

The Faith That Jesus Had; Do You Have It?



"...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after Mine Own Heart, which shall fulfil all My Will" (Acts 13:22).

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BIBLE STUDY: The Faith That Jesus Had; Do You Have It?

The Bible speaks about our present generation, and the almost total absence of Faith in the world when the Son of Man returns. Most have lost sight of what Real Faith is, as defined by Jesus, in His own Words. Join us today, as we ask two very simple questions: "What is Real Faith?", and "Do YOU have It?" Then let us open up our Bibles and discover the startling answers for ourselves!

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Jesus Christ came into this world to reveal to all of us a very profound Truth: that this world, and everything in it, is going to come to drastic and sudden end; and then, in its place, Christ will

usher in The eternal Kingdom of God - on this very earth (John 18:36-37 / Matthew 4:17, 23, 6:9-10 / Mark 1:14-15 / Luke 4:43 / Acts 28:22-23, 30-31 / Matthew 24:3-5, 14, 27, 30-31 / Isaiah 9:6-7 / Luke 1:30-33). What we see today, in our present generation (the social breakdown and unrest, wars and rumors of more wars, economic collapses, and religious confusion outpacing Scriptural clarification), are all signs that the Second Coming of Christ is much closer than most people think it is.

Speaking of these last days, Jesus asks us in Luke 18:7-8, "...Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find Faith on the earth?" That's a great question; especially when we look around us, and realize that most people who live in our modern world, do not have the Faith that Jesus was talking about! The Faith that Jesus was talking about was NOT some misplaced hope that a knight in shining armor is going to rescue us, or that a rich uncle is going to die and we will inherit millions of dollars, nor is it that we are going to win our state Powerball Lottery and be set for life!

The Faith that Jesus was talking about, as we shall see, is that IF we 1) DO what Jesus Commands us to DO in His Word, then 2) We can ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE, and ABSOLUTELY RECEIVE ALL OF (NOT some of) THE PROMISES Jesus makes throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation!!! www.onug.us

Many will readily admit that their faith isn't that strong, or that they struggle to work up the faith to believe in God. A great many will tell you they find it hard to believe in Jesus' Promises to provide for us and to save us from all the evil in this modern world (Deuteronomy 31:6,8 / Joshua 1:5-9 / 1 Kings 8:57-61 / 1 Chronicles 28:20-21 / Psalm 37:27-37, 94:14-23 / Isaiah 41:17-20, 42:16 / Hebrews 13:5-6).

Real, Biblically defined Faith is very, very rare indeed! Yet without this Faith, not just any faith; it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6 / Matthew 25:23 / Proverbs 14:35 / Matthew 24:45-47)!!! Faith, real Biblical Faith, and how to acquire it, how to develop that Faith; is one of those "meats" of the Word - that

Christ requires us to be fed upon in due season (1 Peter 2:1-3 / Matthew 18:3, 19:4 / Mark 10:15 / Luke 18:17 / 1 Corinthians 3:2, 14:20 / Ephesians 4:11-32 / Hebrews 5:11-14, 6:1-3)! Once you acquire the REAL Biblical Faith, which Jesus both had and taught us to acquire; you must exercise it, just as a muscle – and if we do, it will grow, and grow, and GROW!!!

Biblical FAITH

Is Just Like Muscle:
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It BECOMES!**

The More YOU
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Learning About Faith from Jesus:

When Jesus walked the earth as a flesh and blood man, He had Faith (John 5:30)! Every miracle He performed was done by the Power of God, and NOT by His own hand (John 14:10 / 2 Corinthians 8:9)! Jesus was NOT fully God and fully man when He was in the flesh! I hear that said in many churches today, but that is a lie (Philippians 2:6-11)! The Truth of God is that Jesus was filled with God's Holy Spirit, The Father's supernatural Spiritual Power! The power of God the Father, was literally inside Jesus! This is the same identical power God offers to give us at Baptism, so we too can have it inside us today! If you don't recognize that power for what it is, and worship it instead - through false doctrines; you will NOT receive it (John 1:1-18)!!!

All the apostles and evangelists of the first century Church of God had The Father's Holy Spirit - His Power was inside them! That is how they did all the miracles they did; some even greater than those Jesus did (John 14:12-14)! Even Peter's shadow passing over the sick and afflicted caused them to be healed (Acts 5:14-16)! Peter, Stephen, Philip, Paul - all common, humble, ordinary men themselves; had that power, the same identical power Jesus had - because they walked with God, and were filled with the Holy Spirit! www.onug.us

Most Christian churches today seem to lack the same power the Apostles had. Not because God no longer gives it to men, but because we lack the same Faith they had! We are so indoctrinated with our modern, self-centered, materialistic world; that our minds are filled with the beliefs and thoughts of this physical life. Our minds and our hearts are far from God and His Ways; we are out of touch with His Truth, and His Word. We suffer from lack of prayer and lack of submission to our God! Consequently, we are not filled with the Holy Spirit and have no real power in this world! When we stand apart from God, Satan can run us over like a steam roller going over tomatoes; and he has, and will continue to do so (Acts 8:9-13 / 1 Peter 5:8-11 / Romans 8:13-15 / Acts 8:13-25)!

Last week we spoke about what Faith is (Hebrews 11:1-2) and how to get it (Mark 11:22). Faith is the substance (or assurance) of things hoped for. Faith must come first; BEFORE possession (Mark 11:23-24)! Once you take possession, you no longer hope for it – you already have it! But even before you receive it, you have it in SUBSTANCE; and that substance, that ASSURANCE that you shall possess it, is FAITH! Faith is an EVIDENCE - the "evidence of things not seen." Faith must precede the actual receiving of whatever you ask for; this is God's system for getting! Faith is the EVIDENCE that you shall have something, long BEFORE you ever SEE it; it is the EVIDENCE of things not yet seen! Having Faith means you do not have it yet physically, you do not yet see it, or yet feel it; but you have Faith as your EVIDENCE (a receipt) that you will have, or shall have it – so says God! www.onug.us

You have to have Faith BEFORE you can receive God's Promises! Do YOU have Faith? If not, it is because you lack understanding of God's Promises, and because you lack an understanding of Jesus Christ's Teachings (Romans 10:1-17).

Learning the Gospel of Jesus Christ develops FAITH!!!

Let Us Examine Using Faith To Heal:

Faith lets you know you are healed, right when you pray and ask God! When you hope for things, or ask God for things, there is an EVIDENCE – "a proof" of receiving! When you get God involved in a request for healing; His evidence is His proof that you shall receive what you have asked for! That proof, that evidence, is FAITH! You still can't see it, or feel it; but you know you have it, simply because God said so – and you believe that God will deliver on His Promises, on Faith!

Jesus healed the sick continuously! That was one of His works. Jesus told us that the works that He did, and healing was one of them; we would do also (John 14:12-31 / Matthew 10:1, 5-8)!!!

Suppose you ask God to heal you... Naturally, you will want some evidence that you are going to be healed. What evidence does God provide as proof? Is it the pain ceasing, or the swelling going down, or something you can feel, and see? When we demand

Physical proof from a Spiritual God, we demonstrate our disobedience to the process He commands us to follow! The human mind demands that the five senses give us feedback as evidence; "Seeing is Believing" the old saying goes! But a Spirit God (John 4:23-24) tells us that what we see or feel is NOT true, when we come to God in Faith. Faith in God's Promise is MORE REAL than what your five senses tell you! Amen! Faith is a spiritual matter, and it has nothing to do with the five physical senses (Colossians 1:12-14)! Prayer is a spiritual matter; and God is a SPIRIT! When we ask for healing, we do have an evidence - proof positive - that the healing will be done; but that evidence is not something seen, or felt, or heard - it is not a physical evidence - it is rather the spiritual evidence of FAITH. FAITH is our evidence!!! www.onug.us

The Trial Analogy:

Let's picture a trial in a courtroom. The One being tried is none other than God Almighty! And you, yourself, are sitting as Judge and Jury. The prosecuting attorney is your human nature. The Attorney for the defense is the Holy Spirit. God is accused of lying, of unfaithfulness (Titus 1:2 / Numbers 23:19). God is accused of willful non-payment of promissory notes.

You, now sitting as Judge and Jury, have read God's command and written promise in James 5:13-16 for your physical healing when sick. You have prayed for healing, according to God's written promise. You have followed God's instructions and called the elders of the Church, who have prayed over you the prayer of faith and anointed you with oil.

The prosecuting attorney, your human nature; attempting to convict God of obtaining your allegiance under false pretenses, of breaking His contract, of lying, presents you as Judge and Jury, his evidence.

"My evidence" says your nature, "is literal, tangible evidence that is real; evidence that you can see and feel. "You can see for yourself that you are not healed. The pain is still there! In fact, perhaps it has grown worse! God gave you a written promise, as certain as a promissory note. You conformed to all His conditions.

You prayed. You called the elders of the Church, and they prayed. You believed! But you can now see my evidence, you can feel my evidence, you are still suffering - you are not healed! Therefore God did not heal you! God did not keep His Word. God's Word, the Bible, lied to you. God FAILED! My evidence is that which you plainly see and feel! You are not healed. Therefore I demand you bring in a verdict of GUILTY! Guilty in the first degree! I demand that you find Almighty God GUILTY of lying, of obtaining your allegiance under false pretenses, of not performing what He promised in His written promise."

But then the attorney for the defense, God's Holy Spirit, speaks to you, quietly and calmly. It says to you: "Scripture now presents to you evidence that God's Word is TRUE, that God is faithful; that God cannot lie! God's evidence is not anything you can see or feel. God's evidence is simple FAITH - patient trust in the absolute authority of God's Word. It is impossible for God to lie! God's evidence is YOUR FAITH in that fact, and in His Promise. And FAITH is the evidence of that which is not seen, and that which is not felt!

Let us now review this case to see clearly what happened. Let's understand plainly where your human nature has clouded the issues and deceived you!!! God has told you that HE is your Healer (Exodus 15:26 / Deuteronomy 7:15 / Exodus 23:25-26). God's Names describe WHO and WHAT He Is! The Father sent His Son into the world to be beaten with stripes, to suffer the penalty of your transgressions of His Laws, in your stead! His body was broken for you, and by His stripes, you are healed (Isaiah 53:4-5)! God gave you His Word, that it is His will to heal you!!! He commanded you to call the elders of the Church, which you did. He promised to heal you. But God has also made it a part of this contract, in His Word, that "according to your faith, be it unto you" (Matthew 9:28-29)!"

FAITH is your evidence that God will do what He has promised to do! You can't see faith, you can't feel faith. What you see or feel has nothing at all to do with faith! The point that your human nature wants you to overlook, is that God did not promise WHEN, or HOW, He would heal

you! God's purpose in your life is to transform you from what you've been; into the very image of His Son, into the very character of God Himself!!! Part of this developing this character is learning PATIENCE! www.onug.us

God instructs us in James 1:3, that the trying of your faith works PATIENCE into your character. God has reveals that He will sometimes delay our healing, in order to TRY our faith, and to teach us to be patient! Our healing, God has promised, shall be according to our faith!!! Faith is trusting God to do that which HE has not yet done. Once we are healed, we no longer need to exercise faith. Faith is the ingredient we must exercise BEFORE and UNTIL God heals us; until we can see and feel that we are healed!

After God has healed you, then you won't need FAITH in God's Promise any longer, but your faith must remain firm and steadfast, and patient, regardless of what you see or feel, until God actually heals you, as He has promised to do!"

"Now the prosecuting attorney in this case, your human nature, wants you to believe that faith is something you exercise for about 30 seconds, while you are still praying, and then if God has not done what He promised as soon as you expect, you are to find God guilty of lying. **The instant you yield to the devil's influence over your human nature and render a verdict that God will not do what He promised, simply because He has not done it yet; that is the moment you make God out to be a liar! You lose all FAITH in God! You break your part of the agreement, which is to have faith and keep on having faith, and trusting God, and relying upon Him, UNTIL He performs what He promised!!! PERIOD! That is How God works! www.onug.us**

Faith is a simple reliance upon GOD'S WORD. It is the evidence of what you do not see or feel. Therefore I call upon you to have patience - to keep on TRUSTING GOD, until He heals you, and then HE **will** heal you! I call upon you to find God innocent of this charge of lying! I call upon you to find Him FAITHFUL to His promises, and then you shall have them!!!"

ALL the evidence is now in... You must now render the VERDICT! You must render your verdict based upon the evidence. Which evidence will YOU believe? That which you see and feel - the physical evidences that often are deceptive? Or your FAITH that God's Word is TRUE; that His promises are SURE, and that it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18 / Numbers 23:19)?

If you BELIEVE the latter (the spiritual evidence), and reject the physical evidences (of sight and feeling – the senses), you pronounce sentence that God's Word has been VINDICATED by your verdict! You SHALL be RELEASED from the disease or sickness; you will receive healing, and what God has promised – SHALL be carried out (Matthew 8:13, 9:27-30)!!!

But, if you decide that the physical evidences of sight or feeling are to be trusted over and above the Word of ALMIGHTY GOD (His Promise and His Oath – Hebrews 6:13 / Genesis 22:16-18!!!), then you reject His Word and His commitment to fulfill His Will, and refuse to believe in Faith! If you refuse to accept and trust in the evidence of FAITH until God completes it, then you yourself must render your verdict, "NOT HEALED," and you will not be healed (Proverbs 23:7)!

God does not promise healing, or anything else, unless we BELIEVE! "According to your FAITH be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29)! So said Jesus, and so say we!!! FAITH must precede, and therefore is a preliminary condition to taking possession (Matthew 6:33). FAITH is the assurance that the things which God said in His Word are TRUE; and God will ALWAYS act according to what He has said in His Word!!! This assurance, this reliance, on GOD'S WORD; this confidence "IS" FAITH!!! This is the Bible's TRUE definition of FAITH!

Whatever we need; the first thing we must do, to be sure of receiving an answer to our prayer - is to search (research) the Scriptures, to learn whether it is GOD'S WILL (Ephesians 5:17 / 2 Timothy 3:14-17). The BIBLE reveals God's Will!!! www.onug.us

We should never say, "Well, I know GOD could heal me IF IT IS HIS WILL." You can know His will by simply reading your Bible! As

far as healing is concerned, The Word says plainly and emphatically; that IT IS His will to heal you!!! The Bible is full of promises like that! If you need ANYTHING, study (RESEARCH) to see whether God promised it, and if He has; GOD CANNOT BREAK A PROMISE (John 10:35 / Titus 1:2 / Hebrews 6:18 / Numbers 23:19)!!! www.onug.us

The Importance of CLAIMING a PROMISE:

If God has promised us something, then we should CLAIM that promise; that is how we through Faith become pleasing to the Father (Hebrews 11:6)! TRUST God to keep His Word and His Promise; quit worrying about how and when God will do what He says. RELAX, and let God take over from there; leave it with Him, and let Him do it! GOD WILL FULLFIL HIS PROMISE EVERYTIME! God has never failed to keep any of His promises, and He never will (Hebrews 11:13, 35-40 / 1 John 2:25)!!!

Why Do People Lack Faith? Why don't we have Biblical Faith? How does one get the very same Faith Christ had; and how may it be increased?

Many wait until they have "a feeling" or a conviction in their heart before they start to develop faith. They need external, physical assurances first, before they can believe they will receive what they pray for or hope for. But THAT is not faith! That is FEELING!

Your feeling, your convictions, your impressions, have absolutely NOTHING to do with FAITH! FAITH HAS ONLY TO DO WITH GOD'S WORD! Our one and only question should be: "Has God promised it in the Bible?" If He has; then probabilities, possibilities, feelings, convictions, impressions, have NOTHING whatsoever to do with it!!! God has thousands upon thousands of ways, which we know nothing about; of answering and providing whatever He has promised us! We don't need to see HOW He is going to do it. Our way of answering prayer is usually too simplistic, too childish for God (Isaiah 55:9)! God will almost never answer us in the WAY that we expect Him to! Trust in your Heavenly Father, BELIEVE in His Power! What He has promised, He will perform; but He will do it HIS WAY, and in HIS TIME. Leave all the details to God; just REJOICE in the LOVE a Father has for His children!!!

Remember FAITH is the GIFT OF GOD (Mark 11:22)!!!

Many people think that everything that comes from God is a gift, except Faith! They believe that Biblical Faith is something we ourselves must somehow work up to, or strain and strive for. But the Word of God teaches us to just relax, and TRUST in GOD - even for the FAITH by which we receive everything else (Ephesians 2:8). www.onug.us

In Revelation 14:12 there is a description of the True Church, or body of believers in our time. Those in this Church have the FAITH OF JESUS!!! It is not just our faith in HIM, but His Faith - the very Faith with which He performed His miracles - placed in us - and acting in us!!! Now How Cool Is That?

But how do we get this Faith? How can YOU get it, if you don't yet have it? Simple, just draw closer to God (James 4:8 / Isaiah 29:13). Get to know God. Surrender all YOUR ways to HIM, and DO His Will. Then PRAY. You will get to know Him in PRAYER; this is how we get to know God - we talk to Him!

Then ASK Him for that Faith - the VERY SAME Faith that Jesus had in God His Father (Mark 11:22-26)!!!

Realize that we are too close to material things. Through PRAYER, we come closer to GOD and to His spiritual things. What a wonderful experience it is, once you begin to realize that there is so much more beyond the physical world; beyond all the things we can touch, taste, smell, hear and see!

So, What Kind of Faith is Required for Salvation?

No subject pertaining to Christian salvation is more generally misunderstood than that of saving FAITH! Just "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is the popular teaching today. And that statement is absolutely true - if you understand what kind of BELIEVING is required! Unfortunately millions are being deceived - led to trust in a faith that will never save one single soul - by a very **popular** and very **false** teaching!!! It is customary (in many churches today) to quote only a part of the Scriptures on this subject, reading a false meaning into them; then by subtle half-truths, popular man-

made teachings can then shackle most of the "Christian World" to spiritual blindness and deceptions (Revelation 12:9)!!!

Do These Scriptures Contradict? Let's See:

God does not usually reveal all of His Truth respecting a particular subject in any one passage alone. "Whom shall He teach knowledge, and whom shall He make to understand doctrine?" (Isaiah 28:9-10). In order to understand any general subject in the Bible, it is necessary to view ALL the scriptural evidence pertaining to that particular subject (Matthew 13:52). We cannot read our inherited, or our desired meanings into any particular passage; for "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20). Each passage is interpreted by, and in the light of, other texts. For example. It is quite popular to quote Romans 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be Justified in His sight," and from this passage alone assume that salvation comes by faith and by disobedience to God's Law! Those who interpret this passage this way, never tell you that in Romans 2:13, the same Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the DOERS of the law shall be justified." Is there contradiction here? No. There is not!!! www.onug.us

If the one scripture is intended to reveal that we do not have to make an effort to obey God's Law to be justified and then saved - but that we are saved by faith without obedience to God's Law - then, indeed, God contradicts Himself in His Word! And if you wish to make Romans 3:20 say that, you must consistently acknowledge there is contradiction in the Scriptures! If this is true, **you have no basis for your faith!**

Ephesians 2:8-9: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

Those who quote this text so freely to teach the doctrine of "no works," never tell you that the same inspired Scriptures say also: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? ... Even so FAITH, if it hath not works, IS DEAD, being alone. . . I will show thee my

faith BY my works. Thou BELIEVEST that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, AND tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works IS DEAD?" (James 2: 14-20.)

There is no contradiction here! Rather, by putting all the scriptures on the subject of "Saving Faith" together, we learn that there are **TWO KINDS of faith!** www.onug.us

- 1) **Dead Faith:** The kind of faith so blindly trusted in by the majority of "Christians" of our time, which is nothing but a DEAD faith!!! And DEAD faith will never save even one soul! Notice! James 2:20: "Faith without works is DEAD"!!!
- 2) **Living Faith:** James continues: "Was not Abraham our father JUSTIFIED by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how FAITH wrought with his works, and BY WORKS was faith made perfect? ... You see then how that BY WORKS A MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only" (James 2:21-24).

Then are we saved by works instead of faith? No, NEVER! We are saved by FAITH! But faith functions with our works and BY WORKS our FAITH is MADE PERFECT! That is LIVING FAITH! Why do we even need salvation? Because we have SINNED, and the penalty of sin is DEATH!

How have we sinned? What IS sin? "Sin is the transgression of THE LAW," is God's answer (1 John 3:4)!

"Yes," answers the victim of modern fables, "But we are not under The Law today, but UNDER GRACE!"

"What then?" asks the inspired Paul, "shall we SIN [transgress the LAW] because we are not under the law, but under grace?" And Paul's answer is, "GOD FORBID" (Romans 6:15)!

And again, "Shall we continue in SIN [transgressing the Law], that grace may abound? GOD FORBID! How shall we, (those) that are dead to sin, live any longer therein" (Romans 6:1-2)?

The Law has a penalty – and that penalty is DEATH. It claims the life of the one who transgresses it (1 Corinthians 15:56-57 / Mark 16:15-16). The Law has power to take the life of the

transgressor. It therefore is more powerful than the sinner - and is OVER the sinner, holding a claim on their life! It is the SINNER who is UNDER the Law (YOU CANNOT "NOT" DIE! Ecclesiastes 9:2-3). But when the sinner REPENTS of his transgression, and accepts the sacrifice of Christ as payment of the penalty of the Law, then he is PARDONED - UNDER GRACE - the Law no longer stands OVER him, claiming his life. Those who are still sinning are still UNDER the Law! And those who, through repentance, baptism, obedience and FAITH have turned from disobedience; and are through faith - KEEPING the Law - **These are they who are the ONLY ones, who are UNDER GRACE (Revelation 22:14)! www.onug.us**

God's Spiritual Mirror helps us to UNDERSTAND!

"By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight" (Galatians 2:16 / Romans 3:20). These Scriptures are 100% true, and there is no contradiction! You cannot be justified BY the deeds of the Law! Absolutely NOT!

Some may ask why are we not justified by the Law? The last half of this same verse gives the answer; that's why most preachers never quote it? "For by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin" (Romans 3:20). THAT'S WHY! The purpose of the Law is not to forgive, to justify, to wash away, to cleanse. Only THE BLOOD OF CHRIST can do that (John 1:29)! The purpose of the Law is, to tell us what sin is - to define it, to REVEAL it - so we can quit it (Deuteronomy 12:32, 30:19-20)!!!

Sin is the transgression of the Law - that's what sin is (1 John 3:4)!!!

Every women ought to understand this. In every woman's handbag, back when I was growing up, was a little mirror. Every women that carried one knew what it was for. Every once in a while she would take out the mirror and steal a glance at her face. Sometimes it might reveal a speck of dirt, or smeared makeup; and we might say, "by the use of these mirrors are no dirty faces washed clean." But do you throw your mirrors away because by them your faces are not washed? Of course not! What a silly question it becomes when applied to a MATERIAL case! And

if we ask you WHY your faces are not washed clean by your mirrors, you answer: "Because by the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIRT."

God's Law is His spiritual mirror!!! We look into it, and see the dirt on our hearts! But by looking at the Law, or keeping it, no dirt is WASHED from our hearts. Only Christ's BLOOD can do that for us! By the Law comes the KNOWLEDGE OF SIN (Remember Romans 3:20?)!!! www.onug.us

"But be ye DOERS OF the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straight- way forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect LAW of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a DOER of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25)!!!

Is It Possible to Keep the Law?

But, argues the "no law" deceiver: "no man can keep the Commandments. It is not humanly possible. Since FAITH has come, we keep no law - faith has made it VOID." Thus even "Satan himself is transformed into 'an angel of LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness - for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

"Do we then make void the law through faith? GOD FORBID: yea, we ESTABLISH THE LAW" (Romans 3:31)!!!

Yes, FAITH establishes the Law! By keeping the Law, FAITH is made PERFECT! By keeping the Law, Faith is made STRONG so we can move proverbial "mountains" (Mark 11:22-26)!!!

Yet, can we keep the Commandments? Is it possible? Satan's "No Law" deceivers say NO! What is the Truth of God? When a man came to Jesus and asked how he could be saved, The Savior Himself replied, "If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17)! "When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible" (verses 25-26). There is Christ's own answer! With men it is IMPOSSIBLE (that is what our 5 senses tell us), utterly impossible to really KEEP His Commandments. But WITH GOD, it is possible - even to keep ALL The Commandments of God (Romans 8:1-2)!!!

IT TAKES FAITH - faith in the power of GOD! And, just as your own diligent effort coupled with faith makes faith perfect, so faith coupled with your effort makes PERFECT OBEDIENCE! The two go hand in hand. And you cannot have the one without the other! A LIVING FAITH - the only kind that will SAVE - is an active faith - one that TRUSTS GOD to make it possible to OBEY HIM - to live the true Christian life - to KEEP His blessed Commandments!

Could a just God command men to do what is IMPOSSIBLE to do? Or can we conceive of Jesus as a smart-aleck young man who knew more than His FATHER, and who did away with His Father's COMMAND-MENTS? How absurd! Yet this is the popular LIE, or conception taught by today's churches and their (or Satan's) ministers!

The Law Is Eternal: www.onug.us

God's Law is not a horrible monster (James 1:25)! Just and right laws are a terror only to the criminal - they are made to PROTECT the good! God's Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7), it is a SPIRITUAL law, (Romans 7:14), HOLY, and just, and good (Romans 7:12)!!!

ALL His commandments are SURE, and stand fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111: 7-8)! Don't ever believe when men tell you differently! God's Law is, simply, LOVE! It is the perfect way of life. Every particle of human suffering, unhappiness, misery and death has come solely from its transgression! It was given to make man HAPPY, and is the only philosophy of life that can do so! It came from a God of LOVE, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:10)! But it is not your own natural love! It requires that "the love of GOD, shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY GHOST" (Romans 5:5). God has, and will give you, the love that will fulfill His LAW. And so it is possible through FAITH, and the GIFT of God's Holy Spirit, for man to keep His

Commandments! And whoever claims differently, God calls a Liar (1 John 2:4)!!! The true Commandment-keeper is forced to trust in God to make obedience possible!

Faith does not void, but establishes the Law! And to keep the Law requires FAITH! A thrilling example of this eternal truth is recorded in the Book of Daniel. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, erected a great golden image. "Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the [band] ... ye fall down and worship the golden image" (Daniel 3:4-5). "And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (verse 6).

Set over the affairs of the province of Babylon were Daniel's three young Jewish friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. One of the Commandments of God's eternal spiritual Law forbids such worship of graven images (Exodus 20:4-6). Had you been in their place, what would YOU have done? Would you not have said, "Well, I have to bow down to this image - I have to do it or be killed!" And perhaps you would have excused yourself by reasoning thus: "I don't think God would be fair if He punished me for this, when He knows I am FORCED to do it. Any way, He tells us to be subject to the power of the state!" Yes, it is easy to use reason to excuse disobedience to God. But God is not looking for chances to punish us - but rather for opportunities to SAVE us through faith! To save us from the folly of SIN and the sad consequence our own acts impose!!!

God's Law is intended to protect us from suffering. Whatever we sow we shall reap. It is not God who punishes us when we do wrong, it is merely our own acts rebounding like a boomerang! But these three young Jews knew the truth - that we should OBEY GOD rather than men; that through FAITH God makes it possible!! When they firmly REFUSED to bow down to worship the king's image, Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded they be brought before him (verse 13).

Trusting, and unafraid, they answered, "O Nebuchadnezzar ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery

furnace" (Verses. 16-18)! Sometimes God tries our faith. He certainly tried or tested theirs!

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed ... therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated ... Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (Verses 19-21)!

The furnace was so hot the flames leaped out and "slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego." And they fell down "bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace!" God permitted them actually to be thrown in! Was He unmindful of those who trusted in Him to make possible the keeping of His Commandments? Not God! The king looked into the furnace, and said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of GOD" (Verse 25)!

So Nebuchadnezzar came near the mouth of the furnace and called to them. "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither! Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came forth of the midst of the fire.... these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed,' neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and DELIVERED his servants that TRUSTED IN HIM" (Verses 26-28)!

Now that was an example of living FAITH - a faith that TRUSTED God to make it possible to live **The Way** of His Law! Yes, WITH GOD, it is possible to keep ALL His Commandments - don't let any man deceive you to the contrary!!! www.onug.us

Can You Believe and Worship Christ in Vain?

When God's Word says, "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," it does not mean the DEAD faith now popularly taught! The common teachings of this day distort this to mean a mere belief in the FACTS of Christ's existence, His

sacrifice, and His saving work. Just accept these FACTS, and accept HIM - without any obedience to God's Laws! But the demons believe these things - and they TREMBLE - but they are not thereby saved! Christ was the Messenger of the New Covenant - a Messenger sent from God. You cannot BELIEVE on such a divine Messenger, unless you believe, and obey the MESSAGE that He brought! "If thou wilt enter into LIFE," was His teaching, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" "REPENT," said the inspired Peter, and "ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). And His Holy Spirit is the LOVE which God gives us to fulfill and to keep His Commandments! And it all comes BY FAITH! Christ came to save us FROM - not in - our sins! To FREE us from the enslavement of sin and the unhappiness and wretchedness it brings - not to make us free to commit sin!

Is it possible to BELIEVE in Christ, to worship Him, in the customary manner of our day, and yet still be lost? Christ Himself says, "YES!" "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord!. Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven," (Matthew 7:21). Listen to the Words of our LORD again! "Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men" (Mark 7:7-8)! www.onug.us

There it is! From Jesus' own lips! Such a dead faith - such worship - is IN VAIN! Those who trust in it, and in the men and denominations which teach it, ARE LOST! And the quicker we come to realize this, the better! God's PURPOSE in salvation is to rescue men from SIN, and its resulting unhappiness, misery, and death! To REPENT of sin is the first step! Then the BLOOD OF CHRIST, upon acceptance and faith, cleanses of all past sins. And by FAITH we are kept from sin in the future. Thus the resulting righteousness is of FAITH - the righteousness imparted from God.

We are NOT justified BY THE LAW - we are Justified by the Blood of Jesus Christ! But this Justification will be given

only on condition that we REPENT of our transgressions of God's Law - and so it is, after all, only the DOERS of the Law that shall be JUSTIFIED (Romans 2:13)! How plain, and how beautiful is God's TRUTH!

Now, I can have FAITH in that! How about you?

We are honored that you joined us today, in the Study of God's Word! We hope that you will join us again next week, and that you will continue to share what you have learned here, with others – at home, at work, and in your neighborhood (Matthew 28:18-20 / Mark 16:15-20)! May our Great God, Bless you and keep you, until then – in Jesus' Name!!!

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