



# *The* **NATURE** *of* **SAVING** **FAITH**

**WHEN Faith Saves**

Romans 6,10,11  
Examples In Acts  
Colossians 2:11-13



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## NECESSITY of FAITH

Hebrews 11:6  
(NKJV)

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## Defining Faith

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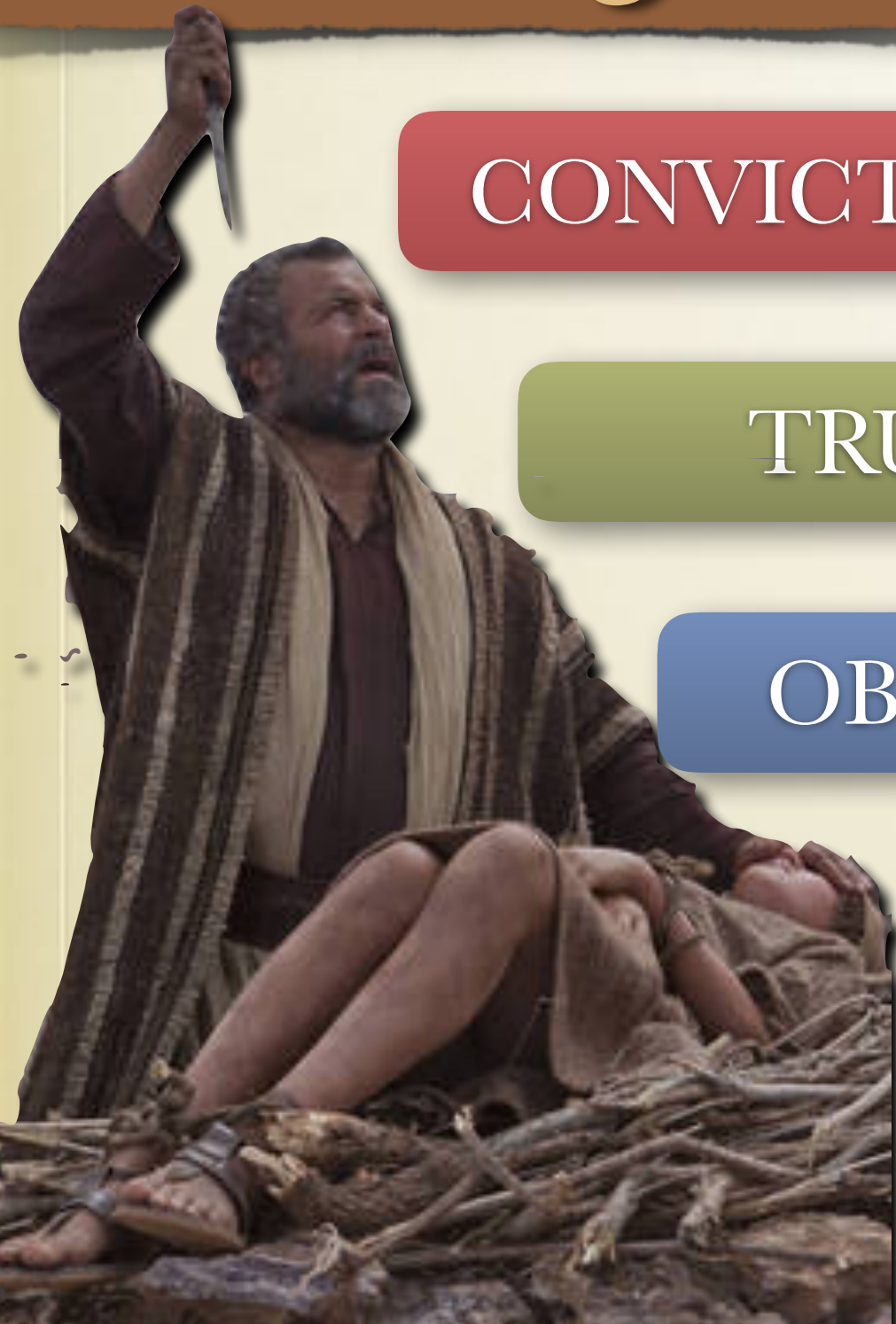
TRUST

OBEDIENCE

NOT FAITH plus  
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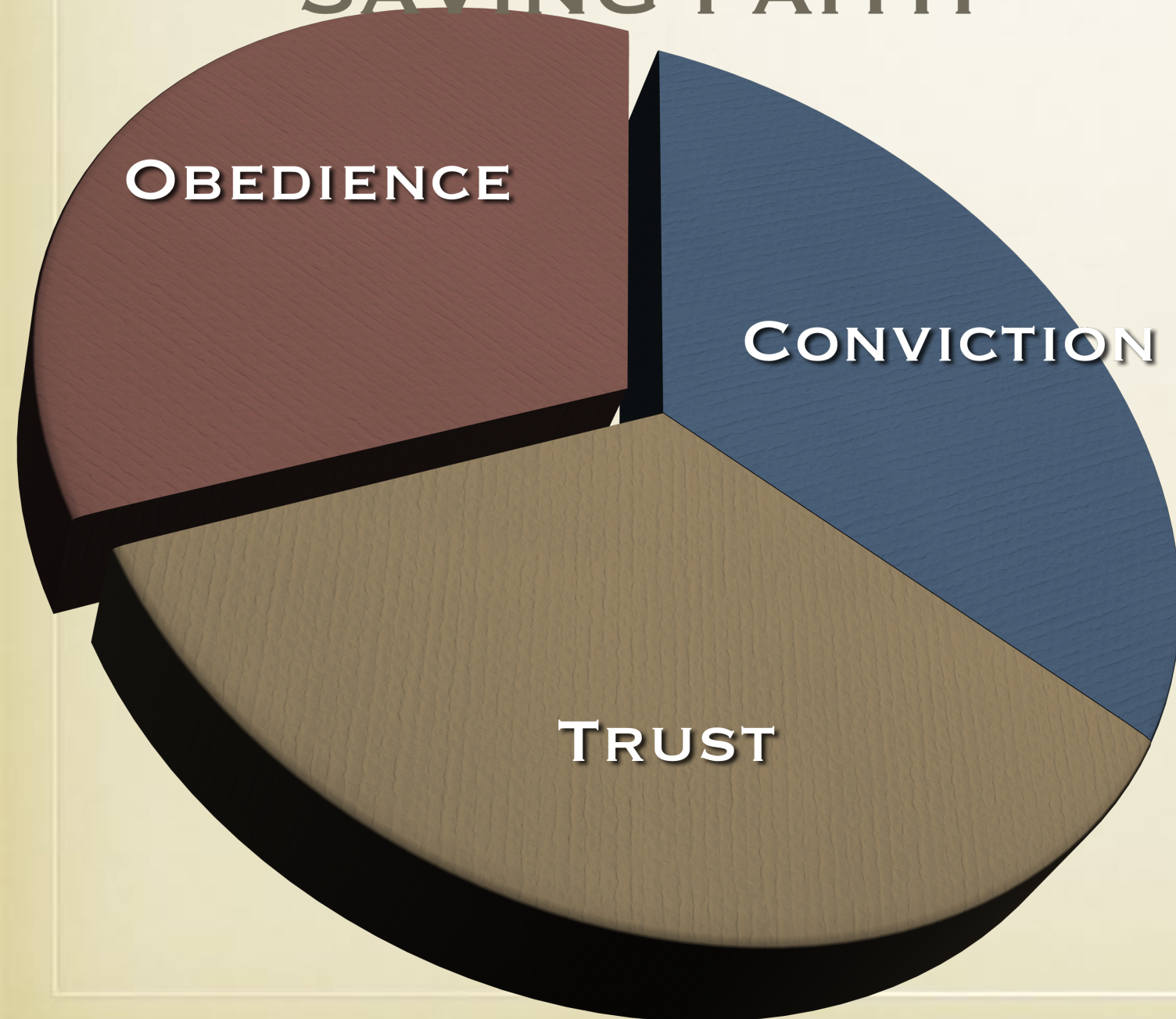




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### SAVING FAITH



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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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## Faith Exemplified

### HEBREWS 11 / By FAITH ...

Hebrews 11:1–3 (NKJV)

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





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NOT ALL FAITH is SAVING FAITH

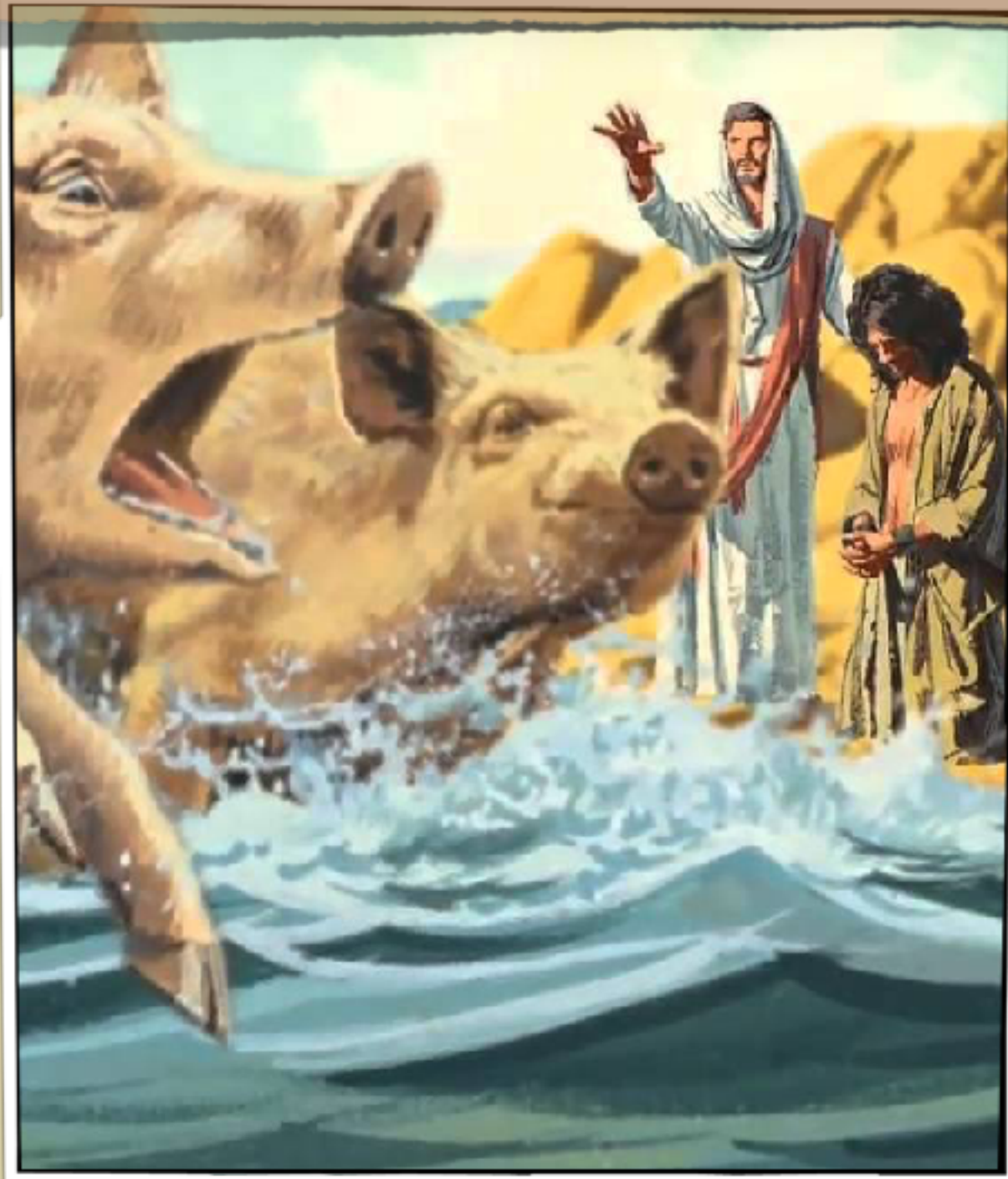


James 2:14 (NKJV)  
14 What does *it* profit,  
my brethren, if  
someone says he has  
faith but does not have  
works? Can faith save  
him?



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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!



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The kind of FAITH that SAVES



**James 2:24**  
**(NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> You see then that  
a man is justified  
by works, and not  
by faith only.



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The kind of FAITH that SAVES

**NOT Saved  
By Works,  
ROMANS 4:1-6**

Justified  
Counted for  
righteousness  
Fulfilled  
Genesis 15:6  
Strong  
Not of works

**“WORKS used in two  
different senses**



**WHAT Kind of FAITH  
did Abraham Have?**

**Saved By  
Works,  
JAMES 2:21-24**

Justified  
Counted for  
righteousness  
Fulfilled  
Genesis 15:6  
Perfect  
By works



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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

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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; 10:1-21

A system of Grace

A system relying on  
forgiveness

A system where our need  
for God's mercy & grace  
(Jesus) is recognized

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Righteousness of WORKS vs. Righteousness of FAITH

## ROMANS 10:1-7 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup> For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.



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<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “*The man who does those things shall live by them.*” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “*Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’*” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) <sup>7</sup> or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). – [Deut 30:12-14]



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## Righteousness of WORKS vs. Righteousness of FAITH

### of The **LAW**

ROMANS 10:1-13

### of The **FAITH**

- LOST – 1
- ZEAL for God without knowledge – 2; Jn 5:46
- Ignorantly sought to establish own righteousness – 3
- Had NOT submitted to the righteousness of God – 3
- The Law CANNOT save – 5; 7:10; Gal 3:10-12



- “Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” – 4; 8:3,4; Mat. 5:17,18; Gal. 3:24-29
- God provides what we COULD NOT provide for ourselves – 7; Jn 3:16
- This message has been preached – MUST believe in Jesus – 8-11



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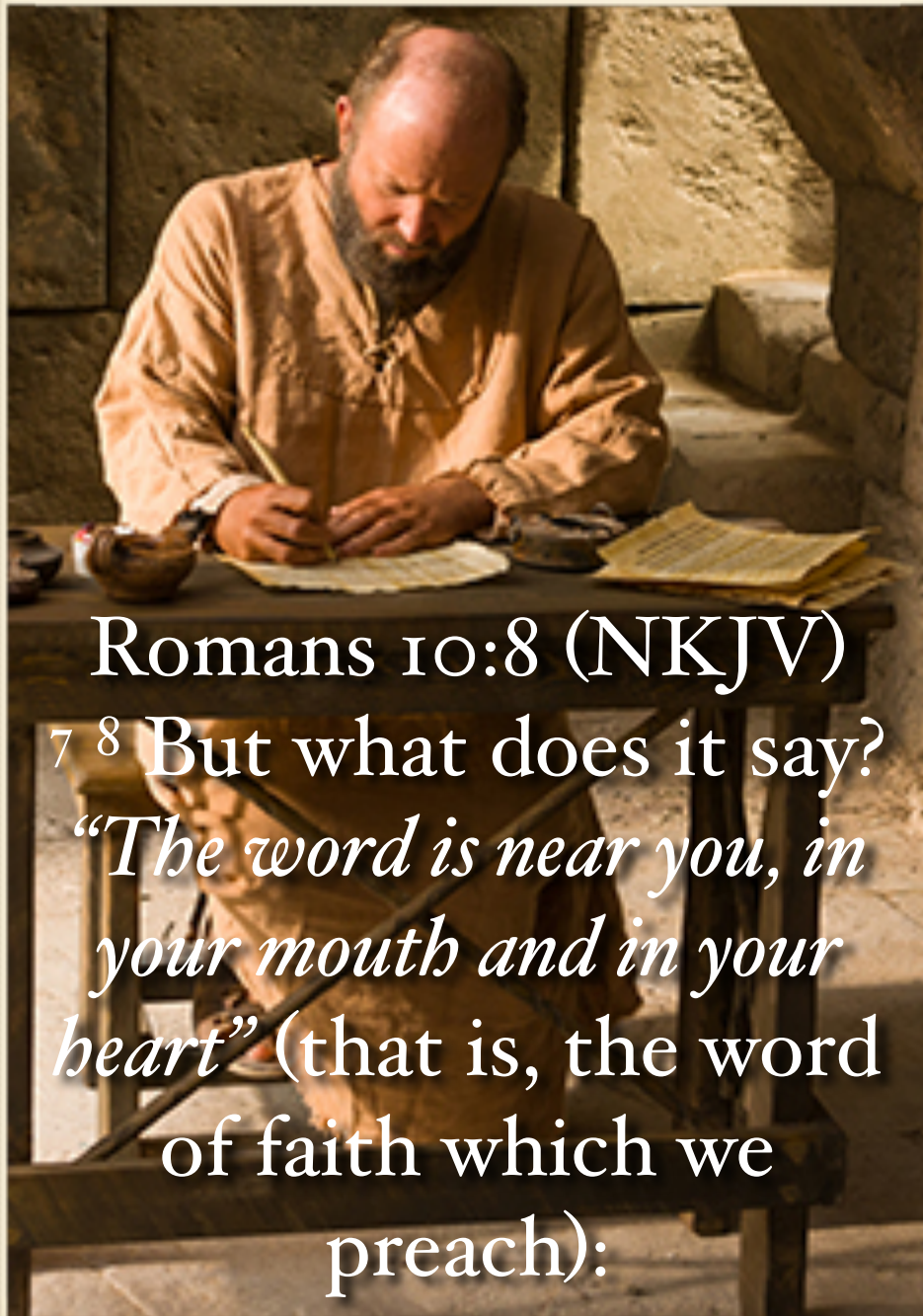
## ROMANS 10:8-11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, *“Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”*



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Romans 10:8 (NKJV)  
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*“The word is near you, in  
your mouth and in your  
heart”* (that is, the word  
of faith which we  
preach):

- Confess with the mouth - (9,10) – Mat 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; 1 John 4:2,3; Acts 8:38; Jn 9:22; 12:42,43
- Believe in your heart (9,10) – John 3:16; 8:24; Acts 8:37
- Will be saved / unto righteousness / unto salvation (9,10) – **salvation – righteousness is not attained at the point of faith**, – Jn 1:12; Mark 16:16; Gal. 3:26,27
- Not be ashamed (11) – Is. 28:16



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## ROMANS 10:12-17 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <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?



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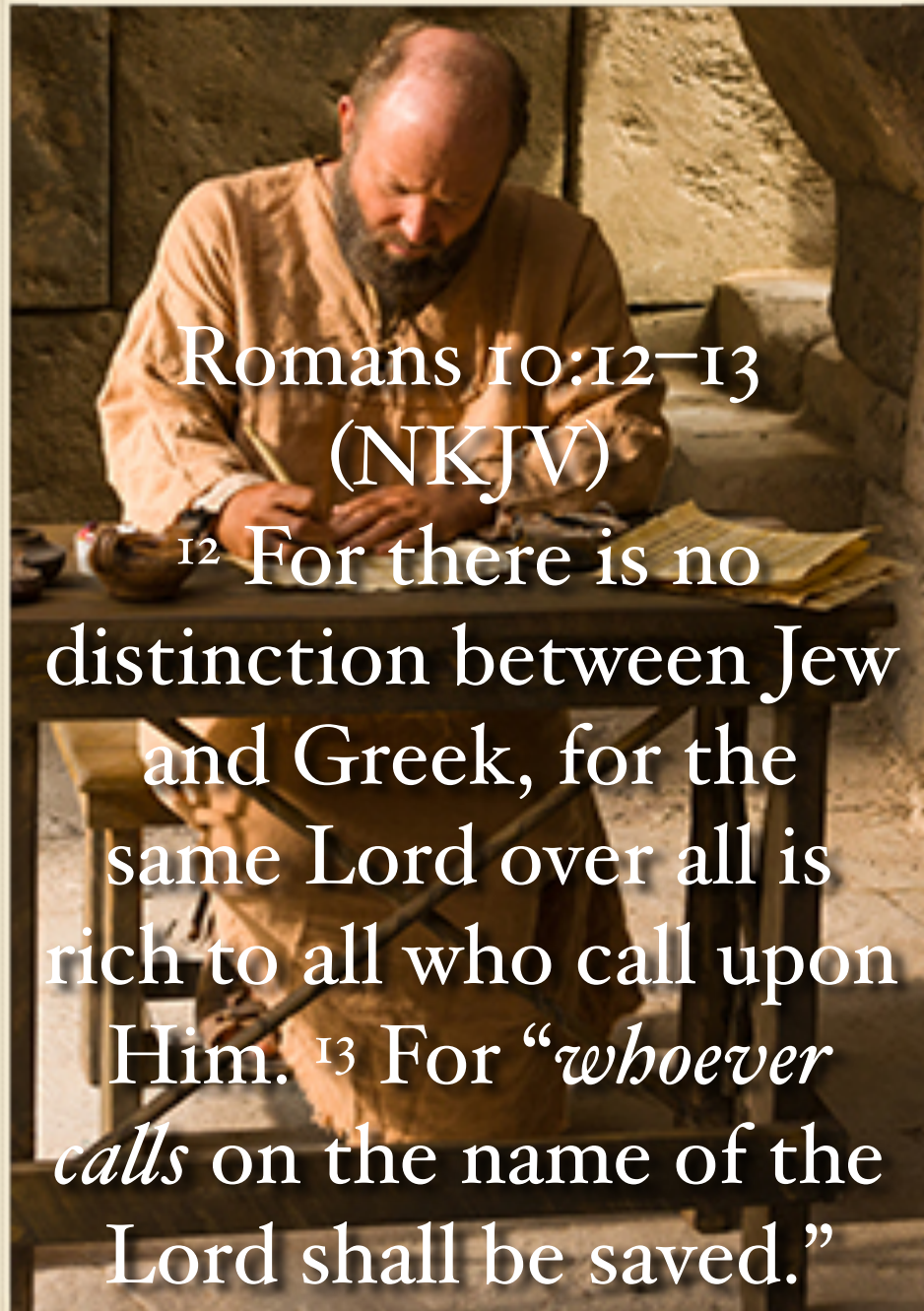
ROMANS 10:12-17 (NKJV)

<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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- No distinction between Jew and Gentile - (12) – Rom. 1:16,17; 3:22,29,30; 4:11,12; 9:24
- Same Lord over all (12) – Acts 2:36; 15:11; Eph. 2:14-22
- Is rich to all who call upon Him, for “*whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*” - (12,13) – Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21;
- What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?



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Romans 10:13-18

How can they  
call? (13,14)

Calling on the name of the  
LORD and **obeying the gospel**  
are equivalent phrases.

They have not  
all obeyed the  
gospel (16)

Must BELIEVE (14)

Must hear (14)

Preaching (14,15)



Did NOT believe (16)

Heard (17,18)

Preached (18)



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## HOW DO WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD? - **Acts 2:14-42**

“whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.” - Acts 2:21; (Joel 2:32)

Peter preaches Jesus & proclaims Him to be LORD & CHRIST - Acts 2:22-36

<sup>37</sup> ...“Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> 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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HOW DO WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF  
THE LORD? - **Acts 22:14-42**

Paul sees Jesus ... “go  
to Damascus ... be told  
what to do” -  
Acts 22:6-11

Paul PRAYED &  
FASTED for three days  
- Acts 9:9-11

Ananias sent to Paul  
to tell him what he  
must do - Acts 9:6,  
10-18; 22:10-16

Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And now why are you waiting? Arise and be  
baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the  
name of the Lord.



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HOW DO WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF  
THE LORD? - **1 Peter 3:21**

As Noah was saved in  
the ark by water,  
Baptism SAVES us.  
(20)

Not a ceremonial  
cleansing - not a fleshly  
ritual - Hebrews 9:9,10

An appeal to God for  
a good conscience -  
Hebrews 9:11-15;  
10:22; Col. 2:11-13

1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,



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## WHEN DOES FAITH SAVE?



Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.



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Mark 16:15–16 (NKJV)  
<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “Go  
into all the world and preach  
the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>

He who believes and is  
baptized will be saved; but he  
who does not believe will be  
condemned.



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<sup>38</sup> 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. . . .

<sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. (vs 47)





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## WHEN DOES FAITH SAVE?



- When FAITH obeys - (*Jam 2:14-24*)
  - The Samaritans - Acts 8:5-13
  - The Eunuch - Acts 8:30-39
  - Saul - Acts 9:18; 22:16
  - Cornelius - Acts 10:47,48
  - Lydia - Acts 16:14,15
  - Jailer - Acts 16:30-33
  - Corinthians - Ac 18:8; 1 Co 12:13
  - 12 Ephesians 19:1-5



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Romans 6:3–5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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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Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



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Colossians 2:11–13 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,





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**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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**SAME PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE ...**

**GOD  
SPEAKS**

**MAN  
HEARS**

**MAN  
OBEYS BY  
FAITH**

**GOD  
SAVES**

**THE FAITH THAT OBEYS DOES NOT  
NULLIFY GOD'S GRACE - BUT RECEIVES IT!**

(Ephesians 2:8-10 / Joshua 6:2 & Hebrews 11:8)

(Mk 16:16; Gal. 2:20; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3-19; Col. 2:12,13)



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## The kind of FAITH that SAVES



- ◆ The only viable faith is the faith that obeys God! — (James 2:14-26; Heb. 11)
- ◆ Do you believe in Christ & will you confess Him? — (Acts 8:38; Rom 10:9,10)
- ◆ Will you call upon the Name of the Lord as taught in the NT? — (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21)









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# ACTS 22:12-16 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt *there*,  
<sup>13</sup> came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him.



# ACTS 22:12-16 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. <sup>15</sup> For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.



# ACTS 22:12-16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'



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