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TRUE FAITH



1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

HEBREWS 11:1-16

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

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5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

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6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

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7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

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8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

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10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. **11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

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12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

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13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

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16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

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“Faith, is not optimism, though it may breed optimism; it is not cheerfulness, though the man of faith is likely to be a reasonably cheerful; it is not a vague sense of well-being or a tender appreciation for the beauty of human togetherness. Faith is confidence in God's self-revelation as found in the Holy Scriptures.”

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- Faith is **trusting** and **believing**.
- Faith is based on the **character** of **God**.
- Faith is a **gift**.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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— Faith **reorders** our affections.

“Saving faith is resting faith, the trust that relies entirely on the Savior.”

“To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater.”

2. What does faith do?

- Faith **reorders** our affections.
- Faith **reforms** our actions.

“Faith, and obedience can never be severed;
as the sun and the light, fire and heat...
Obedience is faith’s daughter.”

2. What does faith do?

- Faith **reorders** our affections.
- Faith **reforms** our actions.
 - Why is obedience so important?
 - Obedience is a witness (evidence).
 - Obedience is worship.

5 Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, **6** including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 1:5-6

2. What does faith do?

- Faith **reorders** our affections.
- Faith **reforms** our actions.
- Faith **reorientates** our aspirations.

18 As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

So far, we have been told that we have
a better salvation (6:9)
a better hope (7:19)
a better covenant (7:22)
better promises (8:6)
better sacrifices (9:23)
better possession (10:34) and now a
better country (11:16).

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HEBREWS 11:6A

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