

FAITH

Faith is action based on what we believe to be true.

If we don't know the truth, we may have faith based on a lie and our actions will be in vain.

If we know and believe the truth (God's truth), our actions will lead to victory.

Faith IS:

Being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (Heb. 11:1).

Proven by our actions and good deeds (James 2:14-19).

The source of our salvation and a gift of God, not by our good works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The source of healing (Luke 18:40-43 is an example).

Faith is NOT:

Based on feelings

Based on what we see, hear, touch, taste or smell.

Based on our circumstances.

Earned.

Bought or sold.

Something that we create ourselves. It is a gift from God, authored and perfected by Jesus Christ.

FAITH and BELIEF go together. One is a noun (faith) and the other is a verb (belief).

BELIEVE. Believe in what or whom?

(John 11:25-25) - In Jesus, the resurrection and the life.

(John 3:16) - God's only Son.

(John 14:6) - The Only way to the Father.

(Romans 10:9-10) - The One God raised from the dead.

This BELIEF results in trust and obedience:

When we believe, we are to place our trust in God and in Jesus Christ (John 14:1, 21).

Not like the demons who "believe" but have not place their trust in Him (James 2:19).

If we love Him, we will desire to obey Him (John 14:15).

Another reference on our obedience to Him (1 John 2:3-6).

We do not continue to willfully "practice" sin (1 John 5:18).

This kind of belief leads to our surrender to Him, denying ourselves (losing our lives to Him) and following Him (Matt. 16:24-25).

Review:

Truth is God's standard; what is real. (THE AUTOMOBILE)

Faith is the certainty of what we don't see (FUEL THAT PROPELS THE CAR FORWARD)

Belief in God (trusting in Him) enables us to receive the truth (CLIMB IN, START THE CAR AND PRESS ON THE GAS)

Righteousness is the outward manifestation of an inward change (STEERING THE CAR TO ARRIVE AT THE RIGHT DESTINATION)

GOD'S GRACE
(ALL THAT HE HAS FOR US)

The diagram consists of three main elements: a rectangle at the top labeled 'GOD'S GRACE', a circle in the center labeled 'SAVING FAITH', and a triangle at the bottom labeled 'GOOD WORKS'. A curved arrow on the left points from the 'SAVING FAITH' circle up to the 'GOD'S GRACE' rectangle. A curved arrow on the right points from the 'SAVING FAITH' circle down to the 'GOOD WORKS' triangle. Text blocks are placed near each element: 'Faith accesses what God has placed aside for us since the beginning of time. We already have everything that we will ever need or want on deposit.' is to the left of the 'SAVING FAITH' circle; 'Good works is the result of our faith and an expression of our love and gratitude to God for his amazing grace.' is to the right of the 'SAVING FAITH' circle.

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**GOOD
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