

Faith

What It Is *and* What It Is Not

Romans 4:16-25



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The God of our salvation is faithful, dependable and trustworthy. No one who comes to Him will be cast out or turned away (*John 6:37*). No one who believes in Him will be disappointed or put to shame (*Rom. 10:11*). Anyone who rests down on Him will find a rock-solid foundation (*1 Cor. 3:11*).

Faith itself does not save anybody, Christ does. But faith puts a person in the place where God can save him, and God will only save those who believe (*1 Cor. 1:21*). God never asked us to trust our faith; He asked us to trust the Saviour and look to Him (*Isa. 45:22*). Our faith is no good unless it is rooted in Him.

A person asked, “Are you the woman with the great faith?” She answered, “No, I am the woman who has a little faith in a great God.”

Faith is not working for my salvation but it is resting upon the work of Another (*Rom. 4:5*). Faith is the hand of the heart that reaches out to receive God’s gift of salvation (*Eph. 2:8*). I’m saved if I believe; condemned if I don’t (*John 3:18*). Faith is not a leap in the dark; it is a leap out of darkness into the glorious light of the gospel (*2 Cor. 4:4-6*).

Whereas sinful men declare their independence from God, faith is my ***Declaration of Dependence***. Paul manifested his faith when he said “for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me” (*Acts 27:25*). The person of faith is fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able also to perform (*Rom. 4:21*).

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