
THE NATURE OF SAVING FAITH ...
WHEN FAITH SAVES ...
Romans 10:1-17

WHEN FAITH SAVES . . .

WHAT IS SALVATION?

Many have misconceptions of what salvation is, and therefore misconceptions of when and how it occurs.

- ✓ **Justification** / forgiveness / cleansing of sin (Romans 3:21–26; 5:1; James 2:14-26; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:11–13),
- ✓ **Regeneration** / new birth / New Life / Family of God (John 3:3–5; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; Rom. 6:3–5; Gal. 3:26–27; Col. 2:12),
- ✓ **Sanctification** (1 Cor. 6:11; Heb. 10:10, 14),
- ✓ **Reconciliation with God** / in the body of Christ / IN CHRIST / (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Eph. 1:3-14; 2:16),

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NECESSITY of FAITH

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NOT FAITH plus WORKS,
but FAITH that WORKS



COVICTION

TRUST

OBEDIENCE

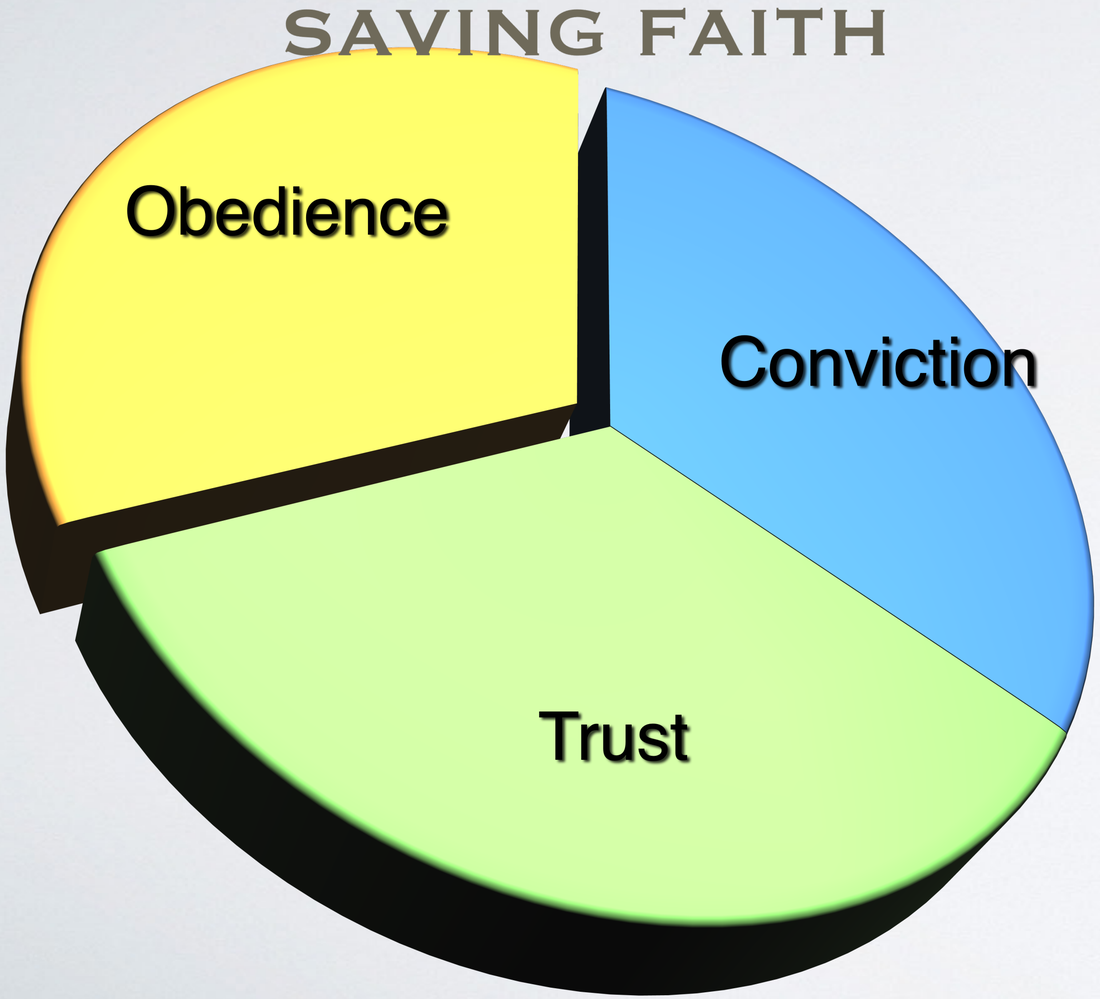
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James 2:22 (NKJV)

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and **by works faith was made perfect**?

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NOT ALL FAITH is SAVING FAITH



James 2:14-17 (NKJV)

14 What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone
says he has faith but does not have works? Can
faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked
and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you
says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed
and filled," but you do not give them the things
which are needed for the body, what *does it*
profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not
have works, is dead.

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THE FAITH THAT SAVES



James 2:24 (NKJV)
24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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WHEN FAITH OBEYS THE GOSPEL



Acts 2:21–41 (NKJV)

21 *And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’* 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

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Acts 2:21–41 (NKJV)

37 Now when they heard *this,* they were cut
to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest
of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what
shall we do?” 38 Then Peter said to them,
“Repent, and let every one of you be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for
the remission of sins; and you shall receive
the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 2:21–41 (NKJV)

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

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Romans 6:3–5 (NKJV)

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection,

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Romans 6:16–18 (NASB95)

16 Do you not know that when you present
yourselves to someone *as* slaves for
obedience, you are slaves of the one whom
you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of
obedience resulting in righteousness? 17 But
thanks be to God that though you were slaves
of sin, you became obedient from the heart to
that form of teaching to which you were
committed, 18 and having been freed from sin,
you became slaves of righteousness.

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(Romans10:13; Cf. Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Jer. 29:11-13)

Romans 10:14–17 (NKJV)

14 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? 15 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!"* 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, *"Lord, who has believed our report?"* 17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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- One can't **call** until they first **believe** (14)
- One can't **believe** until they have **heard** (14)
- One can't **hear** without the message being **proclaimed** (14)
- The message can't be **proclaimed** until it is **sent** (15)

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38 . . . "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 (NKJV)
16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

1 Peter 3:21 (NASB77)
21 And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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"To Invoke The Lord's Blessings By Doing What He Says"

Luke 6:46–47 (NKJV)

46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

8 For 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.

"you have been saved through faith"

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

WHEN DOES FAITH SAVE?

BASIS / GROUNDS
Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-11

God's Universal Kindness, Love & Mercy manifested in Christ

PROVISION / MEANS
Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim 1:8-12

The Gracious Gift of God's Son & The FAITH (Gospel)



CONDITIONAL via a SUBMISSIVE FAITH!

RECEPTION
Romans 6:3-7; 16-18

HEARING / BELIEVING
REPENTING / CONFESSING
BAPTISM / FAITHFUL

WHEN DOES FAITH SAVE?

God speaks →

People believe/trust what He says →

They comply with the instructions He gives →

They receive the promises and blessings.

NOAH (Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7; 1 Pet 3:20,21)

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

ISRAEL (Ex. 12:13; 14:30; Dt 30:15-19; 1 Cor 10:1-13)

WALLS OF JERICHO (Jos 6; Heb. 11:30)

NAAMAN (2 Kings 5:1-19; Luke 4:27)

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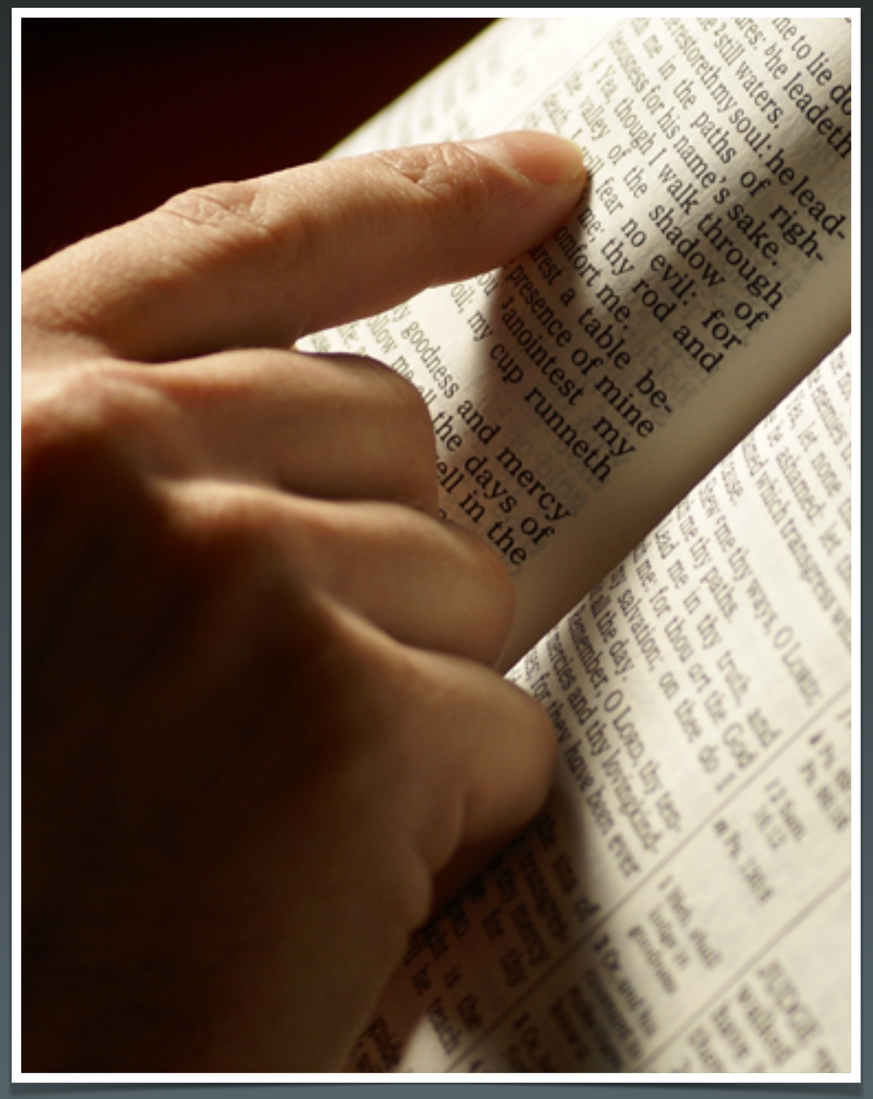
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THE SAME PRINCIPLE IS TRUE FOR **US**

(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; Rom. 2:5-11)

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- Meeting the conditions established by God, such as faith, repentance, baptism, or "doing good," does not, (nor can it), earn, merit, or pay for the forgiveness of our sins and the GIFT of eternal life (Luke 17:10; Eph. 2:8; Titus 3:4,5; Rom. 4:1-12; 5:8,9; 6:3-23; etc.)
- The premise that "*if we have to do anything at all to receive salvation we would earn salvation*," is a premise that despises the value of salvation and the value of the sacrifice of Christ (Heb. 10:26-31).

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WE ARE SAVED BY

GRACE through **FAITH**

God's Love / Mercy

- Provision of Jesus (John 3:16)
- Jesus's sacrifice (Rom. 5:8-10)
- Jesus's resurrection (Rom 10:7; 1 Cor. 15:12-18)
- Provision of the gospel (Rom. 1:16; 10:4-17)

SALVATION

FORGIVEN
JUSTIFIED
REGENERATED
SANCTIFIED
GLORIFIED

•Accept / Trust / Obey

- Believe in Jesus (John 8:24)
- Confess Jesus (Rom. 10:9,10)
- Repent unto Jesus (Acts 17:30; 26:20)
- Baptism into Jesus (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6; etc.)


WHO SAVES?
WHAT SAVES?
HOW ARE WE SAVED?
WHEN ARE WE SAVED?

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HAVE YOU BEEN:

- ✓ Forgiven of your sins, washed, cleansed (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:11–12; Rom. 6:6–7, 17–18)?
- ✓ United with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27)
- ✓ Regenerated / made alive / made a child of God (Rom 6:4; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:26–27; Titus 3:5)
- ✓ Added by the Holy Spirit to the body of Christ (Acts 2:38, 41, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13)
- ✓ Saved by calling on the name of the Lord (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16)





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2 Kings 5:9–14 (NKJV)

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and
he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha
sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the
Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored
to you, and *you shall* be clean.” 11 But Naaman
became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I
said to myself, ‘He will surely come out *to me,* and
stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and
wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’

2 Kings 5:9–14 (NKJV)

12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of
Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not
wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away
in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him,
and said, “My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do*
something great, would you not have done *it?* How much
more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” 14
So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan,
according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh
was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.