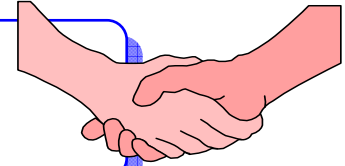


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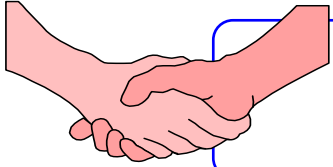
What Is Faith?

– Everybody Has Faith!

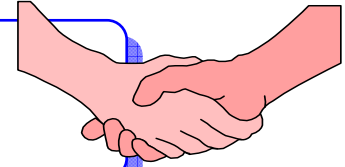
- **Faith - Gr. pistis {pis'-tis}** 1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it
- Demons have it -- **James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe -- and tremble!**
- You and I have it! The person at home watching TV has it!
- Even The Atheist has it!

– So How Can Faith Save?

- **Faith that saves must be in God!**
- **Mark 11:22 ; Gal 2:16 ; 1 Cor 2:5 ; Gal 2:20 ; Heb 11:6**



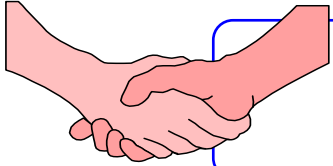
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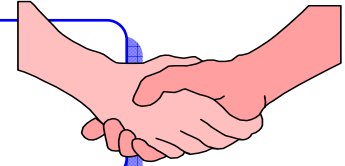
What Is Saving Faith?

– Does it Require perfect understanding?

- Did you have it when you became a Christian?
- Do you have it now?
- Who has it besides God?
- **Ephesians 4:11-13** And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
- **2 Peter 1:5** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

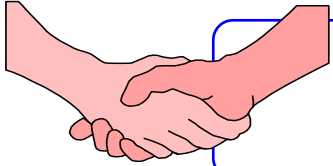


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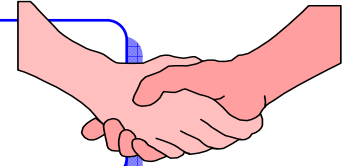


What Is Saving Faith?

- Does it require perfect obedience?
 - **1 John 1:9-10** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- What Then, Can I Continue in Sin?
 - **Romans 6:1-2** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- So dying to sin must have something to do with faith that saves?



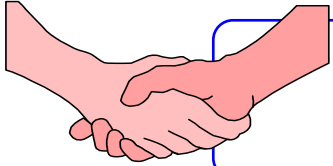
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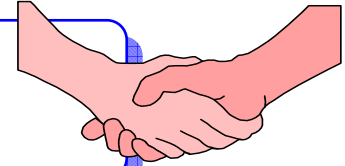
What Is Saving Faith?

– We must become a disciple!

- **Matthew 28:19** "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,
- **Luke 6:40** "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.
- **Luke 14:33** "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.
- **Luke 14:28** "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has [enough] to finish [it --]
- **Matthew 11:29** "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



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What Is Saving Faith?

- We must be in Jesus!
 - To be a disciple of Jesus one must believe Him. Heb 11:6
 - To believe one must first hear. Rom 10:17
 - After believing one must repent Acts 2:38; James 2:18
 - And then be willing to confess. Rom 10:9-10
 - Only after all this can one be baptized into Christ. Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35-38
- What does baptism do?
 - Puts you into Christ. Gal 3:26; Rom 6:3
 - Where you have access to all spiritual blessings and forgiveness of sin. Eph 1:3,7
 - By which you die to sin so that you should no longer live in it!!!. Rom 6:3-8
- Saving faith doesn't end at Baptism but only starts there.