

# Hebrews 4:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

## Analysis

The gospel was preached 'to us' (Christians) as 'to them' (wilderness generation), showing continuity of God's message. The crucial difference: the word must be 'mixed with faith' (Greek 'synkekerasmenous te pistei'). Hearing alone profits nothing without believing response. Faith is the hand that receives what God offers in His word.

## Historical Context

This verse explains why an entire generation died in the wilderness despite witnessing miracles. Privilege without faith brings judgment, not salvation.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. Do you mix what you hear from God's Word with genuine faith and obedience?
2. What biblical truth have you heard but not yet believed and acted upon?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ γάρ ἐσμεν εὐηγγελισμένοι καθάπερ κάκεῖνοι· ἀλλ'  
For G1063 unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them but  
G2532 G2070 G2097 G2509 G2548 G235

οὐκ ὡφέλησεν ὁ λόγος τῆς ἀκοῆς ἐκείνους μὴ  
not did G3588 the word G3588 preached them not  
G3756 G5623 G3056 G189 G1565 G3361

συγκεκραμένος τῇ πίστει τοῖς ἀκούσασιν  
being mixed G3588 with faith G3588 in them that heard  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Thessalonians 2:13** (Faith): For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**Hebrews 11:6** (Faith): But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Hebrews 3:12** (Parallel theme): Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

**Acts 13:46** (Word): Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

**Romans 2:25** (Word): For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

**1 Timothy 4:8** (Parallel theme): For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

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