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Faith That Leads to Salvation

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READ THIS FIRST

Each study in this series is the result of years of preparation, prayer, experience, research, and careful scriptural verification. This is not rushed teaching or surface-level content. Every study has been built deliberately, line upon line, to promote clarity, accuracy, and faithfulness to Scripture.

Because of this, the order of these studies is important.

You should complete each study in sequence, book by book, chapter by chapter, beginning with Chapter 1, Study 1, then Study 2, Study 3, and so on before moving forward.

Do not skip ahead.

Do not rearrange the order.

Each study builds upon the foundation established by the previous studies.

The entire Book 2 has been designed as a progressive examination of salvation according to Scripture. Studying it out of sequence may lead to confusion, unanswered questions, or conclusions that have not yet been fully examined.

Before moving to the next study, take the time to verify what has been presented.

Search the Scriptures.

Test the conclusions.

Examine the evidence.

Ask questions.

Do not guess.

Do not assume.

Do not rush.

The goal is not simply to finish the studies.

The goal is to understand what God has revealed through His
Word.

When followed carefully, each study builds upon the last, allowing understanding to develop step by step. When the order is ignored, important foundations may be missed, and what should become clear may instead become confusing.

TRUTH RECEIVED OUT OF SEQUENCE MAY PRODUCE
CONVICTION WITHOUT PROVIDING STABILITY.

These studies are designed for anyone, regardless of background, tradition, or current beliefs. Whether you have spent years studying Scripture or are opening the Bible for the first time, the invitation remains the same:

Be willing to listen.

Be willing to study.

Be willing to test everything by the Word of God.

If you do, the Scriptures will speak for themselves.

Dear Reader,

Few words are used more often in Christianity than the word faith.

Many speak about it.

Many claim to possess it.

Many assume they understand it.

Yet Scripture repeatedly connects faith to things that many never consider.

Faith is spoken of as something that grows, something that is tested, something that can fail, something that must be kept, and something that ultimately reaches an end.

If faith is truly connected to salvation, then it deserves more than assumptions. It deserves careful examination.

As you work through this study, do not ask whether your church teaches faith.

Do not ask whether your denomination teaches faith.

Ask a simpler question:

What does Scripture teach about faith?

Examine every verse.

Test every conclusion.

Verify every claim.

Then let the Word of God speak for itself.

Why This Study Exists

Most Christians agree that faith is necessary for salvation.

Yet there is much disagreement concerning what faith actually is.

Some define faith as believing.

Some define faith as trust.

Some define faith as confidence.

Others define faith as something that requires no action at all.

Before examining whether John Doe possesses saving faith, we must first determine how Scripture defines faith.

If faith leads to salvation, then understanding biblical faith is essential.

Faith in the bible

In this study you will get to understand that Faith requires works.

It is actually part of the good works Christ speaks of.

Good works are different than the works of the law.

1 Peter 1:9 (KJV) Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

This verse is telling us that at the end of our faith, we will receive the salvation of our souls!

1 Peter 1:3-5 (KJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We are kept by the power of God THROUGH faith UNTIL we are saved.

And it is revealed at the last moment, on which is our bodily death.

1 Peter 1:3-5 completely contradicts the erroneous teaching that we are saved the moment we have faith or saved the moment we believe.

Salvation is not by faith alone, there are other things God requires of us.

Works: James 2:24 (KJV) Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Also found in, James 2:17-18, James 2:20, James 2:26

A pure conscience: 1 Tim 3:9 (KJV) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

Just like Believing has sub-requirements, so does Faith!

2 Peter 1:5-7 (KJV) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

All this because, Faith is shown and made perfect by works!

James 2:17-18 (KJV) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:22 (KJV) Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Faith comes by and after hearing the word of God.

Rom 10:17 (KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes after believing

Rom 3:22 (KJV) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Is Believing the Same as Faith?

Previous studies examined believing.

This study examines faith.

While the two are closely related, Scripture often discusses them separately.

A person may hear and believe something is true.

But biblical faith goes further.

Biblical faith responds to what is believed.

This is why Scripture repeatedly connects faith with obedience, endurance, perseverance, and action.

Therefore, consider this question:

If a person believes God, yet refuses to respond to what God says, has biblical faith been demonstrated?

If our faith fails, we will not be converted.

Luke 22:31-32 (KJV) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Peter was not converted until after he denied Christ 3 times. What this tells us is that Peter's conversion was sometime after Christ was crucified and resurrected. Most likely during Pentecost. Even though Peter believed and had faith (not perfect faith), he still did the works of God, performed healings and miracles, but was not converted until over 2 years later.

Faith comes before God's grace.

Rom 5:2 (KJV) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Also found in, Eph 2:8

In the following 3 points, we will see that the word of God pretty much tells us that we are justified by faith. If or as long as, we do something!

We are justified by faith.

Rom 3:28 (KJV) Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Also found in Rom 5:1, Gal 2:16

We might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:24 (KJV) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

A man is NOT justified by faith only.

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

Faith comes before the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance.

Acts 26:18 (KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Those who keep the faith of Christ, will be in heaven

Rev 14:12 (KJV) Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Christ.

Faith goes through baptism

Col 2:12 (KJV) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

The full assurance of faith comes with (good conscience).
Baptism!

Heb 10:22 (KJV) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Tim 3:9 (KJV) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

Faith is given by the manifestation of the Spirit

1 Cor 12:7-9 (KJV) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

We are sanctified by faith

Acts 26:18 (KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

We must hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering

Heb 10:23 (KJV) Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Paul prayed to be able to finish his course. Because the ministry of testifying the gospel was more important than his own life.

Acts 20:24 (KJV) But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Christ, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Paul fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept his faith until the end.

2 Tim 4:7 (KJV) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Apostleship among all nations is given for obedience to the faith
Rom 1:5 (KJV) By whom we have received grace and apostleship,
for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

The end of the commandment is sincere faith.

1 Tim 1:5 (KJV) Now the end of the commandment is charity out
of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

What Does Faith Look Like?

Faith cannot be seen directly.

But the response produced by faith can be seen.

Throughout Scripture, faith is repeatedly demonstrated through
action.

Let us examine some examples.

Examples of faith alone and faith with good works.

- Heb 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.
- Heb 11:3 (KJV) Through faith we understand that the worlds
were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen
were not made of things which do appear.
- Works- Heb 11:4 (KJV) By faith Abel offered unto God a more
excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he
was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead
yet speaketh.
- Heb 11:5 (KJV) By faith Enoch was translated that he should
not see death; and was not found, because God had translated
him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he
pleased God.
- Heb 11:6 (KJV) But without faith it is impossible to please him:
for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a
rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- Works- Heb 11:7 (KJV) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

- Works- Heb 11:8 (KJV) By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

- Works- Heb 11:9 (KJV) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

- Works- Heb 11:11 (KJV) Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

- Works- Heb 11:13 (KJV) These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

- Works- Heb 11:17 (KJV) By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

- Heb 11:20 (KJV) By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

- Heb 11:21 (KJV) By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

- Heb 11:22 (KJV) By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

- Works- Heb 11:23 (KJV) By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- Heb 11:24 (KJV) By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- Works- Heb 11:27 (KJV) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- Works- Heb 11:28 (KJV) Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- Works- Heb 11:29 (KJV) By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.
- Works- Heb 11:30 (KJV) By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
- Works- Heb 11:31 (KJV) By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
- Works- Heb 11:32-34 (KJV) And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, & of Barak, & of Samson, & of Jephthae; of David also, & Samuel, & of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

A Difficult Question

Notice that Scripture does not merely say:

Noah believed.

Abraham believed.

Moses believed.

Rahab believed.

Instead, Scripture repeatedly shows what they did because of their faith.

This raises an important question:

If faith never produces a response, how would anyone know it exists?

According to James, faith without works is dead.

Therefore, can a dead faith save?

Important:

The checkmarks and conclusions that follow are not presented as unquestionable truth.

They represent the current conclusions reached by Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry after examination of the Scriptures presented in this study.

Your responsibility is not to automatically accept these conclusions.

Your responsibility is to verify them.

If the conclusions are correct, Scripture will support them.

If they are incorrect, Scripture will expose them.

Like the Bereans, search the Scriptures daily to determine whether these things are so.

Let's now compare it to John Doe and see how his salvation looks!

All we are looking for is to see whether he is going to be short of salvation or not. This is what we have so far for John Doe: Check mark only the ones that you can verify with scriptures as we go. And add any that he might have missed. Bring your check marks over from prior studies.

- ☐ He believes Christ is the Son of God.
- ☐ He believes Christ died for all our past sins.
- ☐ He believes Christ resurrected 3 days later.
- ☐ He believes that Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the Father interceding for us!
- ☐ He confessed Christ as Lord and Savior (Through sinner's prayer).
- ☐ He confessed himself as a sinner (Through sinner's prayer).
- ☐ He repented of his sins. (Let us just say he truly repented when he believed!)
- ☐ He asked for forgiveness (Through sinner's prayer).
- ☐ He called upon the Lord into his life (Through sinner's prayer).
- ☐ He was baptized as a baby, by sprinkle!
- ☐ No Faith (The end of faith is the salvation of the soul). 1 Peter 1:9
- X Baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith. Heb 10:22
- ☐ No Sanctification, because we are sanctified by faith, Acts 26:18
- X Did not complete faith because he was not baptized. Heb 10:22

These are the things that are questionable in John Doe's walk, so you must decide whether he has covered that area or not.

- ☐ He must believe that Christ is the "only begotten" Son of God. John 3:18, Acts 8:37.
- ☐ He must believe in the Son and the Father. John 5:24, John 6:47.
- ☐ He must believe that God the Father raised Christ from the dead. Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14.
- ☐ We have learned that the scriptures actually tell us that our salvation is nearer the moment we believe, and because we believe that Christ is the only begotten Son of God and believe in the name of the son of God, and believe in the Father as well as the Son, we become sealed with God's promise of salvation until the day we are saved!
- ☐ We also see that Baptism may be as important as believing Mark 16:16.

This opens more questions.

Is baptism Necessary for salvation?

Is repentance the same as a change of mind, or something deeper?

If we need to be baptized, does it have to be with water?

Does Baptism have a purpose and a meaning or is it really just an outward expression of faith?

Do we have to be baptized in the correct way?

Are works needed to show repentance?

Are works needed for salvation?

We must repent to be converted. Acts 3:19, what is conversion?

Examine Yourself

Before continuing, ask yourself:

Do I merely claim faith?

Or can biblical faith be seen in my response to God?

Am I obeying only the things I agree with?

Or am I willing to obey everything God reveals through Scripture?

Does my faith resemble the examples examined in Hebrews 11?

Why or why not?

☐ By believing, John Doe is not saved **ONLY NEARER** to salvation and has been sealed with God's promise of salvation until all of God's conditions are met! Rom 13:11, Eph 1:30, Eph 4:30.

□ If we don't repent, we will not receive salvation. Luke 13:3, Luke 13:5, Revelation 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3

X Baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith. Heb 10:22

X Did not complete faith because he was not baptized. Heb

□ JD is not sanctified, because we are sanctified by faith, and he is short of faith, because baptism is needed to get the full assurance of faith! Acts 26:18, Heb 10:22.

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CONTINUE CAREFULLY

What you have just examined should not be accepted carelessly.

It must be tested.

This study presented the ministry's current conclusions
concerning faith and John Doe's salvation story.

Those conclusions are not given so you can believe them blindly.

They are given so you can verify them by Scripture.

If faith is truly biblical, it will not remain empty.

It will respond.

It will obey.

It will continue.

It will produce what Scripture says faith produces.

So before moving forward, ask yourself:

Did John Doe demonstrate the faith described in Scripture?

Did his faith continue toward the salvation of the soul?

Did his faith produce obedience to what God revealed?

Did his faith reach the fullness Scripture connects to a pure
conscience, sanctification, and salvation?

And then ask yourself:

Does my faith only claim to believe?

Or does my faith respond to God?

Do not move forward because the group agrees.

Do not move forward because the answer sounds right.

Move forward only after the Scriptures have been opened, the
verses have been tested, and the conclusion has been verified.

Truth does not fear examination.

Error does.

Go back if needed.

Open the Scriptures.

Confirm every point.

Then continue.

NEXT STEP

The next study will build directly on what you have just examined.

You have now examined belief, repentance, and faith.

Next, you will examine grace and mercy.

Do not separate grace from the faith God requires.

Do not separate mercy from the conditions God commands.

Bring your conclusions forward.

Bring your checkmarks forward.

Bring your questions forward.

But do not bring assumptions forward as truth.

Each step matters.

Continue forward in order.

Final Consideration

Throughout this study, one truth has appeared repeatedly:

Biblical faith is not presented as something inactive.

The faith of Noah prepared.

The faith of Abraham obeyed.

The faith of Moses endured.

The faith of Rahab acted.

Again and again, Scripture reveals faith through response.

This does not mean works replace faith.

It means genuine faith produces a response to God.

As you consider John Doe's salvation, remember that the question is not merely whether he believed.

The question is whether he demonstrated the kind of faith described throughout Scripture.

And before answering that question about John Doe, be willing to ask it of yourself.

If your faith were examined by the same standard used in this study, what would the evidence reveal?

