

Faith That Saves

**Everybody believes in something,
so how can faith save us?**



Everybody Has Faith



- **Faith - Gr. pistis {pis'-tis} 1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; (Vines)**
 - You and I have it
 - The person at home watching TV has it
 - Atheist's have it
 - Demons have it
 - James 2:19 *"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe -- and tremble!"*
- **So how can faith save some?**



What Is Saving Faith?



■ Faith that saves must be in God!

- **Heb 11:6** *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*
- **Mark 11:22** *"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God."*
- **1 Cor 2:5** *"that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."*
- **Gal 2:20** *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*



Do We Need Perfect Understanding?



- Did you have it when you became a Christian?
- Do you have it now?
- Does anyone have it other than God?
 - **2 Peter 1:5-8** *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*



Do We Need 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.”*
- **Then, does God simply accept that we will continue sinning?**
 - **Romans 6:1-2** *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”*



How Does Faith Lead Us To Die To Sin?



- **We must desire to learn from Jesus!**
 - **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.”*
 - **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.”*



How Does Faith Lead Us To Die To Sin?



- **When we believe we must repent**
 - Acts 2:38
- **And confess**
 - Rom 10:9-10
- **And be baptized into Christ**
 - Acts 8:35-38; Acts 10:48; Acts 22:16; 1Pet 3:18-22
- **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
- **Baptism isn't the end of faith though, It's just the beginning!**