Real Faith Saves

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INTRODUCTION

- Faith is necessary for just about everything we do.
- If that kind of faith is urgent, then faith to be saved from sin is even more urgent.
- It is faith that enables us to escape from sin and gives us the hope of eternal life after this world is ended.

1 Two Salvations, Both Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8

- The Bible actually speaks of two salvations. One of these salvation is present salvation.
- For by grace you have been saved through faith.
- We have been saved through faith, and he who believes and is baptized will be saved.
- This future salvation also involves faith.

2 Do Not Cast Away Your Confidence

Hebrews 10:35–36; Habakkuk 2:4; Hebrews 10:38–39

- Don't cast away your confidence, which has great reward.
- You're going to have to have continuing faith if you're going to receive this eternal salvation which lies ahead.
- My righteous one, that is one who is forgiven, will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.
- But we're not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

3 What Is This Faith?

Hebrews 11:1; Hebrews 11:2

- Now, faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- When you really understand faith, believing is seeing.
- Faith has always been the basis of salvation. It has never been on the basis of doing exactly what's right.
- Not one of those men could be saved on the basis of their righteous, pure, innocent, perfect life. Well, how were they saved? By faith.
- The same faith that caused Noah to build an ark is the very same kind of faith that's going to cause us to do what the Lord told us to do.

4 Two Worldviews: The Believer and the Unbeliever

Hebrews 11:3; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Corinthians 6

- By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God.

- He who comes to God must believe, one, that he is, and two, that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
- God created me. And since he created me, I belong to him.
- I'm accountable to God. And God's word tells me what he expects of me. It's the standard of right and wrong and truth and error.
- If we just happen to be here, really we're not accountable to God or accountable to anybody for anything.

5 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10; 1 Corinthians 15:32–33

- We do not look at the things which are seen, but the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary.
- For we walk by faith and not by sight.
- The man of faith has above all other expectations and desires to please God.
- If the dead do not rise, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.
- Even though you do believe in resurrection, even though you do believe you're going to stand before God in judgment, you may be influenced by those around you who don't believe in it.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The most important question we can ask is this Am I living by faith or walking by sight?**

MY NOTES