

# Whose Hand are You Holding?



The song writer penned these words: “Time is filled with swift transition—naught of earth unmoved can stand—build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God’s unchanging hand.”

What are “things eternal” that we can hold? The Bible shares these beautiful words with us: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Earlier in the gospel writing we read “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:1-3). The text here speaks of the eternal nature of the Word that became flesh. The text affirms that “all things” - literally, anything that “came into being” (or existence) got its existence from the Word of God. The concept of the eternal nature of Jesus Christ remains one of the most difficult to comprehend for many, many people. Perhaps the difficulty we have is in seeing Jesus only as a man or in seeing Him somehow inferior to God... sort of second rank... many tend to view the term “Son of God” in this manner. The apostle seeks to lead us on to greater faith. The eternal work of His hands is important for us to “see.”

What animal was Rebekah riding when she first saw Isaac? For bonus points, what did she do when she dismounted from the animal?

In Matthew 8, “Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed” (3). Again in Matthew 8, “He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them” (14). In Matthew 9, “when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose” (25). Later, an interaction with the hand of Jesus proved providential, in Matthew 26, “He answered and said, ‘He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me’” (23). It was done. Jesus went to the cross. After the resurrection, “He said, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing’” (John 20:27). These are merely a few examples of the physical activity concerning “hands” during His limited time on earth. His time was filled with swift transition. How are we at “seeing” the things eternal?

The “hands” of Jesus Christ provided a multitude of miracles. Yet, we must remember that the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. The hands of Jesus Christ were nailed to the cruel cross for you and me. His blood was freely offered. Where do you and I place our hopes? How important is it for us to “hold to God’s unchanging hand?”

**To our valued visitors:** *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few “family” announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord’s Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible. Any response is up to you and will be kindly received. We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!

**Birthday/Anniversary Lunch:** Second Sunday of the month... next one... (11/11)

**NMCCH:** Spray & Wash and Bar Bath Soap (pick up in **April 6, 2019**)

**Gospel Meeting:** at Central (11/4-7), “Reaching for a Better Me.”

**Gospel Meeting:** at Howe (11/11-14), “Do Not Cast Away Your Confidence.”

**Friday Bible Study:** 7PM to 8PM, yes, here every Friday ... Lord willing!