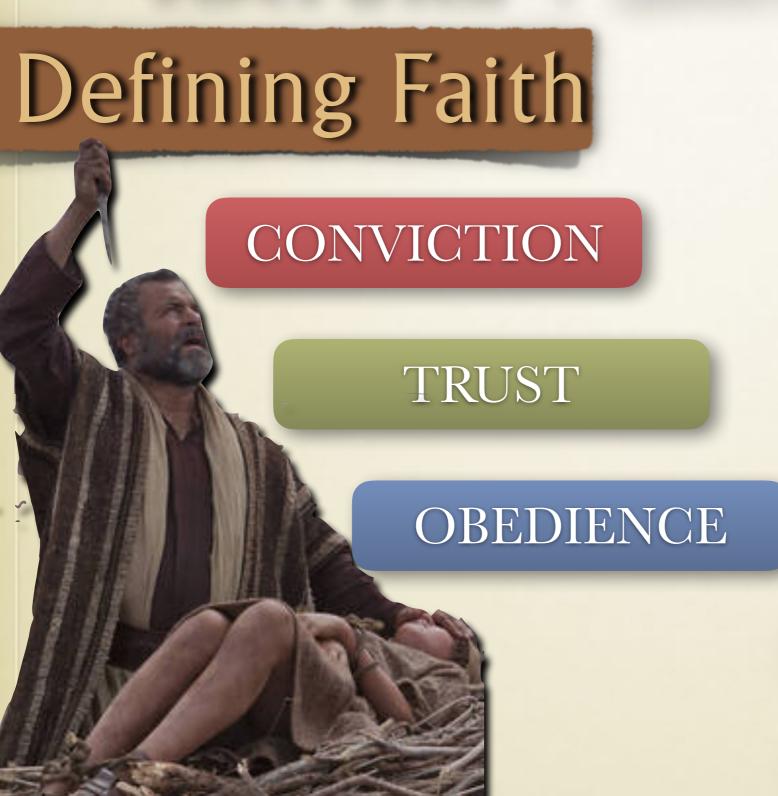




NECESSITY of FAITH

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Defining Faith

SAVING FAITH

OBEDIENCE CONVICTION TRUST

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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?

Faith Exemplified

HEBREWS 11 / By FAITH ...

Hebrews 11:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ...

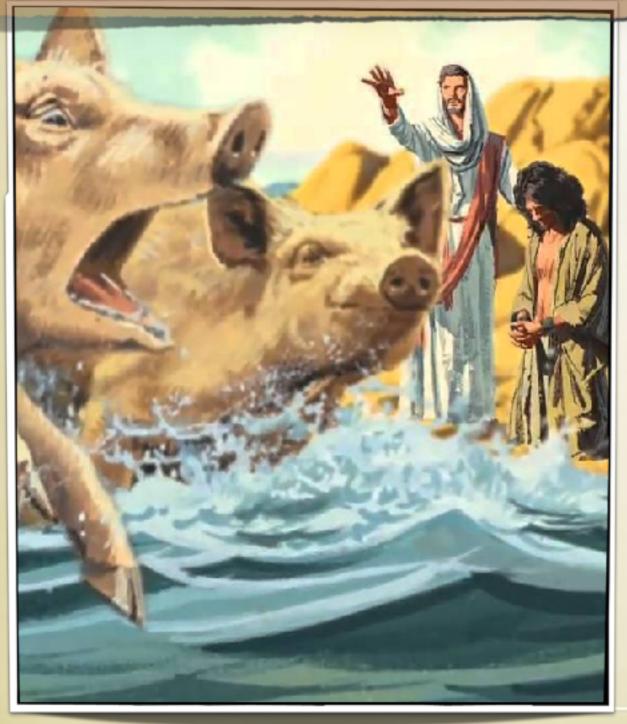


NOT ALL FAITH is SAVING FAITH



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

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James 2:19 (NKJV) 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

The kind of FAITH that SAVES



James 2:24

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

The kind of FAITH that SAVES

NOT Saved By Works,

ROMANS 4:1-6

Justified

Counted for

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Genesis 15:6

Strong

Not of works

"WORKS used in two different senses



WHAT Kind of FAITH did Abraham Have?

Saved By Works,

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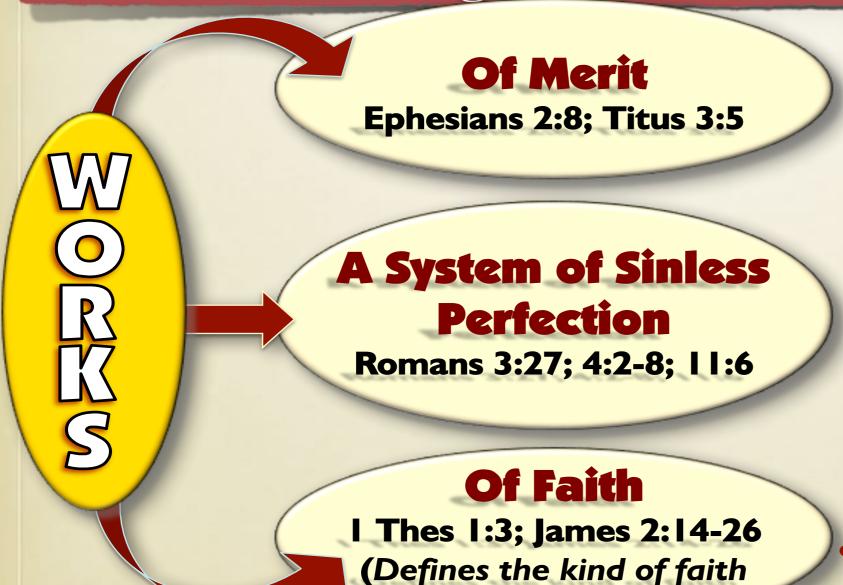
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Different Usages of the word WORKS ...



INCLUDES:

Receiving the word

Confession

Repentance

Baptism

Faithfulness

The Gospel God's Power to SAVE All Who Believe - Romans



- The Gospel of Christ is the ONLY hope for sinful man (1:16,17; 3:21-23)
- The sinful condition of the whole world and its need for salvation (1:18-3:20)
- ➤ Justification is by faith apart from the law (3:21 11:36)

The Gospel God's Power to SAVE All Who Believe - Romans

Contrasting Two Opposing Systems

Romans 3:27; 4:2-8; 11:6; Gal 2:14-16; 3:5-25

W

O R K A system of merit

A system where there is no forgiveness

A system where there is no need for God's mercy or grace (Jesus)

Romans 1:5; 16,17; 3:27; 4:2-13; 5:1-5; 6:1-19; 16:25,26

A system of Grace

A system relying on forgiveness

A system where our need for God's mercy & grace (Jesus) is recognized F A I T H

The Gospel God's Power to SAVE All Who Believe - Romans

Romans 3:19-31

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

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to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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- Where is boasting then? It is excluded.
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²⁹ Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

All "justified men" are justified on the same grounds - by, or through the means of faith - NOT perfect law keeping — (1:16,17; 4:1-5:5; 10:1-17; Gal 2:14-16; 3:6-14; 26-29)

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Romans 3:19-31

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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- The system of justification by faith does not destroy, or set at naught the Law and its purpose, but rather establishes & fulfills its purpose—(cf. 10:4; Mat. 5:17; 15:6. Ga. 2:21; 3:17–19; De. 18:18; Acts 3:22; 7:37)

The Example of Abraham

Romans 4:1-25

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- What is discovered by examining the justification of the physical forefather of the Jews (4:1; Jn 8:39)
 - Abraham was not justified by boastful works / works of merit (4:2,4; 11:6; Ep 2:8.9)
 - Abraham "believed God" and it was <u>COUNTED</u> to him as righteousness (4:3; Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23)

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- The system by which men are justified rests on "*forgiveness*" not "*merit*" (4:6-8; Ps. 32:1,2; Acts 2:38; Col 2:12-14; Ep. 2:8,9)

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⁶ And if by grace, then *it* is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. — Romans 11:6 Cf. Galatians 3:10-12

The Example of Abraham

Romans 4:1-25

- ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:
- 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;
 - 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

- David proclaims & illustrates the same principle
 - David sinned could never obtain justification by the Law (2 Samuel 11,12; Gal. 3:10-12; Rom. 7:7-25)
 - He was counted as righteous by virtue of God's mercy & grace through his faith. (David repented & confessed his sin sought a steadfast spirit & pledged his future faithfulness) Psalm 51

The Example of Abraham





- Gentiles receive this blessedness by FAITH (4:9; 3:29,30; 9:24; 10:12,13; 15:8-19; Gal. 3:14,26-28)
- Abraham was counted as righteous before the giving of circumcision (4:10-12,15; Gen. 15:6; 17:10)
- > Promise of righteousness not through the Law but through faith (4:13-18; Gal. 3:16-29)

We must have the same kind of faith as Abraham – (4:12-18; Jn 8:39,40)

The Example of Abraham

Romans 4:1-25

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Colossians 2:12 Gen 22; Jos 6; 2 Ki 5

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

The Example of Abraham

Romans 4:1-25

²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:21 cf. Rom 5:18; 1 Cor 15:17; 2 Cor 5:15

Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

The Example of Abraham



Romans 5:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

SAME PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE ...

GOD SPEAKS

MAN HEARS MAN OBEYS BY FAITH

GOD SAVES

NOAH - Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7

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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- 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.
- ◆Salvation is a gift of God which no man deserves – Rom 3:23
- ◆Salvation is received through the means of our faith – John 3:16; 8:24; Heb 11:6; Rom 10:17
- ◆Salvation cannot be earned by our own efforts Rom. 11:6
- ◆No man can boast before God
 - Rom. 4:2; 3:23

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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
- ◆The FAITH that obeys does not nullify God's grace - but receives it! (Mk 16:16; Gal. 2:20; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3-19; Col. 2:12,13)

SAME PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE ...

God's Universal Kindness, Love & Mercy. The Basis
(Not of
WORKS)

The Gracious
Gift of God's
Son & The
Gospel -

The
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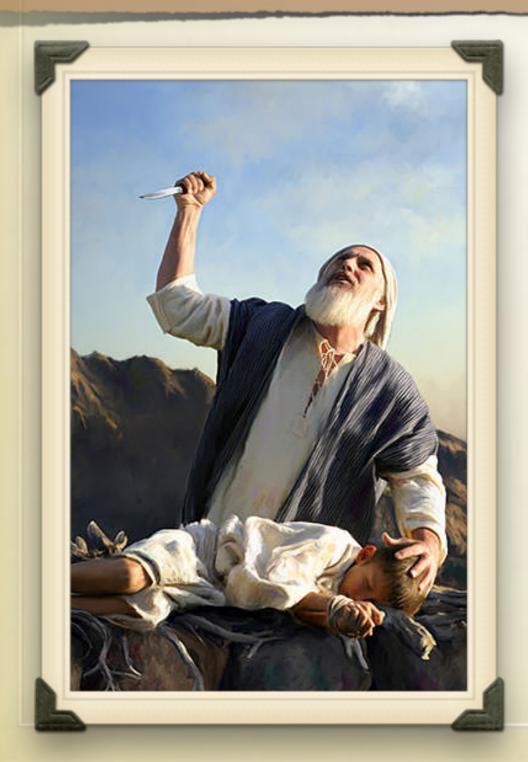
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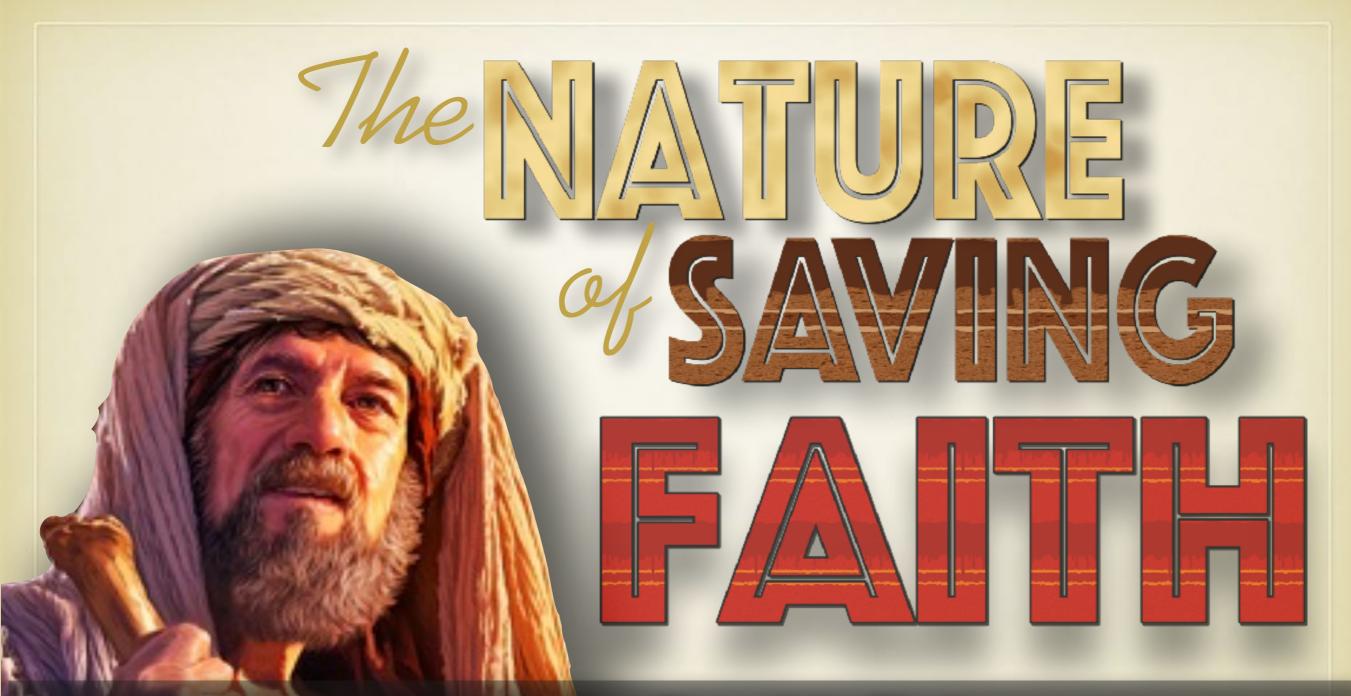
- Persevere)

The Provision (Not of WORKS)

The kind of FAITH that SAVES



- ◆The only viable faith is the faith that obeys God! (James 2:14-26; Heb. 11)
- ◆What KIND of FAITH did Abraham Have? — (Gen 12-22; Rom 4:12,23)
- ♦ What kind of FAITH do you have? (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:37,38,41; Gal. 3:26,27)



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GALATIANS 3:10-14 (NKJV)

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

GALATIANS 3:10-14 (NKJV)

¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.



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