



Faith

Hope

Love

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For the Lord's disciples
and at the present time

So now

faith, hope, and love abide,
these three;

Remain, continue

but the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Love is forever

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- ❖ What is faith?
- ❖ Faith in what?
- ❖ Why faith?
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❖ What is faith?

Faith is
the **noun**

Faith

Do you **have faith**
in God?

Believe is
the **verb**

Believe

Do you **believe**
in God?

Faith must have an object – it is always in something or someone.

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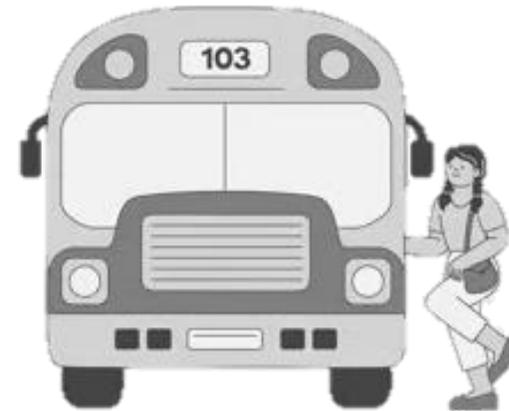
❖ What is faith?

Faith as mere assent

Do you believe in God?



Faith as trust



The everyday faith
we all exercise

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❖ What is faith?

No other way,
totally dependent

Faith as **necessary** trust



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❖ What is faith?

Faith as **necessary** trust
when **you have no right**
to the benefit you seek

...**Christ died** for the ungodly.

...while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

...while we were enemies we were reconciled
to God by **the death of His Son...**

(See Romans 5:6-10)



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❖ Faith in what?

And behold, a leper came to Him
and knelt before Him, saying,

“Lord, if You are willing,
You can make me clean.”

And Jesus stretched out His hand
and touched him, saying,

“I am willing; be clean.”

And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

(Matthew 8:2-3)

Question:

What did the leper believe?

Answer:

The leper believed that Jesus
had the power to heal him.

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❖ Faith in what?

...a centurion came forward to Him...

“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home...”

And He said to him, *“I will come and heal him.”*

But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed.

For I too am a man under authority...” ...

“Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.”

And the servant was healed at that very moment.

(See Matthew 8:5-13)

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❖ Faith in what?

“Let us go across to the other side.” ...

And a great windstorm arose...

But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion.

And they woke Him and said to Him,

“Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

And He awoke and rebuked the wind
and said to the sea, *“Peace! Be still!”* ...

He said to them,

“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”

(See Mark 4:35-41)

Question:

What did the disciples NOT believe?

Answer:

They didn't believe He loved them
nor that He was the Messiah.

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❖ Faith in what?

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ...

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...” ...

So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about 3,000 souls.

(See Acts 2:36-41)

Question:

What did the 3,000 people believe?

Answer:

They believed the word of God that Peter proclaimed and explained.

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❖ Faith in what?

...the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what I have entrusted to Him.

(See 2 Timothy 1:11-12)

Question:

What did Paul believe?

Answer:

Paul believed that God, to whom he had entrusted his life, was forever faithful.

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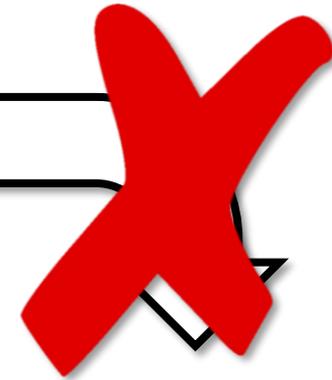
❖ Why faith?

REASON #1

Saved by works? **NO, NEVER!**

I get there by what I do and by what I am

*All have **sinned** and fall short
of the glory of God...*



I am here



Acceptance
by God

...and are **justified by His grace**
as a gift, **through the redemption**
that is in Christ Jesus...



I get there by what Jesus did and by who He is

Saved by faith? **YES, NO OTHER WAY!**

(See Romans 3:23-24)

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❖ Why faith?

REASON #1

Because all
have sinned

The law brings wrath....

The Lord
cannot fail

That is why it [*salvation*] depends on **faith**,
in order that the promise may rest on **grace**
and **be guaranteed** to all his [*Abraham's*] offspring...

as it is written,

"I have made you the father of many nations"

(See Romans 4:15-17)

By **grace**
you have
been saved
through **faith**
(Ephesians 2:8)

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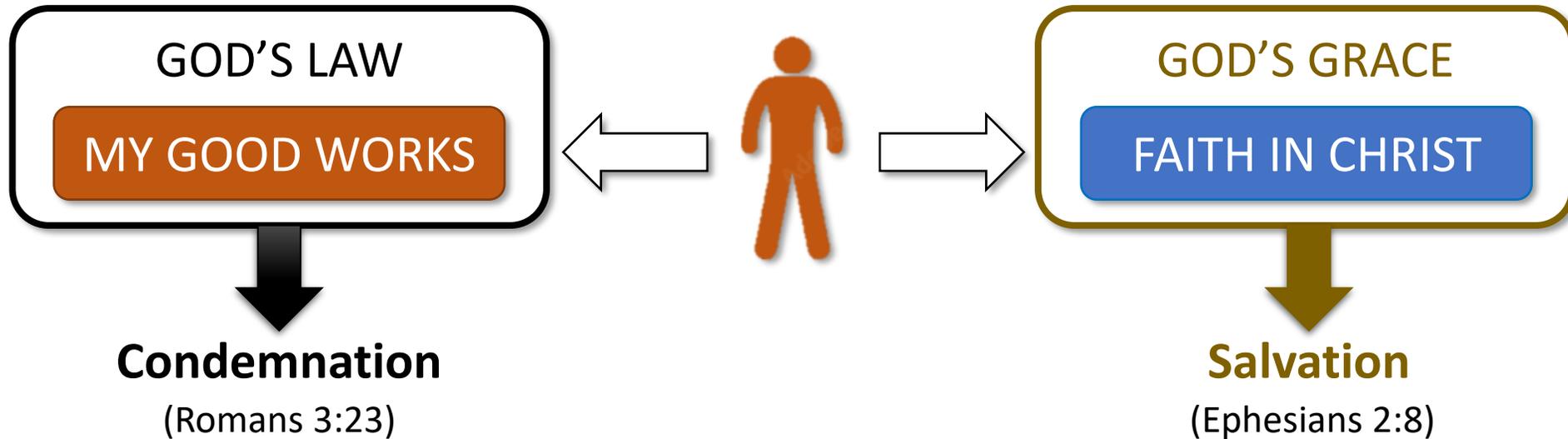


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REASON #2

Faith



Sanctification



Glory

A matter of
the heart

We walk by **faith**,
not by sight.
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

Our natural
senses

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

(Proverbs 4:23)

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But someone will say,
“You have faith and I have works.”
Show me your faith apart from your works,
and
I will show you my faith by my works.
(James 2:18)

Our life
displays
our faith

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❖ More on faith

For **faith** to grow
we need
knowledge
and **humility**

Knowledge

- A revelation of the truth of the Lord Jesus at the beginning
- Growing spiritual understanding through the Scriptures
- Ongoing experience of God's faithfulness in our life

Humility

- Bowing in repentance before the Lord at the beginning
- A readiness to turn from sin when we are convicted by the Holy Spirit
- Being always ready to learn and to change as the Lord works in our life

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❖ More on faith

Now **faith** is the assurance of things **hoped for**,
the conviction of things **not seen**. ...

} Things that God
has promised

By **faith we** understand that the universe
was created by the word of God...

By **faith Abel**... By **faith Enoch**...

And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him,
for whoever would draw near to God must believe
that **He exists** and that **He rewards** those who seek Him.

God is faithful
and true to
His word

By **faith Noah**... By **faith Abraham**... By **faith Sarah**...

(Hebrews 11:1-11)

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❖ More on faith

Therefore,
since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus...

(Hebrews 12:1-2)



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❖ What is faith?

- ✓ Faith is not just knowing about Him, but it is **trusting in** and **depending on** the Lord our God and His saving work.

❖ Faith in what?

- ✓ We trust in **the saving power** of the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ✓ We trust in **the great love, grace** and **faithfulness of God** day by day.

❖ Why faith?

- ✓ We must depend on Christ **because we cannot save ourselves.**
- ✓ Faith **shows us our heart** which encourages our **sanctification.**

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