



God's Treasures in Christ

Saved by Faith

Ephesians 2:1-9

Saved Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*

- Something man must do to receive salvation
- Does not mean man is able to earn salvation

Caution in Defining Faith

We must not define faith apart from God's word

- Definition of faith must be determined by scriptures
- Can't know God's meaning by reading one scripture
- Faith is a word of many facets

Faith comes from God's Word

Romans 10:17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Is faith bestowed by God's deciding who has faith?
 - Acts 10:34-35 God is no respecter of persons
 - 1 Tim 2:3-4 God desires all saved/knowledge
- Does God give each some more faith than others?
 - Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to every-one who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Faith is Believing (something not seen)

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Believing in God (who is invisible)
- Believing Jesus is God in the flesh
- Saving faith is more than simply believing
 - Even the demons believe (James 2:19 Matt 8:28)

Faith is Trusting God

Hebrews 6:18-20 that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

- Learning to trust in God (not rely on ourselves)
- Hebrews 11 those who lived by faith were people who had to trust God to save them
- Heb 12:1-2 let us run the race before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith

Faith obeys God

The other extreme.. thinking there is nothing we can do related to our being saved

(Believing itself is something we do)

- John 6:29 the work of God, believe in Him he sent
- James 2:24 man is justified by works, not faith only
- Hebrews 11 willing to do what God asks no matter what
- Romans 4 Abraham justified by faith
- James 2 Abraham justified by works

Obedience in the NT

Romans 6:16 obedience leads to righteousness

Romans 15:18 Paul's goal to bring Gentiles to obedience

Romans 16:25 to all nations for obedience to the faith

2 Cor 10:5 every thought captive for obedience of Christ

2 Thess 1:8 those who do not obey the gospel

Hebrews 5:9 author of salvation to those who obey Him

1 Pet 1:22 souls purified by obedience to the truth

1 John 5:2-3 we love God when we obey His commandments



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