

What is Saving Faith?

What is the saving Faith that brings one to eternal salvation in heaven with Jesus? What did Paul mean when he wrote this to the Galatians?

Answer: We are fully convinced that Saving Faith is totally dependent upon what one believes to be true about Jesus Christ. What one believes about Jesus and the discarding of anything untrue about Jesus are the single most important thoughts an individual will ever have! Why? One's eternity, either in heaven or in hell, depends on the answer.

- Galatians 2:16 knowing that a **man is not justified** [saved] by the works of the law but **by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for **by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified** [receive salvation].

“In the quietness of your own heart, if you ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth about Jesus Christ to you, He will do so and you, also will be filled with overflowing supernatural joy.

“Salvation is NOT a matter of works of any kind. It is not joining a church or religious organization, trying to reform one's life, doing good works, making some sacrifice, signing a membership card, giving money, walking down an aisle in a religious ceremony, etc.

- Acts 16:30-31 And he brought them out and said, “**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**” So they said, “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved**, you and your household.”

Salvation is simply: “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved**”

The critical question for each human being ever born is NOT, if they will die or even when will they die, but the only critical question is that **when they die will they die believing in Jesus Christ** as their Savior?

All people will die either as **Criminal No. 1** or **Criminal No. 2** as recorded in the Bible on that pivotal day in human history 2000 years ago outside Jerusalem on a little hill called Calvary. “Will you be like Criminal No. 1 or Criminal No. 2 upon your death? Criminal No. 2 believed and Jesus took him to heaven. Criminal No. 1 did not believe Jesus, rejected Him and, thus, chose hell for his eternal destination.

Luke 23:40-43 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but **this Man has done nothing wrong.**" Then he said to **Jesus**, "**Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**" And Jesus said to him, "**Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

This choice, like Criminal No. 2, needs to be settled in the privacy of your own heart **when the Holy Spirit has convicted you, as He did this man, of your danger of dying outside of Jesus and separated from Him forever.** When you ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth about Jesus Christ to you, He will surely do so and you will be filled with overwhelming joy.

At this point, full of joy, you will want to tell others about Jesus Christ, the loveliest Man who ever walked on earth and died to pay your deserved death penalty for your sins.

- John 1:12 But as many as **received Him** [Jesus], to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who **believe** in His name.

- Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive** the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- John 16:8-11 And when He [the Holy Spirit] has come, He will **convict** the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: of sin, because they do not believe in Me [Jesus]; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world (satan) is judged.

"When the Holy Spirit convinced me of these truths, He gave birth to the Spirit of Christ in my heart and filled me with joy. Truly, who we love determines our Present and our Eternal joy [John 14:21,23]

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