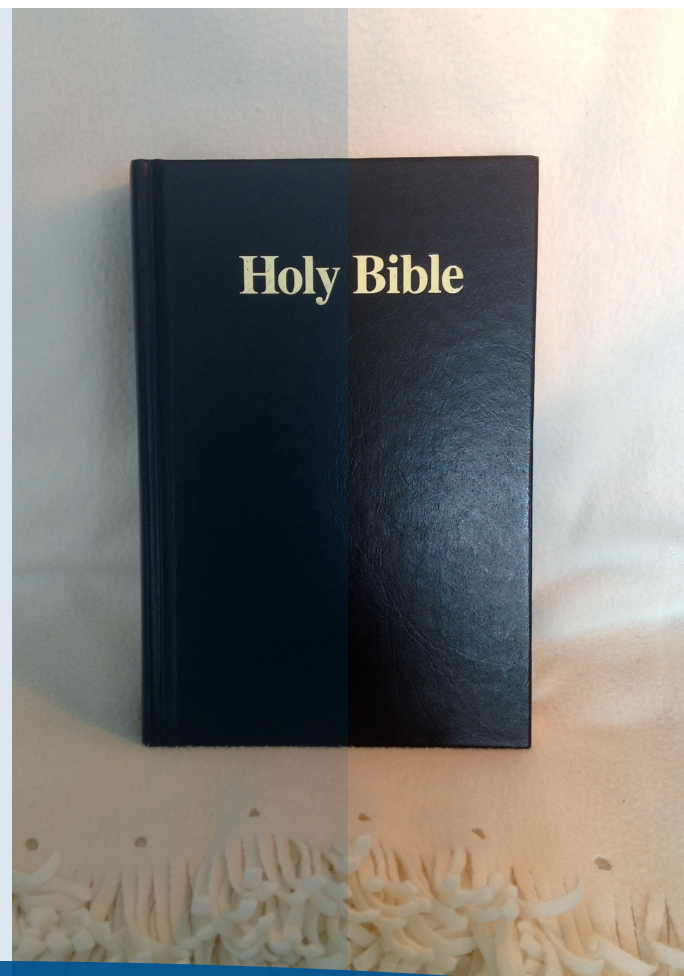


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BIBLE
TEACHING ON
FAITH



The Faith of the bible is not “blind faith”, but is based on verifiable facts, substantial evidence, reality, proof as:

Hebrews 11 (KJV)

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1-2 (Common English Bible)

1 Faith is the **reality** of what we hope for, the **proof** of what we don't see.

2 The elders in the past were **approved** because they showed **faith**.

Faith is essential for salvation as:

Hebrews 11 (KJV)

6 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.

Abraham is held forth as the example of those of faith:

Hebrews 11

8 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.

9 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**:

The faith of Abraham was in the promises of God:

Hebrews 11 (KJV)

13 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.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, **that they without us should not be made perfect**.

The promises concern salvation for believing Jews and Gentiles, as:

Genesis 12

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto **a land** that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee **a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed**

So the gospel promise is:

Genesis 12:3 "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Paul explains:

GALATIANS 3

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify** the heathen through **faith**, preached before **the gospel** unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.**

9 So then **they which be of faith** are blessed with faithful Abraham.

HOW IT WORKS

GALATIANS 3

6 Even as Abraham **believed God**, and it was accounted to him for **righteousness.**

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of **faith**, the same are the **children of Abraham.**

v6 "...believed God, and it was accounted to him for **righteousness.**"

This is a reference to:

Genesis 15

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 **And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.**

Abraham also showed his faith in the resurrection, as:

HEBREWS 11

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 **Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.**

Hebrews is referring to Genesis 22. God also made further promises to Abraham on that occasion as:

GENESIS 22

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 **And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** because thou hast obeyed my voice.

So:

18 “**...in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**”

Paul explains who this singular seed or descendent was to be:

Galatians 3:

16 Now to Abraham and **his seed** were **the promises** made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **to thy seed, which is Christ.**

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been **baptised into Christ have put on Christ.**

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Baptism into the true faith is an essential work of faith; but why should Faith be counted as righteousness?

Romans 4:20-25(KJV)

20 He {Abraham} staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in **faith, giving glory to God;**

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And **therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be **imputed, if we believe** on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

(V20)“**faith, giving glory to God;**”

True faith in the gospel promises is a fruitfulness which honours God and which he is pleased to preserve for ever.

Baptism into the true faith is essential for salvation. It is the faith that sanctifies the act therefore baptism is only efficacious for adults of faith, as:

Acts 8:12

But when they **believed** Philip preaching the things concerning **the kingdom of God**, and **the name of Jesus Christ**, they were **baptized, both men and women.**

the name of Jesus Christ” this concerns the sacrifice of Christ and what it achieved, as:

Romans 3:22-26 (KJV)

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

[Common English Bible]

v22 “God’s righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There’s no distinction.”

KJV

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation{atoning sacrifice} through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that he {God}might be just**, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

“that he [God]might be just”

God’s righteous judgement against the fallen state of mankind was “declared” or shown in the crucifixion, as:

Romans 8:3 (KJV)

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned** sin in the flesh:

“condemned” (Grk. Katakrito): means ‘Judged against’ “sin in the flesh”. *In requiring the sacrificial death of one who had no personal sins, God showed his judgement on the fallen state of the race of Adam, called here “sin in the flesh”. This provides atonement for all who acceptably acknowledge God’s righteous judgment in this.*

Faith and the obedience thereof is essential

Romans 1:3-5,16-17 (KJV)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the **seed of David according to the flesh**; {and so of our fallen nature}

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:

16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation **to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is **the righteousness of God** revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith**.

The true faith come to us only by hearing the word of God, which, today is only found in bible.

Romans 10

10 For with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by **the word** of God.

(The thief on the cross did a work of faith in confessing Christ before all and rebuking his critics.)

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2 Timothy 3

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy **scriptures**, which are able to make thee **wise unto salvation through faith** which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all **good works**.

James 1

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted **word, which is able to save your souls**.

22 But be ye **doers of the word**, and **not hearers only**, deceiving your own

The narrow way to life is exclusive, and must be sought for as the:

Ephesians 4

5 One Lord, **one faith**, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

So Jesus said:

Mark 16

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Jesus said:

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in therea Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that **find it**.

Jesus said:

Luke 13:

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in **the kingdom of God**.

Israel the Kingdom of God rules a world-wide empire under "Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham"(Mat. 1:1)

Revelation 5

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood **out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 11

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

Revelation 20

6 Blessed and holy is he that **hath part in the first resurrection**: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years**