

THE FAITH THAT SAVES!

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. There are a lot of misconceptions in the religious world about the true nature of ***“saving faith.”***
- B. Faith is the basic element of a person’s being saved, but just what does this faith involve?
- C. We are going to answer this question this morning.

WHAT SAVING FAITH INVOLVES!

- A. First of all, the source of faith is the ***“word of God.”*** ((Romans 10:17)
- B. Simply ***“hearing the word of God”*** however does not mean that a person has ***“saving faith.”*** (Hebrews 4:2/James 1:21-25)
- C. And simply ***“believing the word of God”*** likewise does not mean that a person has ***“saving faith.”*** (Matthew 7:21/John 1:12)
 - 1. Two examples that prove this point. (John 12:42-43 & Romans 10:10/Acts 26:19-29)
 - 2. Two other scriptures to consider. (Matthew 7:21/Luke 6:46)
- D. ***“Saving faith in the Bible always includes obedience to God!”***
((Romans 16:25-26/Hebrews 5:8-9)

WHAT ABOUT THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION BY FAITH ONLY?

- A. Though this is a very popular doctrine in the religious world, ***“it is simply not true!”***
(James 2:14-26/2Pet.1: 5-11)
- B. What about the idea of ***“praying the sinner’s prayer”*** in order to be saved? (Luke 18:9-14)
- C. What about ***“Paul on the road to Damascus?”*** (Acts 9:1-18/Acts 22:1-16)
- D. What about the ***“Philippian jailor?”*** (Acts 16:25-34)
- E. What about ***“John 3:16?”*** (What about Acts 2:38 and Mark 16:15-16?)

CONCLUSION:

- A. It is very clear from what we have seen in the Bible that a ***“faith that saves is a faith that obeys!”***
- B. ***“And it has always been this way since the beginning of man’s existence upon this earth!”*** (Genesis 6:22/Revelations 22:14)
- C. **DO YOU HAVE SAVING FAITH?**
- D. **THE INVITATION!**