

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FAITH

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Faith is vitally important! To realize how significant faith is, we call attention to **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FAITH:**

1) HEARTS ARE PURIFIED.

At the circumcision discussion in Jerusalem, Peter declared that God “...*put no difference between us [Jews] and them [Gentiles], **purifying their hearts by faith***” (Acts 15:9). This purification occurs “...*in obeying the truth...*” (1 Pet. 1:22). Have you obeyed?

2) **SANCTIFICATION IS MADE POSSIBLE.** The Lord sent Saul (Paul) to the Gentiles, “*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith** that is in me*” (Acts 26:18). To be sanctified is to be set apart from uncleanness to holiness.

3) **PROPITIATION IS MADE.** Through faith, God’s wrath is appeased as our past sins are remitted. “*Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith** in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the*

forbearance of God” (Rom. 3:25). John said of Christ, “*And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world*” (1 Jn. 2:2).

4) **A MAN IS JUSTIFIED.** To be justified is to be made just or right in God’s sight. This is accomplished through faith. Paul wrote, “*Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith** without the deeds of the law*” (Rom. 3:28). Romans 5:1 also says, “...*being **justified by faith...***” The Galatians were informed, “*And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the heathen through faith...***” (Gal. 3:8).

5) **GOD IS GLORIFIED.** It is said of faithful Abraham, “*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in **faith, giving glory to God***” (Rom. 4:20). Is your faith giving glory to God?

6) **PEACE IS MADE.** Romans 5:1 teaches, “*Therefore being **justified by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Have you made peace with God?

7) **WE HAVE ACCESS.** Speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, Paul said, “*By whom*

*also we have **access by faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God*” (Rom. 5:2). Ephesians 3:12 says, “*In whom [Christ] we have boldness and **access with confidence by the faith** of him.*” We access God’s grace by faith!

8) **PROMISES ARE RECEIVED.** It is written, “*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might **receive the promise of the Spirit through faith***” (Gal. 3:14). The promise of the Spirit is not the Spirit, but what the Holy Spirit promised — “*In thee shall all nations be blessed*” (Gal. 3:8; Gen. 12:3). “*And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise*” (Gal. 3:29). Hebrews 6:12 reveals, “*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises***” (Heb. 6:12).

9) **WE ARE MADE CHILDREN OF GOD.** “*For ye are all the **children of God** by **faith** in Christ Jesus*” (Gal. 3:26). Galatians 3:27 describes how that works: “*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Gal. 3:27). Thus, such

does not occur by faith alone, before and without baptism. After all, Jesus preached, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”* (Mk. 16:16).

10) **WE ARE SAVED.** The Holy Spirit revealed, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith...”* (Eph. 2:8). Paul told Timothy, *“...wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 3:15).

11) **CHRIST DWELLS IN OUR HEARTS.** *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...”* (Eph. 3:17). Does He dwell in your heart?

12) **FIERY DARTS ARE QUENCHED.** In his teaching about the whole armour of God, Paul stated, *“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the*

fiery darts of the wicked” (Eph. 6:16).

13) **GOD IS PLEASED.** *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”* (Heb. 11:6).

14) **A GOOD REPORT IS OBTAINED.** It is said of the Hebrews 11 faithful folks, *“And these all, having obtained a good report...”* How did these obtain a good report? *“...through faith...”* (Heb. 11:39). What kind of report do you have?

15) **WE ARE KEPT.** Peter addressed scattered strangers: *“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Pet. 1:5).

16) **VICTORY IS ACHIEVED.** John jotted down in the sacred volume: *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith”* (1 Jn. 5:4). Thus we sing, *“Faith is the victory!”*

Did you realize faith accomplished so much? In light of all that faith does, it is no wonder that Peter described faith as *“...precious...”* (2 Pet. 1:1). Since *“...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17), this puts great emphasis on hearing God’s word! Faith, in and of itself, is not sufficient. Read James 2:14-26 to learn: *“...faith without works is dead...”* (v. 26). Faith must be coupled with works to be of any value!

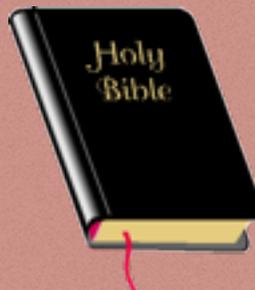
EACH ONE FIND ONE (JN. 1:41)
EACH ONE BRING ONE (JN. 1:42)
EACH ONE TEACH ONE (2 TIM. 2:2)
EACH ONE WIN ONE (PROV. 11:30)

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