27. 1 – 1 = 0 / R – B = 0
28. Paul had believed and repented, but it still equaled nothing (Acts 22:16)

1. **If the Salt Loses Its Flavor .. It is Good for Nothing (Matt. 5:13)**
2. Salt seasons, saves, and preserves
3. If a child of God has lost the qualities which made him salt, he is good for nothing
4. So, Christians can become good for nothing, good-for-nothing church members

**Conclusion:**

1. Our wisdom without God’s equals nothing!

A. 1Cor. 1:19 – For it is written: ***“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”***

1. If we lose our souls, we have gained nothing in this life (Mark 8:36-37)