

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**Psalms 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	ὠφέλησεν	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			
G4786		G4102		G191			

## 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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