



THE DOCTRINE OF FAITH

Receiving and Resting on Christ Alone for Salvation



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WHAT FAITH IS



Faith is more than knowing facts about God.



Faith includes knowledge, assent, and personal trust.



Saving faith receives and rests on Christ alone.



Faith looks away from self and rests in the promises of God.

Heb. 11:1; John 1:12; JOHN 3:16; PHILIP. 3:9

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THE THREE ELEMENTS OF SAVING FAITH



1. KNOWLEDGE — *Notitia*

The mind understands the truth of the gospel.

Rom. 10:14–17



2. ASSENT — *Assensus*

The heart agrees that the gospel is true.

John 20:31



3. TRUST — *Fiducia*

The sinner personally relies on Christ and His finished work.

2 Tim. 1:12; Phil. 3:8–9

Saving faith is not bare knowledge or mere agreement; it is personal trust in Christ.

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THE OBJECT OF FAITH



Christ Himself is the object of saving faith.



Faith does not save because it is strong; Christ saves because He is sufficient.



We trust His person, His righteousness, His death, and His resurrection.



The weakest true faith lays hold of a perfect Savior.



Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:22–26; Gal. 2:16; 1 Cor. 15:1–4

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THE FRUIT OF TRUE FAITH



1. JUSTIFICATION — we are counted righteous by faith apart from works.

Rom. 5:1



2. OBEDIENCE — living faith produces works as its fruit, not its basis.

James 2:17–18



3. PERSEVERANCE — true faith continues clinging to Christ.

Heb. 10:38–39



4. ASSURANCE — faith rests in God's promises and Christ's finished work.

1 John 5:13

*We are not saved by faith because faith is meritorious.
We are saved through faith because faith unites us to Christ,
the only Savior and the perfect righteousness of His people.*



KEY TEXTS: Genesis 15:6 | John 3:16 | Romans 3:21–28 | Romans 5:1 | Galatians 2:16 |
Ephesians 2:8–10 | Hebrews 11:1