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**Faith stands under, and supports our hope,  
because we TRUST GOD!**

Through faith, we are assured God will do what He has promised.  
Even though we have not physically seen God, and all of His glory and  
power, we are convinced by what we have seen and heard and therefore  
we TRUST HIM.





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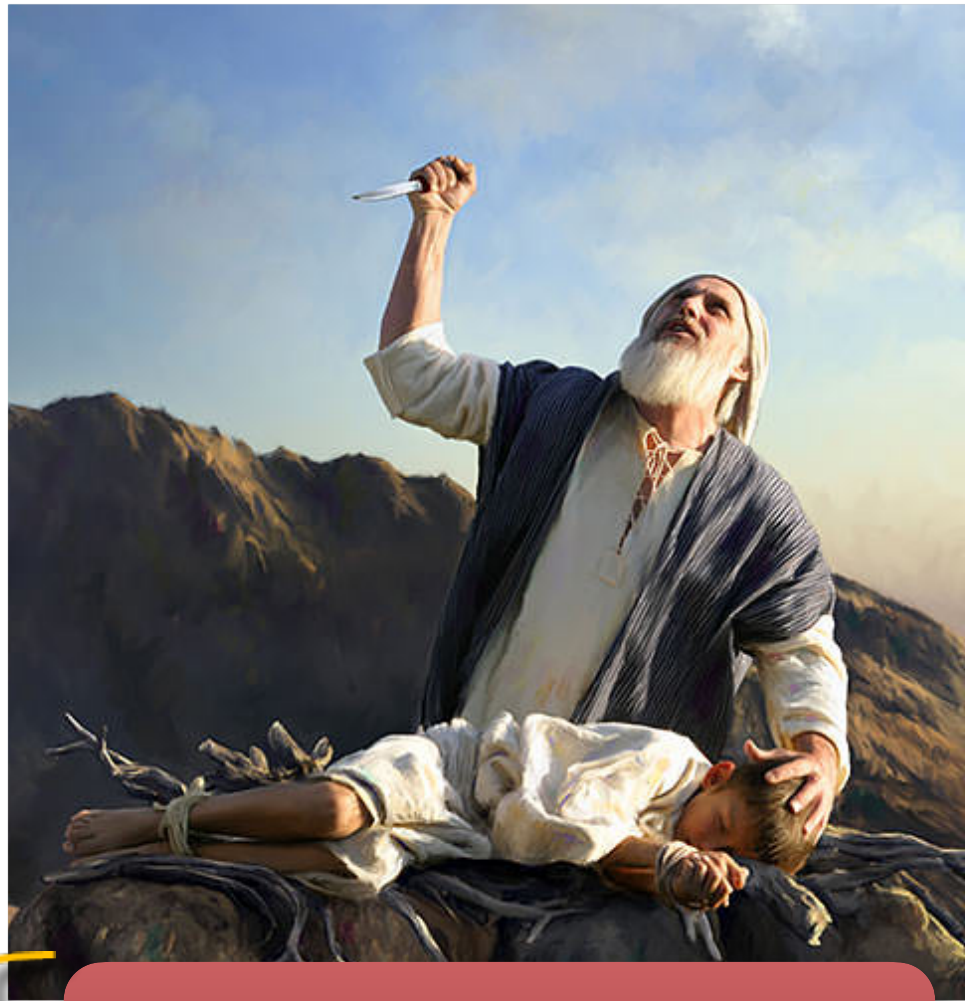




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**The type of faith that does not obey is an incomplete faith.**

**Faith that does not obey will NOT receive God's approval or acceptance.**

**(John 12:42, 43; Mt 7:21-23; Lk 6:46; Ja 2:19)**

**The faith that obeys is the only faith that will save!  
(Rom. 10:13-17; Ja. 2:24)**



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Abel offered - (4)

Enoch pleased God - (5)

Noah built the ark - (7)

Abraham obeyed - (8-10)

Sarah conceived - (11,12)

Abraham's sacrifice - (17-19)

Isaac Blessed sons - (20)

Jacob blessed Joseph's sons - (21)

Moses spurned Egypt - (23-27)

Kept passover - (28)

Israel crossed R. S. - (29)

Wall of Jericho fell- (30)

Rahab Spared- (31)

**MANY** others- (32-38)

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**James 2:14 (NKJV)**  
14 What *does it* profit,  
my brethren, if someone  
says he has faith but  
does not have works?  
Can faith save him?

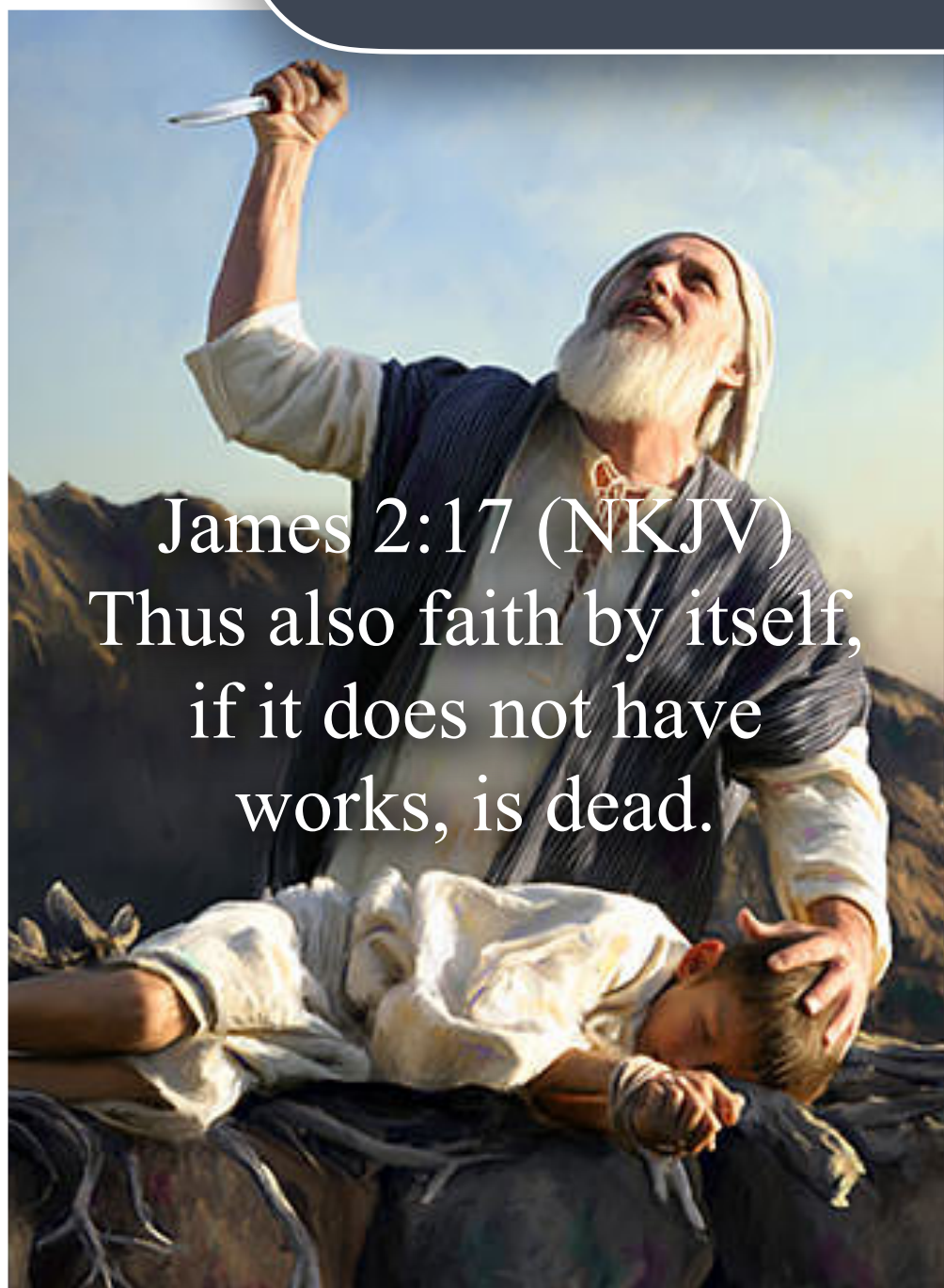




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if it does not have  
works, is dead.

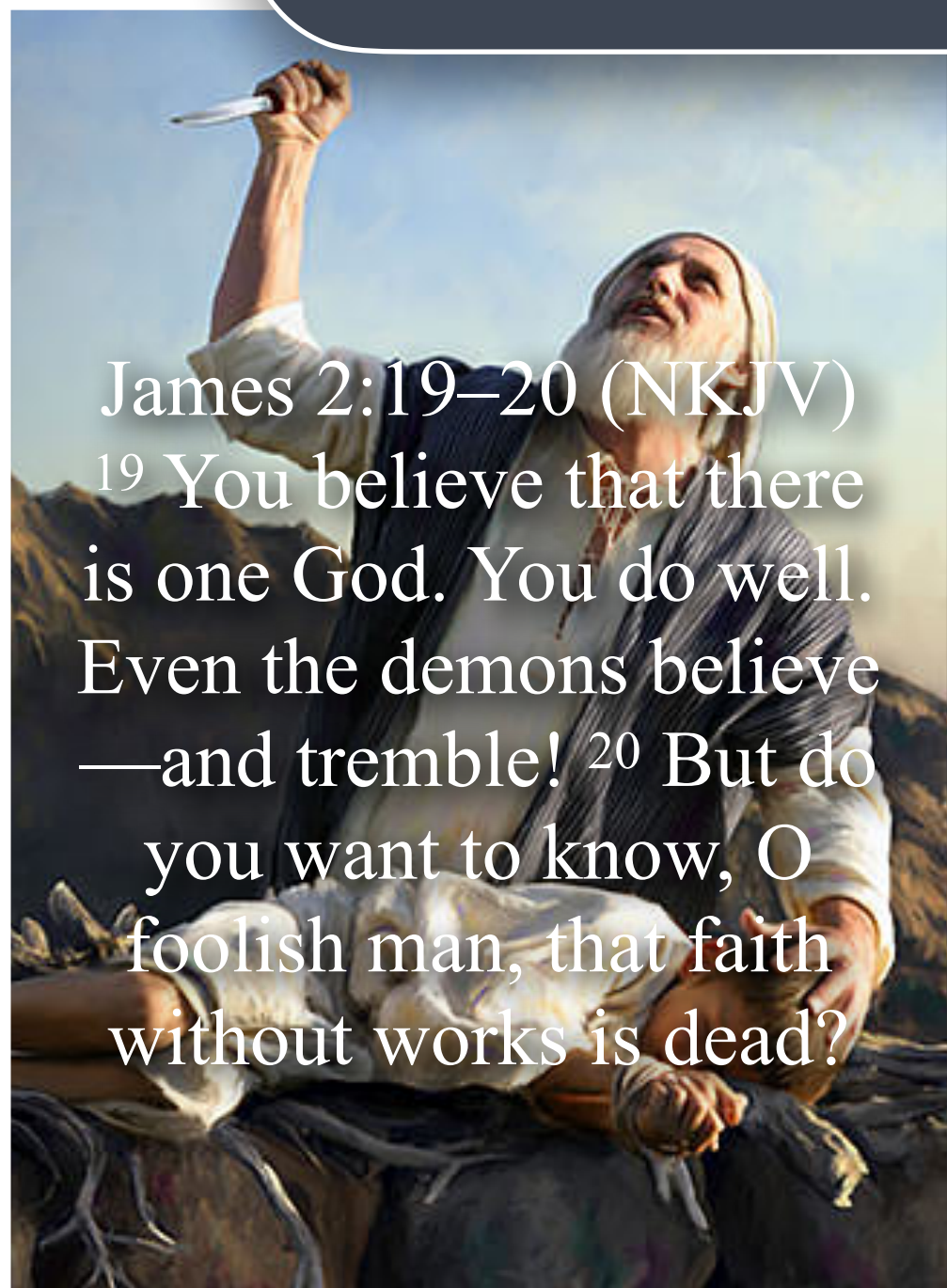
- Hearers but not doers? Ja. 1:22-25
- Believers who will not confess?  
John 12:42; (Rom. 10:9,10)
- Professors who will not obey?  
(Luke 6:46; Mat 7:21-23)
- Is it saving faith if it will not  
confess? repent? be baptized?  
(Luke 7:7:29,30; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)



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- Demons believe in the one true God (Mk 1:24; 5:7; Lk 4:34; Ac. 19:15)
- Demons believe in the deity of Jesus (Mk 3:11,12; Lk 8:30,31)
- Demons believe in hell (Mt 8:29)
- Demons believe Jesus is judge and will condemn (Mk 5:1-13)



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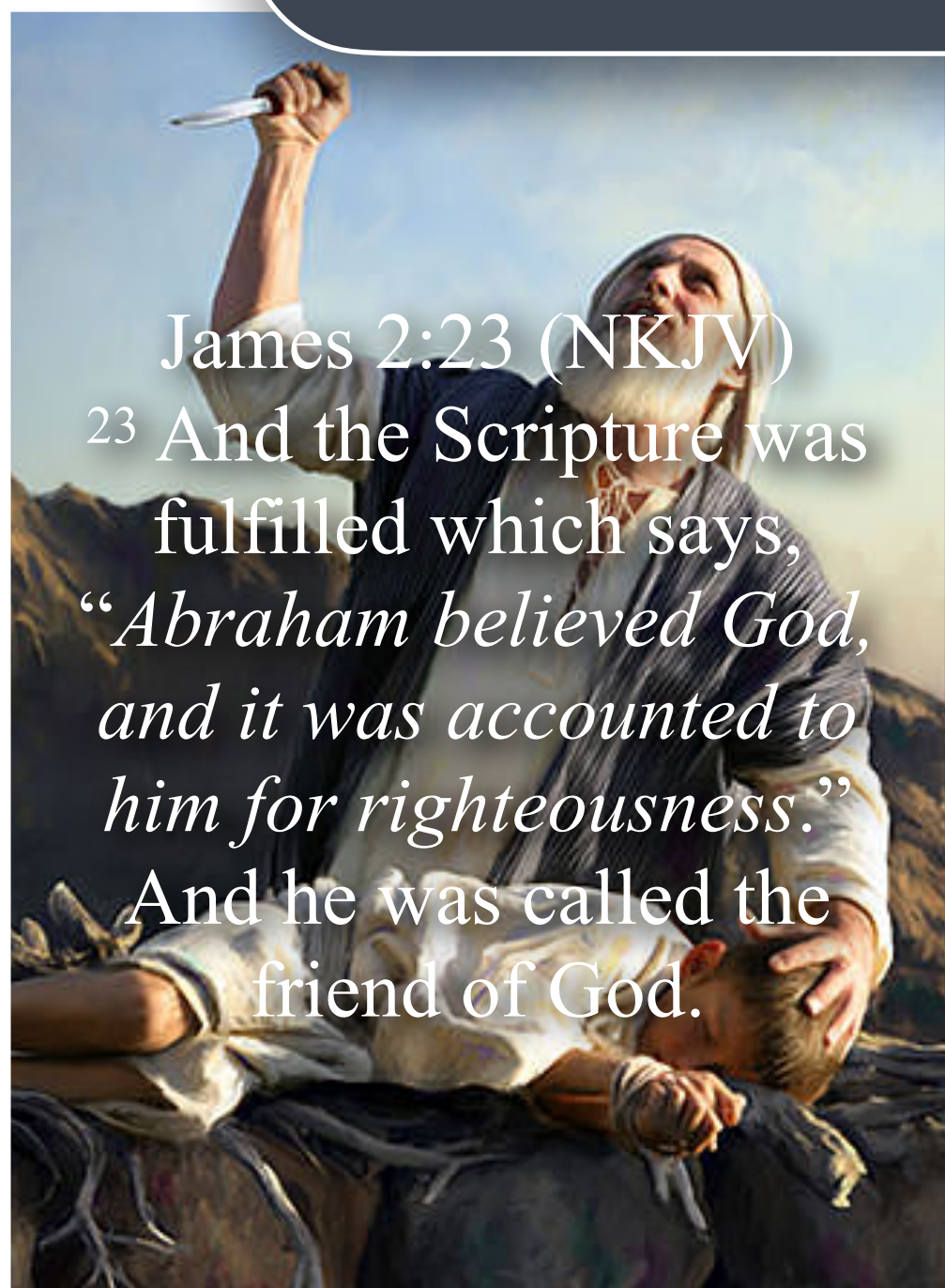
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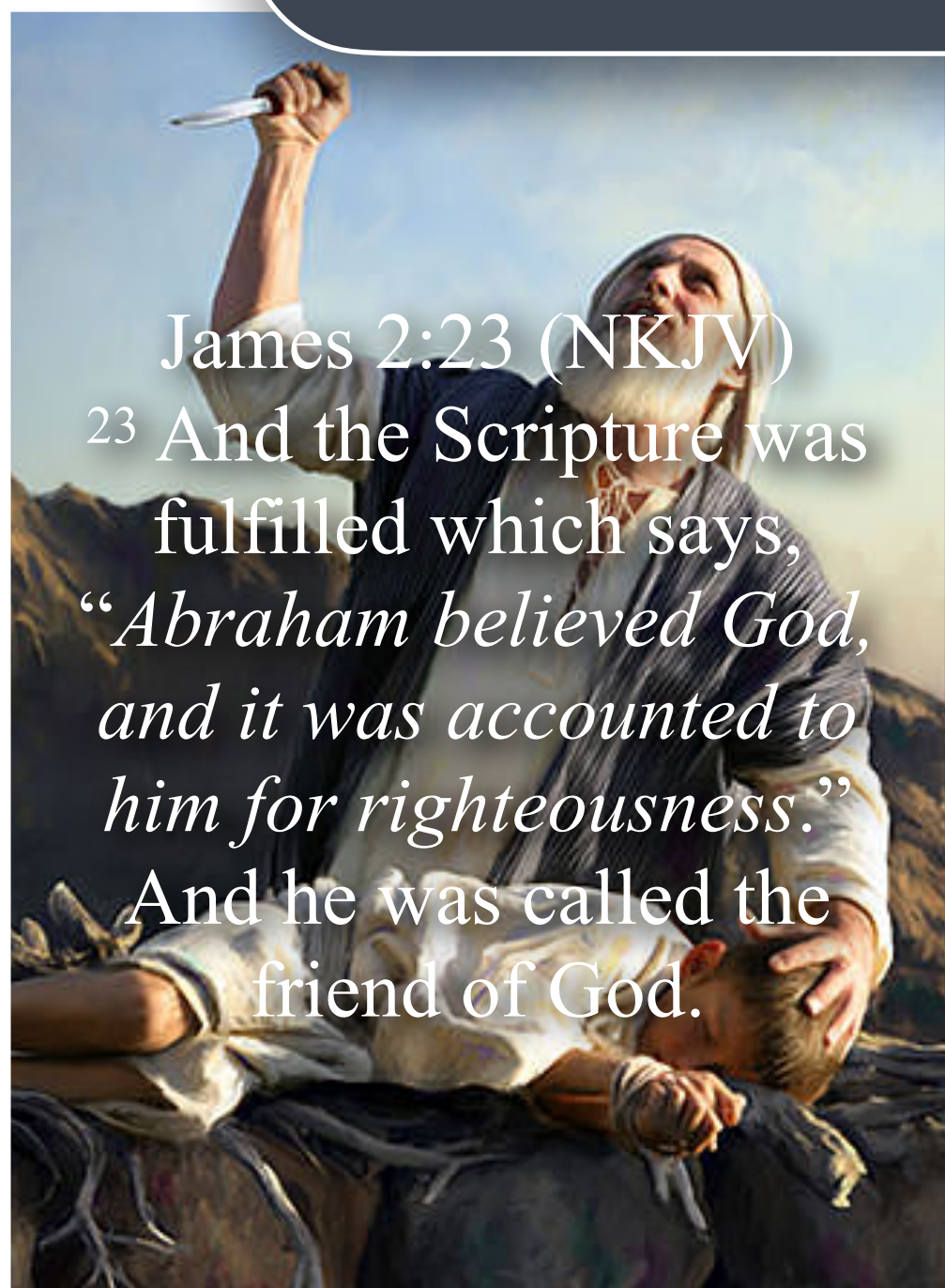
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- Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness as he obeyed! (23a; Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3; Gal. 3:6-8)
- Abraham was called the friend of God! (23b; Is 41:8; 2 Chron 20:7)



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**ABRAHAM** – Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18

**ISRAEL** – Ex. 12:13; 14:30; Dt 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13

**US** – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13; Gal.  
3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Jn 1:9



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## Romans 10:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> For “*whoever calls* on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!*” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup> So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



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- Salvation is a gift of God which no man deserves (Ro. 3:23)
- Salvation is received through the means of our faith (John 3:16; 8:24; Heb 11:6; Ro. 10:17)
- Salvation not earned through our own merits (Ro. 11:6; Lk 17:10)
- No man can boast before God (Ro. 4:2; 3:23; Ep. 2:8,9)



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- Noah saved by grace through faith (Gen. 6:8; Heb 11:7)
- Naaman healed by grace through faith (2 Kings 5:1-19; Lk 4:27)
- Walls of Jericho fell by grace through faith (Joshua 6:2,15,16,20; Heb 11:30)



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- We are saved by grace through faith when we by faith obey the gospel. (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12-16; 10:43,47,48; 19:1-4; etc.)
- The FAITH that obeys does not nullify God's grace - but receives it!! (Gal. 2:20-21; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-7,16-18)



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Ep. 2:8,9  
2 Timothy 1:9  
Titus 2:11,12; 3:5  
Rom. 5:8-10

**The Basis of  
(Not of WORKS)**

Salvation is received  
through our faith  
when we by faith,  
confess Christ,  
repent, and are  
baptized into Christ  
Ep. 2:8,9  
Rom. 5:1; 6:3-6;  
16-18; Mk 16:16



**The Provision  
(Not of WORKS)**

**The Conditions  
(Works of FAITH –  
Still Not Earned)**



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- The only viable faith is the faith that obeys God! (James 2:14-26; Heb. 11; Rom. 10:16; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17)
- What KIND of FAITH did Abraham and all of the other examples of faith have? (Heb. 11; Gen 12-22; Rom 4:12,23)






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<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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**WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH WHEN  
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**WHAT KIND OF FAITH DO YOU HAVE?**

(Mk 16:16; Acts 2:37,38,41; Gal. 3:26,27; 2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 1:16-17)



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## Genesis 6:13–22 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. <sup>15</sup> And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup> You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. <sup>17</sup> And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall die.



## Genesis 6:13–22 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. <sup>21</sup> And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.” <sup>22</sup> Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.